

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

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

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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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

19TH MAY 2024

PENTECOST: The book of the Acts of the Apostles (cf. 2:1-11) recounts what happened ... The disciples were gathered in the Upper Room, and the Virgin Mary was with them. The Risen Lord had told them to remain in the city until they had received the gift of the Spirit from on High. And this was revealed with a "sound" they suddenly heard coming from heaven, like the "rush of a mighty wind" that filled the house they were in (cf. v. 2). Thus, it concerns a real but also symbolic experience. Something that happened but also gives us a symbolic message for our whole life. This experience reveals that the Holy Spirit is like a strong and freely flowing wind; that is, he brings us strength and brings us freedom: a strong and freely flowing wind. He cannot be controlled, stopped, nor measured; nor can his direction be foreseen. He cannot be understood within our human exigencies – we always try to frame things – he does not let himself be framed in our methods and our preconceptions. The Spirit proceeds from God the Father and from his Son Jesus Christ and bursts upon the Church; he bursts upon each one of us, giving life to our minds and our hearts. As the Creed states: he is "the Lord, the giver of life". He has authority because he is God, and he gives life.

On the day of Pentecost, Jesus' disciples were still disoriented and fearful. They did not yet have the courage to go out in the open. We too, at times, prefer to remain within the protective walls of our surroundings. But the Lord knows how to reach us and open the doors to our hearts. He sends upon us the Holy Spirit who envelops us and overpowers all our hesitations, tears down our defences, dismantles our false certainties. The Spirit makes us new beings, just as he did on that day with the Apostles: he renews us, new beings. After receiving the Holy Spirit they were no longer as they had been before – he changed

them, but they went out and began to preach Jesus... that Jesus is risen, that the Lord is with us, in such a way that each one understood them in his or her own language. *Pope Francis*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - News and developments since last week's update on their Cry of the Earth/Cry of the Poor initiative: Work on painting and replanting the eight large planters that frame the gathering space in front of our Church will commence soon. We will need some volunteer help with this work of digging, planting and painting. Those with green fingers willing to help with the replanting can contact Margaret at 0868392518. Those willing to help with the painting can contact Dan at 0862412470.

Raffle: Tickets are now printed and available for the **Gigantic Raffle** in support of the **Mary's Meals** charity, which provides daily meals and education to 2.5 million children in the very poorest parts of the world. Tickets are €5 each and a book of 5 for €20. Perhaps you could take several books of tickets to sell among friends or work colleagues? Again contact Margaret at 0868392518 or Dan at 0862412470.

ST BRIGID'S NS - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Congratulations to the children from St Brigid's, Castleknock who received their First Holy Communion over the past two weekends. May blessings galore flow for them and their families. Let's keep them and those currently preparing for their First Communion and Confirmation in the communion of prayer.

ETERNAL REST: Pray for the light of heaven to embrace the souls of Elizabeth (Betty) Lyons and Dylan Doyle who went to the Lord recently, and whose funerals took place in our parish church. May the Holy Spirit console and sustain all who mourn them.

OUR LADY'S CHORAL SOCIETY. Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle. On Sunday, 19th May at 3.30pm in Findlater's Church, Parnell Square, Dublin 1. Tickets available from eventbrite.ie Tickets also available at the door

PARISH PARTNERSHIP LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 25th to 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.

LOUGH DERG - FRIDAY 5TH TO SUNDAY 7TH JULY Last year a group of parishioners headed off to do the three-day pilgrimage and had a wonderful experience. If you are interested in going this year, please leave your name and contact no. in the Sacristy after any Mass or in Porterstown Parish Office during office hours. You may also contact Ellen on 087 9668356. We will depart from St. Mochta's Church Courtyard at 8am on Friday 5th.

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!

LECTIO DIVINA Spiritual reading, prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Wednesday 22nd May from 10.30 to 11.00am in our parish centre. For further info, contact Marian: 087 2958363.

CASTLEKNOCK TIDY TOWNS - COFFEE MORNING Saturday 25th May, 10am to 12.30pm, Castleknock (Church of Ireland) Parish Centre, Castleknock Road, to raise funds for Castleknock Tidy Towns. All welcome for a cuppa and cake. Traditional music from 10.30am.

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY - KNOCK - SATURDAY 1ST JUNE All welcome from around Ireland and beyond for the All Ireland Rosary Rally on June 1st. Speakers and conferences from 9.30am. Mass at 3pm in the Basilica and includes the Anointing of the Sick. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the main Celebrant. Dana will join the choir to sing. Over 50 buses are going from around Ireland. See www.allirelandrosaryrally.com for more details.

HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED OF WALKING THE CAMINO?

Join the MSC Missions (Missionaries of the Sacred Heart) as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of the Camino Ingles walking from Ferrol to Santiago in Northern Spain. The temperature in this part of northern ++Spain in July is perfect for walking, like a balmy summer day in Ireland. For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage ring Mary at 021 454 6691 or emailmary.morrish@mscmissions.ie