

Palm Sunday (Holy Week)

28th/29th Mar 2026

Services during the Week

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

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

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

Newcastle: **Mass:** Sun 10am. Mon 10am;

Confession: Available by request, generally after any Mass.

Baptisms/Marriages: Contact Parish Office for details (0860108420 Tue 10 – 12.30 Reopens Tue 7th)

Recently Deceased

In your prayers remember those who died recently: Tom Drury Brittas, Norman Burns Saggart; Theresa Travers Rathcoole. May they rest in peace.

Lent

Trócaire envelopes can be returned to the sacristy over the next couple of weeks. **During Lent:** Saggart church: Eucharistic Adoration this Monday 5 – 7pm

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.

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.

Easter Dues

Easter Dues envelopes are available at all exits of the churches. Traditionally at Christmas, Easter & Summer you are invited to support the priests of the parish and throughout the diocese through the special envelopes. These can be returned over the next few weeks.

Collection Pro Terra Sancta

Following a request from the Holy See, Archbishop Farrell has this year again asked that we take up a collection on Good Friday for the Holy Land, *Pro Terra Sancta*. This collection takes place in dioceses throughout the world. We are invited to pray and to collect funds for the Catholic community in the Holy Land and for the maintenance of the Holy Places there. The Archbishop asks each parish to decide how it can best facilitate this collection on Good Friday – perhaps at the church door after the ceremonies.

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.

Holy Week Ceremonies

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper: Newcastle 7pm, Saggart 7.30pm followed by an hour of "Watch and Pray". An hour of prayer before the Altar of Repose.

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) Rathcoole: Holy Saturday 2pm.