

Services during the Week

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

Rathcoole: **Mass:** Sat 6pm, Sun 12pm, Tue & Thur 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)

Remember in your Prayers

Pray for **Sé Collins**, Newcastle, **Jimmy Walsh**, Brittas, **Tony Noctor**, Rathcoole, **Betty Masterson**, formerly Saggart (Funeral Mass Monday, Saggart 11am) who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Sept 3rd – 8th 2026

Donations and Petitions were delivered to the Dublin Lourdes Office during the week.

St Vincent de Paul

Church gate collection takes place this weekend after all Masses. Your support is greatly appreciated.

First Friday

Next Friday is the first Friday of the month of September. Mass will be offered for the Altar Lists of the Dead on Friday in Newcastle & Saggart, Thursday in Rathcoole. Those unable to get to Mass and would like a visit from the priests leave name and contact details in the sacristy or parish office. An opportunity to receive the sacrament of confession and Sacrament of the sick as well as Holy Communion.

Brittas – A walk for Adine

Adine Quinn's family & friends are organising a walk in memory of her on Sunday 30th, August, meeting at Brittas Community Centre at 11am and walking to and through Slievethoul forest. Refreshments afterwards back at the Community centre.

Saggart – Family Fun Day

Our Family Fun day will be on Sunday the 6th of September, 1-5pm. Saggart Schoolhouse Community Centre. Do drop in for a bit of fun.

Newcastle Community Week 13th – 20th September

To mark community week in Newcastle there will be a number of different activities. On Saturday 19th the **Dublin Gospel Choir** will be celebrating their '**Night of Soul**' in St Finian's church at 7.30pm. The Newcastle Folk group will also be performing. Tickets are €20 and will be on sale after Mass in Newcastle over the next few weeks. Limited capacity so get tickets early to avoid disappointment.

On Sunday 20th (10.30 – 3pm) there will be a large **Bric-a-Brac sale** in St. Finian's Community Hall in aid of Newcastle Tidy Towns. This aimed to encourage the re-use of items and the circular economy. The hall will be opened on 5 and 12 to accept donations. Good quality items 'as good as new' and will accept homewards, books, toys, garden pots and ornaments, vintage items, vinyls and unwanted gifts. (No Cds, DVDs or Electrical items.)

Highdown Hill Tractor Run takes place on Sunday 20th. Beginning in Greenogue 1pm. Details of route later.

Back to School – 1st Holy Communion/Confirmation Time

Now that almost all the children are back in school it is time to get planning ahead. For those who have children in non-parish schools but wish to celebrate First Penance/Eucharist & Confirmation you are invited to contact us about the preparation provided in our Parish. Leave your contact details in the parish office and you will be contacted by Deacon Paul.

Season of Creation – September 2026

After this summer in Ireland, we don't have to imagine burnt earth, dry and cracked soil, desert and depleted resources of water. If we were lukewarm before about '*Care for our Common Home*' or cynical about '*Laudato Si*' we have an opportunity to revisit those views by immersing ourselves in the celebration of the **Season of Creation** in our liturgies and our communities (everything doesn't happen inside the church building) from September 1st to October 4th (Feast of St Francis of Assisi).

These resources for 2026 were compiled by the '*Laudato Si*' Working Group of the Irish Bishops' Conference & Trócaire. The theme is 'Living Water' inspired by Ezekiel 47:9,12. They are rich and diverse – on a plate for Celebrants and Liturgy Groups. The Homily Notes are refreshing for each week. Reflections are drawn from a

variety of sources and can be used on the Sundays (and daily Masses) or at other liturgies inspired by the Season. I'm looking forward to the Daily Meditations by Richard Hendrick OFMCap and the irresistible *Harvest Samba*. This weekend, 29/30 August we will pray Psalm 62 – Like the Deer That Yearns.

We can link thirsting for God with the reality of those who are deprived of clean water. Could this be a prelude to alert people about the Season of Creation and encourage them to watch out for notices about events? Invite parishioners to do a 'leak' audit during the week and repair where necessary. The Taizé song – Let All Who Are Thirsty Come – would be a great opening chant.

Music

The **Laudate 2027** programme for Primary Schools in Dublin Diocese begins with 4 songs for use during the Season of Creation: All the Nations of the Earth (Michael Cockett) – All Things Bright and Beautiful (Cecil F. Alexander) – Canticle of the Sun (Marty Haugen) – The Splendour of the Earth (Bernard Sexton). Encourage your local school to participate in **Laudate!!**

Laudate's older sibling **Emmanuel 2027**, the music programme for Second Level Schools, includes For the Beauty of the Earth (John Rutter) another creation song.

It is important for adult choirs/cantors to use the music from these programmes to create an inclusive atmosphere in our gatherings for younger people who attend. Enjoy the Season of Creation

[The Season of Creation 2026 resources can be found here](#)

Cemetery Mass/Blessing of Graves

Esker - 30th August at 3pm.

Carmelites – Come & See Weekend

For men aged 20-40 years who are discerning a vocation.. A weekend to Explore your future, Explore God's plan for your life, Explore becoming a Carmelite Friar. Takes place in Gort Muire Carmelite Community, Dublin 16, on September 11th to 13th (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon). For more details Chat to Fr Michael, O.Carm email carmelitemoate@gmail.com or phone 090 648 1160.

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 24th and runs until May 13th, and costs €300.

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

Manresa Retreat Centre

Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (426 Clontarf Road, Dollymount) – September 2026 Retreat Offerings

Individually Directed Retreat, Mon-Fri, 7-11 Sep (4-day) / Tue-Thu, 15-24 Sep (8-day). A directed retreat offers time for personal prayer, silence, and reflection, with daily guidance from a spiritual director – a chance to deepen your relationship with God and discover His personal call to you.

The Reign of God (Residential Retreat). Sun, 27 Sep-Wed, 30 Sep. Facilitator: Fr Bernard McGuckian SJ. The concept of kingdom features frequently in both the Old and New Testaments. Come and find out its importance and how its meaning changed over the course of salvation history. For more information, check our website at www.manresa.ie or contact us at reception@manresa.ie / 01 5529 448.

Prayer App

Deacon Gerry Malone has developed a free Prayer App to provide support in our daily prayer life. The App contains various types of Prayer for different times of the day including; the Liturgy of Hours, Daily Mass Readings, The Rosary, Praying with Pope Leo for his monthly intentions and much more. This is completely free and is available through www.thesower.net

The Way

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