

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 **Richard Harney, Edna Hurley, Jim Colgan & Siobhan Roberts** (Funeral Tuesday Rathcoole 10am) who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

Mission Sunday 2026 – Theme: One In Christ – United in Mission

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, meaning this year it will be celebrated over the weekend of Sunday 18th October.

“Right now, missionaries desperately need your help. In many poorer parishes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America missionaries are serving on the front line. They already do so much, walking hand-in-hand with marginalised communities, long before and after any emergency. You can show missionaries you care by supporting World Mission Sunday. Your prayers and generosity will change lives.”

World Mission Sunday collections take place in every single parish where the Church is present. This includes not only Ireland and Europe, but also in poorer parishes in developing countries. It is a moment of universal solidarity when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, play their part in supporting each other. This is what makes it such a special celebration.

Saggart A Sense of Place

Join Mervyn Ennis & local historian Aidan Cruise for a talk on the Dublin – Blessington steam train 7.30pm Tuesday 20th October in the Saggart Community School house. Tea from 7pm.

October – Month of the Rosary

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

November Masses

Advance note of our annual Mass for those who died during the past 12 months. Newcastle – Friday 13th Nov 7.30pm & Saggart – Friday 20th Nov 7.30pm. Spread the word to those who may have moved from the parish but would appreciate the invite. A service of remembrance will also take place in Brittas on Wednesday 18th Nov at 7pm for those who have died in the locality.

New Ministers of the Eucharist

Training and meeting session for those interested in becoming Ministers of the Eucharist will take place on 14 November. More details later. For more information leave contact details in any of the sacristies.

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.

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.ocd.ie

Bethany Bereavement Support

Bethany Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary community and parish-based service. Our objective is to support the bereaved through the grieving process and our services are totally free of charge and confidential within the law. The name Bethany is derived from the story of Jesus' friends Martha & Mary who lived in a village called Bethany and grieved over the death of their brother Lazarus. Visit <https://bethany.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.**

Manresa

Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (426 Clontarf Road, D03 FP52) - Advent 2026 Retreat Offerings
Advent Triduum Retreat, Mon-Fri, 30 Nov-4 Dec / Mon-Fri 14-18 Dec. This guided silent retreat offers an opportunity to step away from the busyness of the season and spend time with the themes of Advent - a time of waiting, watching and preparing for the mystery of Christ's coming.

Advent Weekend Retreat, Fri-Sun, 4-6 Dec. Themed around the core themes of Advent, the weekend includes time for personal prayer and reflection, prayer with others, and the opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. It is a chance to step away from the many demands of the season and make space to notice where God's Spirit may be moving.

For more information, check our website www.manresa.ie or contact us at reception@manresa.ie / 01 5529448.

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.

Aware – Support & Self Care groups

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit www.aware.ie.

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.

Le Chéile

On Saturday, November 7th, Le Chéile, an LGBTQI+ recognition and integration group in Kimmage Manor, together with St Teresa's parish, Donore Avenue, is hosting a workshop led by Frank DeBernardo of New Ways Ministry. It will take place in Kimmage Manor Parish Hall, from 2pm to 5pm. Frank will share information about the Church's attitudes to, and teachings about, sexual/ gender identity, and offer practical advice as to how Catholic parishes can support the LGBTQI+ community. All are welcome to attend, with prior registration necessary. To register, send an email to haugheyjo6@gmail.com or contact Sam at St Teresa's Church at pastoralsam@yahoo.ie for more information. A voluntary donation of €5 may be given on the day.