

Services during the Week

Saggart: Mass: Sunday 9am, 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

Please pray for the souls of **Rita Gaughan, Fergus McCarthy, Gerry Keogh & Sheila O’Kelly** whose funerals took place during the week. May they Rest in Peace.

National Synodal Assembly

The Working Document for the Irish National Synodal Assembly, taking place in Gormanston, Co Meath, on 17th October, brings together the fruits of five years of prayer, listening and discernment and will guide delegates as they consider and vote on suggested actions to be presented to the bishops of Ireland.

While the Assembly marks an important moment in the journey, the Synodal Pathway is now moving towards a new phase of implementation. Everyone is invited to read, pray with, and reflect on the Working Document and the question: “What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?” Please pray for all those taking part in the Assembly and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. (For those reading this online.... [Click here to access the Working Document](#). To find out more, visit www.synod.ie.

October – Month of the Rosary

In Newcastle you are invited to a special hour of adoration and prayer each Wednesday from 7 – 8pm.

Aifreann Faire an Domhnaigh

For those who like to attend Sunday Mass in Irish you are probably aware that most churches that provide this service are generally at an early hour. You may be glad to hear that there will be a Saturday night (vigil) Mass next Saturday 10, Oct in Aughrim St church at 6.30pm with Bishop Donal Roche. As we go to press, we are not sure if this is going to be a weekly or once off event.

The Way

TheWay.ie is a digital platform set up by the Irish Catholic 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.

Vocations

We are delighted to share some very encouraging news from the Vocations Team: there are now six people studying for the Archdiocese of Dublin in 2026 — four in Maynooth, studying Philosophy and Theology, and two beginning their Propaedeutic Year in Valladolid, Spain. We give heartfelt thanks to their families, friends and, especially, to the parishes and communities who have supported and encouraged these young men throughout their journey of discernment and continue to accompany them as they prepare for priesthood.

We ask all our parishes and communities to continue to **pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life**, and if you know someone who may be considering a vocation, please encourage them to get in touch with the Vocations Team. Fr Seamus McEntee or Fr Bill O’Shaughnessy would be delighted to meet with them, listen to their story and accompany them on their journey of discernment. **You can contact us at vocations@dublindiocese.ie or bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie.**

Parish Partnership name

Throughout the diocese parishes are being called to come together in new forms. Grouping, cluster, amalgamation of parishes are the way ahead for the diocese that is reduced in priests to service local areas. We are privileged that the parish of Saggart, Rathcoole, Brittas and the parish of Newcastle have been working together for many years. A shared Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee has been in place for a number of years showing a shared interest and cooperation between the ‘four districts’. We have been invited to discern a common name that has a resonance throughout the area. A number of matters are considered to be significant in relation to parish partnership patron names.

Generally, a parish partnership name should:

1. have a unifying character, avoiding the name of any one parish/church in the partnership;

2. be appropriate to the partnership mission or connect with a tradition of faith in the area e.g. a local saint's name or the name of a local monastery or well;
3. be discerned appropriately by people of all of the parishes in the partnership;
4. not be already in use by another parish partnership in the Archdiocese.

One suggestion raised recently was "Mo Sacra" a saint from the 7th century who set up a monastery in what is currently Saggart cemetery. St Brigid's Well in Rathcoole, St. Finian's Well in Newcastle are other names. Have you any thoughts or suggestions on a name that could be used. 'Saggart' was also a suggestion given.

Newman University Church

Our annual Newman Lecture will be Thursday, 5th November, at 7pm in Newman University Church. Father Paul Murray OP will be giving a lecture '*Everybody Wants to Be Happy*': *Finding The Path to Joy Beyond Disillusion*. It is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served after. Father Murray is an Irish Dominican, theologian, and poet from County Down. Author of many books, before retirement he taught the literature of the mystical tradition at the Angelicum University in Rome.

Saint John Henry Newman's (the founder and builder of University Church) feast day is the 9th of October. One way we will be celebrating as a parish community is praying a novena for the 9 days preceding his feast. You can pick up a card with the novena prayer in church.

Saint John Henry Newman's feast day is the 9th of October but we will celebrate as a church community on the 11th of October. Join us for either Mass that Sunday as we sing hymns inspired by his writings and tea & biscuits following Mass! All are welcome.

Carmelite Open Day

For men and women aged 18 – 40. 21st November, Day of Prayer, Reflection & Sharing with the Carmelite Friars & Nuns in Avila Retreat Centre, Donnybrook. For more details see: Nuns – www.carmelites.ie and Friars – www.o.cd.ie

RCIA – Brazilian Community

The Brazilian Catholic Community **Católicos em Dublin** is now accepting registrations for a new Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) catechesis class in Portuguese. For more information and registration, please visit the link in the community's Instagram bio @catolicosemdublin or contact them via WhatsApp at 0833813813.

French Language Mass

Mass for the French-speaking Catholic community in Dublin in St Mary's Church, Haddington Road, is on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 12.30pm from September to June.

Italian Language Mass

Italian Catholic Community Dublin. Masses in Aughrim Street Church every Saturday at 5.30pm (fourth Sunday of the month followed by community gathering). Other activities: Biblical Catechesis (online); Pre-marriage Catechesis: Rosary (online); Book Club: <https://facebook.com/italiani.cattolici.a.dublino/>. Contact: Fr Coriolan Muresan. cattolici.dublin@gmail.com / coryolan26@yahoo.it / 012447995.

Ukrainian Catholic Chaplaincy

Ukrainian Mass (Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom, Byzantine rite) is held every Sunday at 1pm in **Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, Artane, D05 FH28**. Fr Vasyl Kornitsky is Chaplain to the Ukrainian community. He can be contacted at 086 2359561 or ugccie@gmail.com.

Prayer for the Assembly

Lord Jesus,
You have called us together through Baptism and faith.
Make us a Church that proclaims your Gospel,
welcomes all who seek you,
heals the wounded,
walks with people on their journey,
and empowers all the baptised to share in your mission.
Guide the National Synodal Assembly and all who participate in it.
May they listen to one another,
discern your will,
and courageously follow where your Spirit leads.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.