

Fourth Sunday of Easter

25th/26th April 2026

Services during the Week

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 & 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)

Recently Deceased

In your prayers remember those who died recently:, Joe Murray Rathcoole, Tony Branagan Saggart. May they rest in peace.

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 or Fr Bill at bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie.

Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys and girls in St. Mary's school, Saggart who were confirmed on Thursday and to the pupils from St Finian's school, Newcastle confirmed on Friday.

Lay Ministry Appeal

The Lay Ministry Appeal will be held next weekend May 2nd and 3rd. Promotional material is available at all exits to the church with more details. **This year's theme is *Building faith-filled communities*.**

Trócaire Boxes & Easter Dues envelopes

Boxes and envelopes can be left into the sacristy after Mass.

Diocesan Pastoral Council

The Dublin Diocesan Pastoral Council met on Tuesday, April 14th. The Council received presentations on communications from the Diocese, and these presentations provided context for a subsequent roundtable discussion with all Council members, in their consideration of actions which may be taken now and over the next year to communicate a “Synodal and Missionary Church: walking together, open to the Holy Spirit”.

Building on the outputs from the previous meeting of the Council, a further four Conversations in the Spirit took place with one group on communications, taking a deeper dive into the outcome of the roundtable session.

The other three groups addressed the grouped inputs from the previous meeting under the following headings: 1. Supporting Parish Partnerships; 2. Nourishing our Faith; 3. Being the Church of Today

These three conversations focused around:

- What is the identified pastoral gap the Council wishes to address?
- What are the most appropriate means for the Council to address the pastoral gap?
- What form should the Council's input/conclusions take and how should this be communicated?

The next meeting of the Council will take place on September 1. Meanwhile, a retreat/review day will be held on June 6.

Secretary DDPC

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 for more details

Teen Hope – Leader's Training

Teen Hope is a parish-based faith outreach to young teenagers. It is a space where they can build friendships, and encounter an experience of welcome, belonging and discipleship. Modules focus on 'Building Community', 'Exploring Faith Together' and 'Praying with Teens'. Three different venues. Nearest one is in Maynooth Parish Centre: 7 – 9pm, Wednesday, May 20th, May 27th, and June 3rd. See poster for more details.

Novena Event

You are warmly invited to join the diocesan Novena to the Holy Spirit – our dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin next month.

The Novena will take place in the nine days from 17th – 25th May beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

On **Monday 27th April**, in preparation for the Novena, you are invited to gather in the Church of Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock, for prayer drawn from the Novena Prayer Booklet 2026 with music led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group.

- Event: Come Holy Spirit, Fill Our Hearts Anew! Prayer and reflections drawn from the Novena Prayer Booklet. Music led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group
- Date: Monday 27th April 2026
- Time: 8pm
- Venue: Church of Our Lady Mother of the Church, Beechpark Lawn, Castleknock, Dublin 15, D15 X277

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.

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.

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 for more.

Relationship Care (Formerly Accord Dublin)

On behalf of Relationship Care (former trading name ACCORD Dublin), I would like to sincerely thank you for your support of our recent Annual Collection on 14th & 15th February. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to share our work with your parishioners.

Thanks to your kindness, we are able to continue providing accessible, low-cost marriage & relationship counselling to couples who need support during challenging times. This work makes a real and lasting difference in people's lives, and we could not do it without your help.

Please be assured of our continued gratitude and prayers for you and your parish community. Should you have any queries, we remain at your disposal and would be very happy to assist.

With every good wish,

Jennifer Griffin, CEO, Relationship Care