

## Fifth Sunday of Lent Services during the Week

21st/22nd Mar 2026

**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)

## Recently Deceased

In your prayers remember those who died recently: John Downey, Mary Dowd Newcastle; Padraig Brady Saggart. May they rest in peace.

## Lent

Trócaire Boxes and envelopes will be returned to the sacristy over the next couple of weeks. There are still some boxes and envelopes available at all exits to the church. **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.

## Holy Week Appeal

Volunteers needed to organise Good Friday Outdoor Stations of the Cross in Rathcoole. Contact sacristy for more details. Also for Holy Thursday Mass in Saggart & Newcastle volunteers are needed for washing of feet. Men and women are invited to put their names forward. On Holy Thursday the Chrism Mass takes place in St. Mary's Cathedral. A volunteer from both Saggart & Newcastle is welcome to attend and collect the oils that will be used throughout the coming year. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

## Taize at Christ Church

**Taize Evening Prayer with Brother Jean-Marie.** A meditative prayer with the chants of the Taize community. Jean-Marie, a brother of the Ecumenical Monastic Community, will be present as part of a short visit to Ireland. 7.30pm, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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).

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

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

## Holy Week Ceremonies

**Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper:** Newcastle 7pm, Saggart 7.30pm  
**Good Friday – Solemn celebration:** Newcastle 3pm, Saggart 3pm & Rathcoole 3pm  
**Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil:** Rathcoole 8pm, Saggart 9pm

**Other ceremonies taking place: Good Friday Stations of the Cross.** Rathcoole 12 noon  
Walking the way of the cross. Saggart indoor stations 12 noon. Newcastle Indoor Stations 8pm.

**Confession:** After all Masses on Palm Sunday and Holy Saturday 10.30 – 11.30am

**Swienconka** (Polish Blessing of the Baskets) Holy Saturday 2pm.