

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th/21st June 2026

Services during the Week

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

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

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

Newcastle: **Mass:** Sun 10am. Mon (Eucharistic Service) & 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

Our sympathies to the family of Michael Reilly, Rathcoole (Funeral Mass Tue 23rd 10am).

There will be no 11am Mass in Saggart on Tuesday.

Day For Life

Today, Sunday, June 21st, the Church across Ireland celebrates Day for Life on the theme **The humanity of the unborn child**, which invites us to reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. We remember how the Lord Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God – God and man – as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth. To read the full bishops' message visit www.councilforlife.ie. *This is very pointed when we have just heard that the Dail has voted in favour of removing the three-day mandatory wait for an abortion during the week.*

Peter's Pence Collection

The Peter's Pence collection takes place on the weekend of 27th/28th June. Donating to Peter's Pence is a concrete gesture of communion with the Holy Father and closeness to his mission of proclaiming the Gospel and bringing hope and love to every part of the world. This will replace the second collection next weekend.

Cemetery Masses

Dates for the parish masses with blessing of the graves during June.

Newcastle cemetery – Sunday 21st June at 2pm; (Father's Day)

Saggart cemetery after 9am Mass on Sunday 28th.

Bingo night for Peamount hospital

Peamount Healthcare Charity Bingo Fundraiser takes place in St. Mary's GAA on Friday 26th June. Begins at 8pm. Bingo Book can be purchased at the door €10. Raffle, music & entertainment on the night. All proceeds go to Peamount Foundation.

Rosminian Mission Appeal

Thanks to those who have donated used mobile phones (Chargers are welcome too) and spectacles. These will be passed on at the end of June to Fr Willy.

Young Adult Glendalough Retreat Day

Join the young adult retreat day in Glendalough on June 27, meeting at the visitor centre in Glendalough at 10am. Bring a packed lunch or food can be bought on site. There are a limited number of lifts if you don't drive, so please get in touch. For more information email natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie

Finding God in Nature & Culture

Finding God in Nature and Culture – Saturday 27th June 2026, Kildare Town. A day of talks, music, storytelling, prayer, and pilgrimage exploring the relationship between Christian faith, Irish culture, imagination, and the natural world. Featuring Paul Vander Klay, Fr Conor McDonough OP and Heather Pollington. Hosted at Solas Bhríde Centre with pilgrimage visits to St Brigid's Well and Kildare Cathedral. For tickets see <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/finding-god-in-nature-and-culture-tickets-1988447493982?aff=oddttdtcreator>

The Priory – Tallaght

The Priory Institute one-week online Summer School is reflective, informative and interactive and will run from August 10. The course includes four recorded presentations and one online zoom discussion and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register at www.prioryinstitute.com.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Sunday, 26th July beginning 2.30 with anointing of sick. Honouring Grandparents & the Elderly. Visit www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org for more resources. All are welcome.

Other Cemetery Mass/Blessings during Summer

Deansgrange Cemetery Mass & blessing of the graves on Sunday, July 5, at 3pm.

Bohernabreena - 21st June at 3pm; **Templeogue** - 11th July at 3pm; **Esker** - 30th August at 3pm
Glasnevin Group....

Palmerstown Cemetery - 3 PM, June 21; **Glasnevin** Cemetery - 3 PM, June 28

Dardistown Cemetery - 3 PM, July 5; **Newlands Cross** Cemetery - 3 PM, July 12

Offering Hope in Crisis

The Irish Bishops' statement affirming human life... see <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2026/06/14/offering-hope-in-crisis-irish-bishops-statement-affirming-human-life/>

Pathways into Pastoral Ministry

This course is for any adult who wants to explore and grow their faith. Over a year, participants are offered inputs on foundational issues of faith and the impact they have on ministry and parish life. There is also time for small group sharing and the opportunity for three different retreat experiences. On completion of the course, people are presented with a certificate.

Pathways is run on a Thursday evening (during term times) at the St Patrick's campus of DCU in Drumcondra from 7.15pm to 9.15pm. The course starts on September 24 and runs until May 13, and costs €300.

For further details, please visit the adult faith section of www.dublindiocese.ie/missionministry or contact peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie.

Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis

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.

Summer Dues – Support for the Clergy

Here in Saggart, Rathcoole, Brittas & Newcastle we have the tradition of the Autumn Dues when after the crops have been harvested and there is often a surplus of income in the area people often in order to support the priests of the diocese donate some extra income. In the city parishes in recent years the **Summer Dues** became an initiative to support the priests.

This was launched last weekend, 13th/14th June. For those reading online you can see the following suggestions raised. **A letter to you from Archbishop Farrell** about this initiative and its importance can be read by [clicking this link](#). [Available here](#) is a page 'For parishioners', with the Archbishop's message and a note on the tax refund scheme.

Bishops' Summer Statement

Members of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference gathered last week at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, for their Summer 2026 General Meeting. Archbishop Farrell is the Vice-President of the Conference. Issues discussed during the meeting included:

- Civil unrest in Belfast
- Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical letter, Magnifica Humanitas, on humanity in the AI era
- Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church
- 'Day for Life' 2026 message: The Wonder of the Child in the Womb
- Department of Education and Youth's Primary Schools Survey
- Synodality: in Ireland and Universally
- New EU Envoy for FoRB outside the EU, and persecution of Christians in Nigeria
- Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union
- Trócaire: Ebola outbreak in DR Congo
- TheWay.ie, progress on new unified digital platform to share the Good News
- Supporting international priests ministering in Ireland
- Maynooth Union annual celebration of milestone anniversaries of ordination classes

[The full statement is available here](#)