

## Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetere Sunday)

14th/15th Mar 2026

### Services during the Week

**Saggart:** **Mass:** Sunday 9am, Tue, Wed & Fri 11am. **Adoration:** Sat/Sun 2 - 5pm & Mon 5 – 7pm

**Rathcoole:** **Mass:** Sat 6pm, Sun 12pm, Tuesday & Thursday 10am.

**Adoration:** Sun 4 – 6pm, Tue 10.30 – 1 & 3 – 5pm; Fri 9 – 12 & 3 – 7pm

**Newcastle:** **Mass:** Sun 10am. Mon & Fri 10am. **Adoration:** Sat 3 – 5pm;

**Confession:** Available by request, generally after any Mass.

Baptisms/Marriages: Contact Parish Office for details (0860108420 Tue – Thur 10 – 12.30 approx)

### St. Patrick's Day

Mass times for the feast of St Patrick on Tuesday 17th March. Rathcoole 10am, Saggart 11am and Newcastle 7pm. You are invited to take part in the St. Patrick's Day parade that begins in Rathlawns at 1.30 and concludes in St. Mary's GAA grounds, Saggart.

### Mother's Day

Congratulations to all our mothers and those assuming mother's role in our parish. A special tribute to the grandmothers who are often filling in for mothers who have many other obligations in a busy world.

### Lent

Trócaire Boxes and envelopes are available at all exits of our churches. **During Lent:** Newcastle church: stations of the cross Fridays at 5.30pm. Saggart church: Eucharistic Adoration Every Monday 5 – 7pm

**Trócaire's Lent Campaign** resources are designed to support parish communities through a prayerful and meaningful Lenten journey. Rooted in Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching, the resources place the Gospel at the centre of parish life while inviting reflection on the realities faced by people living in poverty and injustice. Check <https://www.trocaire.org/documents/parish-resource-lent-2026/> for more.

### Baptised and Sent in Lent

The **Baptised and Sent** in Lent reflection programme can be found at <https://synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-in-lent/> You are invited to journey together through a set of reflective resources inspired by *Baptised and Sent* (the preparatory document for the 2025 Assembly in Kilkenny). Grounded in the conviction that baptism is the foundation of our identity, dignity and mission, these resources help us return to the heart of Christian life, that through Baptism we are reborn in Christ and sent out by the Spirit in service of the Gospel.

### Children's Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross for children will take place in St. Mary's Cathedral (Pro-Cathedral) next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 3pm with the youngest members of the Cathedral choir. All are welcome.

### Early Holy Week Appeal

Volunteers needed to organise Good Friday Outdoor Stations of the Cross in Rathcoole. Contact sacristy for more details. Holy Thursday Saggart & Newcastle – Volunteers needed for washing of feet.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Dublin's diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock take place on Saturday, 25th April. Workshops begin at 12 noon. In the afternoon the usual schedule. Lunch, Confession, Mass with anointing at 3pm.

### Catholic Mothers

Calling All Catholic Mothers in Ireland! Join Catholic Mothers Ireland – a supportive community where faith and family come together. Connect with like-minded mothers, share experiences, and grow spiritually through prayer, fellowship, and encouragement. Be part of something uplifting – you are not alone on this journey! Visit [www.catholicmothers.ie](http://www.catholicmothers.ie) to learn more.

### Dominican Vocations

Contemplative Dominican Monastic Vocation Discernment Weekends in the Monastery of St Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92 KR84, from the 20th – 22nd of March and the 17th – 19th April. For single women between the ages of 18 and 35 years old. Please contact Sister Mairead OP at [sienavoc@gmail.com](mailto:sienavoc@gmail.com) / 041 9838524.

### Were you baptised in the 'Pro' or 'Westland Row'?

This year, St Mary's Cathedral and St Andrew's, Westland Row, are collaborating in an initiative to encourage people to come back to see where they were baptised, to reflect on their baptism and their lives since, and to take a moment to reconnect with their spiritual roots. Full details at <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/churches-invite-baptised-back-this-lent/>

## Parish Partnership Funding Support Officer

Through the generosity of our faith communities, parishes fundraise for essential financial resources that sustain the work and mission of the Archdiocese.

