

CHURCH SERVICES

THE EUCHARIST

Sunday: Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 10.00am and 12.00 noon
Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10.00am
Tuesday, Thursday 7.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: After 10.00am and before 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and on request.

Baptism: Normally on 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 1.00pm. Enquiries to the parish office.

Marriage: By arrangement with one of the Priests.

Evening Weekday Mass availability in our Deanery:

- St Brigid's, Blanchardstown, 7.30pm Mass on Mondays
- St Luke's, Mulhuddart, 7.30pm Mass on Wednesdays
- St Patrick's, Corduff, 7.30pm Mass on Fridays

CONTACT INFORMATION

Fr. Damian McNeice - Phone: 089 445 3987

Fr. Denis O'Connor CSsR -Phone: 01-8214003

Parish Office - Monday to Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Phone: 01-6409601 Email: parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie

Church Sacristy - Phone: 01-8214652

Our Lady's Parish Centre - Phone: 01-8209907

Parish Website - www.castleknockparish.ie

Parish Newsletter - Notices may be emailed to ourladysparish@gmail.com Written notices may be handed in to the Parish Office. The deadline for submissions is Thursday evening.

THE DONATE BUTTON ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE

This button, which can be found on the website homepage, is a convenient online way to donate to our parish or to contribute to Dues. You can also contribute to the usual weekend 1st and/or 2nd collections, towards our parish running costs, as well as our Third World Partnership (TWP) project.



OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PARISHES OF
ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE, LAUREL LODGE
AND ST MOCHTA'S PORTERSTOWN.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER : 12TH MAY 2024

CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR

Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is planning a response to the call of Pope Francis and our Archbishop Dermot Farrell for action by Christian communities to respond to the global climate change crisis. Several members of our PPC attended a Conference organised by the Archdiocese of Dublin late last November on that very topic. They heard how Pope Francis in his Encyclical, *Laudato Si*, identifies two connected areas for action. He asks us to listen to 'the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor': the Earth, where we witness the very visible signs of the climate crisis on our common home which must be reversed and the Poor, the most disadvantaged in the human family who feel the effects of climate change all the most.

Cry of the Earth: In our parish we will replant the eight large planters that frame the circular gathering space in front of our Church with sustainable and pollinator friendly plants. This will be a visible sign of our support to change our own domestic habits in tackling the ravages of climate change. We will need some volunteer help with this work of digging, planting and painting. The weather is improving and we plan to complete this work in the next month so anybody interested in helping should contact: Margaret at 0868392518 or Dan at 0862412470.

Cry of the Poor: Our PPC will hold a Gigantic Raffle over the coming weeks in support of the **Mary's Meals** charity. This no-frills charity, founded in 2002, provides daily meals and education to 2.5 million children in the poorest parts of the world. These are areas that have suffered most from the ravages of climate change where increasing drought and unreliable weather patterns have devastated the already difficult production of foodstuffs. *Mary's Meals* provide food in the places of education - a railway station in India, under a tree in Kenya, so that children can go to school and break the cycle of poverty. €22

feeds and educates a child for a year. *Mary's Meals* is a low profile and highly effective charity where 97 cent from every euro donated goes directly to feed a child. Tickets will be on sale shortly at €5 each and a book of 5 for €20: Buying a book of tickets will feed and help to educate a child for a year. Very attractive prizes have been donated for this very good cause and we ask for your support.

Parish Environmental Audit: Our PPC has also committed to carrying out an environmental audit to help us work towards more sustainable practices in the way our church building and parish centre operate.

SYCAMORE FAITH DEVELOPMENT- THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED. Course Information Meeting - St Mochta's Pastoral Centre, this Monday 13th May, 7.30pm Sycamore is an informal course about our Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion. There is no pressure, no commitment. There is a real sense of community, a spirit of friendship and some great conversation. Everyone is welcome! A 'Come and See' evening takes place this Monday 13th May at 7.30pm, showing the first episode. The course will run from September as part of our parish partnership of Castleknock, Laurel Lodge and Porterstown.

OUR PARISH PARTNERSHIP LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:
Sunday 25th to Thursday 29th August 2024, €735 per person sharing, €895 for a single room. Deposit - €250 per person. Price includes full board including lunch on day 5 staying in the 4* Hotel Padoue. Fr Paul Ward will be the spiritual director. Please contact the Parish Office for a booking form.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY, 4PM SATURDAYS.
The children's rosary is recited every Saturday in our Church at 4pm. Looking forward to seeing our young children joining us. All are welcome!

PLANT SALE: CCC CASTLEKNOCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE PLANT SALE.
Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th May, 10am to 5pm. Plants, baskets, window boxes. BBQ, coffee shop and cake sale. Monster raffle. All welcome.

AL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY - KNOCK - JUNE 1ST
For more information and to see a list of buses going from around Ireland please visit:- www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com

NORTHSIDE HOME CARE SERVICES - MEALS ON WHEELS is a service that delivers meals Monday to Friday to clients in their homes. Would you like us to deliver a meal to a family member or neighbour that could benefit from a nutritious meal and a dessert for €5.50 per day? Contact Ad or Catherine 01 805 8574

ANAM CARA.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 15th May at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888

ETERNAL REST: Pray for the light of heaven to embrace the soul of our parishioner Noreen Boggan who went to the Lord recently. May the Holy Spirit console and sustain all who mourn.

HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED OF WALKING THE CAMINO?
For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage ring Mary at 021 454 6691 or email mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie

OPEN HEARTS TAIZÉ PRAYER this coming Friday 17th May 7pm. All are welcome to this time of prayer led by our young people with the meditative chants of the Taizé monastic community.

NOVENA OF PRAYER PREPARING FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST
Archbishop Farrell has asked us to once again pray our Diocesan 'Building Hope' prayer so as to prepare our hearts to welcome the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. A limited number of prayer cards with this prayer are available at the back of the Church. We reproduce it here below. Pin it on your fridge door, pop it in your wallet, download the resources on your smartphone and pray that the Holy Spirit may open in us the gates of God's kingdom even more between these feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. <https://dublindiocese.ie/novena-2024/>

BUILDING HOPE PRAYER

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.

You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts.

We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family.

Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another, in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation. May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us. May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word, bringing forth truth, justice and peace.

May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more than we can dare to imagine as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service. We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.

St Kevin, pray for us. St Brigid, pray for us.