

## Third Sunday of Easter Services during the Week

18th/19th April 2026

**Saggart:** Mass: Sunday 9am, Mon, Wed & Fri 11am. Adoration: Sat/Sun 4 - 7pm

**Rathcoole:** Mass: Sat 6pm, Sun 12pm, Tue & Thur 10am.

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

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

## Recently Deceased

In your prayers remember those who died recently: Dolores Moroney, Rathcoole, Joe Murray, funeral arrangements later. May they rest in peace.

## Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys and girls in St. Martin's school, Brittas who were confirmed on Friday. Keep in your prayers the pupils from St. Finian's school who will be confirmed on Friday in Newcastle. Please note that our Mass on Friday will be in Saggart at 11am. (No 10am Mass in Newcastle)

## Vocation's Sunday April 26th (Good Shepherd Sunday)

“Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy.” – Pope Leo XIV, Message for the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2026

In his message for this year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that vocation is an “interior discovery” of God's gift, planted deep within our hearts and nurtured through prayer, listening, and trust. He encourages all of us to create a spirit of faith, prayer, and support, so that God's call may be heard and generously embraced.

We give thanks that, in the Archdiocese of Dublin, there are currently three seminarians, along with others discerning a call to the priesthood this year. Their generous “yes” is a powerful sign of hope for our Church and our communities. Let us keep them in our prayers, and also remember all those considering a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, lay ministry, or family life. May they find the courage to pause, listen, and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd.

May this Good Shepherd Sunday be a moment of encouragement and support, where vocations are welcomed, nurtured, and allowed to flourish among us.

If you know of someone who may be considering the priesthood, please encourage them to contact the vocations team: Fr Séamus at [vocations@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:vocations@dublindiocese.ie) or Fr Bill at [bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie).

## Lay Ministry Appeal

The Lay Ministry Appeal will be held on the weekend of May 2nd and 3rd. Promotional material is being delivered to parishes ahead of that weekend. **This year's theme is *Building faith-filled communities.***

## Trócaire Boxes

If you can, please donate online or over the phone. Donations can be made online at <https://www.trocaire.org/donate/make-a-donation>. Boxes can also be left into the sacristy after Mass.

## Easter Dues

Easter Dues envelopes are available at all exits of the churches. Thanks to those who have returned their envelopes. If not done already these can be left in before next weekend. This is used to support not only our local clergy but the priests throughout the diocese.

## Diocesan Certificate in Catechis

This 8-session course, run in St Paul's Arran Quay, is for current members of a Parish Sacramental Preparation Team or anyone who might be considering this important ministry. The course is divided into 4 foundation modules and 4 modules that explore Catechesis in practice. The course costs €200. Those who successfully complete the course will receive a certificate. For more information, and to apply for a place, please contact [patricia.carroll@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:patricia.carroll@dublindiocese.ie).

## Being a Synodal Pastoral Council

Presidents and Chairs of Pastoral Councils are invited to St Paul's, Arran Quay to a workshop on May 18 at 7.15pm, where a new Diocesan Resource will be launched. This new resource will help Pastoral Councils to grow in their ministry to Parish and Pastoral Areas. To register for a place, please contact [angela.mcgarra@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:angela.mcgarra@dublindiocese.ie).

## **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 23 to 28. [A flyer is available here.](#) Visit [www.campveritasireland.org](http://www.campveritasireland.org) for more.

## **Dundrum Parish Manager**

**Parish Manager – New Role in Holy Cross Parish Dundrum:** Holy Cross Parish Dundrum is introducing a new Parish Manager as it seeks to address the challenges posed by a decreasing number of priests and the increasing administrative demands. It is intended that this role would handle the day-to-day administrative duties, working closely with the parish priest and supporting existing staff and volunteers. This will allow the parish priest to focus on pastoral care and developing the core mission of the parish. A recruitment advertisement for the Parish Manager position can be reviewed on the Dundrum parish website at [www.dundrumparish.com](http://www.dundrumparish.com).

## **Sensory Mass invitation – Maynooth**

St Mary's Parish, Maynooth, warmly invites you to our Sensory Mass on Saturday, April 25, at 5.30pm. This Mass is designed to be inclusive and welcoming for young people and families who may benefit from a quieter and more relaxed worship environment. The short Mass will have gentle lighting and sound, calm atmosphere, space to move around if needed and sensory items to aid regulation. Please join us and invite anyone who might have sensory needs or simply wishes to attend a short and peaceful Mass. Join us in the pastoral centre afterwards for refreshments. Eircode: W23 N663

## **Merchants Quay Bookshop**

Good News St Paul's Books and Gifts, Ireland's leading Catholic publisher and retailer of religious books, gifts, educational materials and parish resources, has opened in 4 Merchants Quay, Dublin 8. Email [dublin@stpauls.ie](mailto:dublin@stpauls.ie) or call 0892793978.

## **Lough Derg, Pettigo Co Donegal – 2026 Schedule**

**One Day Retreat:** May: Sunday 3rd, Monday 4th, Saturday 9th, Tuesday 12th, Sunday 17th, Saturday 23rd & Monday 25th; August: Tuesday 18th, Saturday 22nd, Sunday 23rd, Saturday 29th & Monday 31st; September: Saturday 5th, Sunday 6th, Wednesday 9th, Saturday 12th, Tuesday 15th, Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th

**Three Day Pilgrimage Season:** Begins Friday 29th May and anyone can begin their pilgrimage any day up until Thursday 13th August. See [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org) for more details

## **The Way .ie**

TheWay.ie is a digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops' Conference dedicated to sharing the Good News and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is intended to help people discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers. Visit [www.theway.ie](http://www.theway.ie).