To support this vital work, the Office for Financial Development, based at the Dublin Diocesan Offices, works closely with clergy and lay parish leaders to develop sustainable funding strategies. The Office provides practical advice and guidance on fundraising, donor engagement, and income generation, including digital giving, grant applications, tax-efficient donor contributions, and philanthropic initiatives. In addition, the Office contributes to strategic pastoral planning by promoting creative funding initiatives that strengthen the Church's mission at parish, partnership and diocese level.

As part of its strategic growth, the Office for Financial Development is expanding, presenting an exciting opportunity to join a dedicated team committed to advancing sustainable funding models for parish partnerships. **The Archdiocese is looking for a dynamic and motivated Parish Partnership Funding Support Officer to facilitate strategic fundraising initiatives across parish partnerships. This role is central to helping parishes adapt to evolving patterns of giving and ensuring sustainable financial development.**

To apply, please submit your CV and Cover Letter (maximum one page) outlining your suitability for the role for the attention of Cintia Mota, HR Administrator, at [cintia.mota@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:cintia.mota@dublindiocese.ie). The closing date for applications is **Friday, March 20, 2026**.

Full details including Candidate Booklet can be found at <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/vacancies/>

## Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland. 20-22 March 2026. A weekend like no other. Venue: St Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo. Visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie). Marriage Enrichment has, for many years, supported married couples in their Sacrament of Matrimony by offering them a sacred space to deepen their relationship, renew their commitment, and grow together through reflection, prayer, and dialogue.

## Taize at Christ Church

**Taize Evening Prayer with Brother Jean-Marie.** A meditative prayer with the chants of the Taizé community. Jean-Marie, a brother of the Ecumenical Monastic Community, will be present as part of a short visit to Ireland. 7.30pm, Monday 23rd March, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin D08 TF98. All are welcome, especially the young and young at heart. For further information contact [taizedublin@gmail.com](mailto:taizedublin@gmail.com).

## Camp Veritas

**Camp Veritas** is a Residential Faith & Fun Camp, Supporting Young People 12 – 17 years explore and celebrate their Catholic Faith. Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co. Kildare, June 23rd to 28th. Visit [www.campveritasireland.org](http://www.campveritasireland.org) for more.

## Bethany Bereavement Support

Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary community and parish-based service. Our objective is to support the bereaved through the grieving process and our services are totally free of charge and confidential within the law. The name Bethany is derived from the story of Jesus' friends Martha & Mary who lived in a village called Bethany and grieved over the death of their brother Lazarus. Visit <https://bethany.ie/>.

## French Language Mass

Mass for the French-speaking Catholic community in Dublin in St Mary's Church, Haddington Road is on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 12.30pm from September to June.

## Italian Language Mass

Italian Catholic Community Dublin. Masses in Aughrim Street Church every Saturday at 5.30pm (fourth Sunday of the month followed by community gathering). Other activities: Biblical Catechesis (online); Pre-marriage Catechesis: Rosary (online); Book Club (online). Facebook: <https://facebook.com/italiani.cattolici.a.dublino/>. Contact: Fr Coriolan Muresan. [cattolici.dublin@gmail.com](mailto:cattolici.dublin@gmail.com) / [coryolan26@yahoo.it](mailto:coryolan26@yahoo.it) / 012447995.

## Dominican Retreat Centre Tallaght

“Holy Week Retreat” Wednesday 1st to Saturday 4th April. Theme for the retreat ‘The Self Emptying of Christ’, led by Donagh O’Shea O.P. See [www.domrc.ie](http://www.domrc.ie) for more information and other events happening in the Priory.

## Vocations

Please keep our seminarians and those discerning a vocation to priesthood in your prayers. If you know of anyone interested in finding out more about becoming a priest, please ask them to contact the Vocations team, Fr Séamus or Fr Bill, at [vocations@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:vocations@dublindiocese.ie) or [bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie).