

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**Church Sacristy** - Phone: 01-8214652

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

**Parish Website** - [www.castleknockparish.ie](http://www.castleknockparish.ie)

**Parish Newsletter** - Notices may be emailed to [ourladyparish@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyparish@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.

**10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

### WHEN WE OPEN THE GOSPEL

When we open the Gospel, each of us can say, "These words of Jesus are rather like a very ancient letter written in an unknown language. But since it is written to me by someone who loves me, I am going to try to understand its meaning, and to put into practice right away the little I have grasped." Extensive knowledge is not important at the outset. In time that will be of great value. But it is through the heart, in the depths of themselves, that human beings begin to grasp the Mystery of Faith. Everything is not granted at once. An inner life is developed step by step. Today, more than in the past, we enter into the faith by going forward in stages.

Right at the depth of the human condition, lies the longing for a presence, the silent desire for a communion. Let us never forget that this simple desire for God is already the beginning of faith. Moreover, no one is able to understand the entire Gospel in isolation from others. Each person has to say, "In this unique communion that is the Church, what I do not understand of the faith is understood by others who are living from it. I do not rely on my faith alone but on the faith of Christians of all times, those who have gone before us, from the time of Mary and the apostles to those of today. And day after day I prepare inwardly to put my trust in the Mystery of Faith." So it becomes clear that faith - trusting in God - is a very simple reality, so simple that everyone could receive it. It is like surging upwards again and again, a thousand times, throughout our life, and until our very last breath.

*Brother Roger of Taizé*

### PARISH CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Having had a lovely procession last year, we plan to have ours around the green adjacent to the Church at the end of the 10am Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June to which we will invite all the children who have recently received their First Holy Communion and Confirmation and their families. All are most welcome.

### CONFIRMATION – CETNS AND CNS

Congratulations to the children of Castleknock Educate Together and Castleknock National Schools who were confirmed this weekend. May the Holy Spirit be their constant helper and guide. Let's keep them and those currently preparing for their Confirmation in coming days in the communion of our prayer.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - RAFFLE AND WORK AROUND OUR CHURCH

Tickets are now on sale 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? Contact Mags at 086 8392518 or Dan at 086 2412470. The large planters at the front of our Church have been filled with new plants. Thanks to Mags and her team of volunteers who did all the digging and planting and who created the informative signs. The next step is to paint the planters. Those willing to help with the painting can contact Dan at 086 2412470.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** A Midsummer Parish Gathering will take place in the main hall of our Parish Centre on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm** to which all are welcome. In an informal setting, we will hear something about our Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finances and the forthcoming stages of Archbishop Farrell's Building Hope pastoral plans for the diocese.

**LAUREL LODGE:** From Sunday 7th July there will be **just two Masses on Sunday** mornings in St Thomas the Apostle; the 9.30 and the 11am. We need to be able to give our priests time to go on retreat and to take well-earned holidays. The parish team there are looking at the future of Laurel Lodge's Mass Schedule in the context of our Parish Partnership to see what is possible and sustainable into the future.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD – NEW ROTA:** The new rota for our Ministers of the Word covering June to August is on the Parish website and copies are available for collection in the Sacristy.

**LECTIO DIVINA - WEDNESDAYS, 10.30 TO 11AM.** Spiritual reading, prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday - an opportunity to listen to and share the word of God that calls our souls to life. Wednesday 12th June from 10.30 to 11.00am in our parish centre. For further information, contact Marian on 087 2958363.

**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!

### QUIZ – WREN'S NEST, STRAWBERRY BEDS, WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY, 8PM

In aid of St. Mochta's Church maintenance fund. Unfortunately, there are a lot of problems to be fixed; leaks in the roof, plaster on the back wall falling down, cracks in windows, gutters, etc. All are welcome to this fun night. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**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. 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.

**YEAR OF PRAYER** Pope Francis has designated 2024 as a Year of Prayer, dedicated "to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world". To support this, Dublin priest, Fr. Frank Drescher, has prepared a series of homilies focused on various forms of prayer within the Church's tradition. These can be found at <https://kilnamanaghcastleview.com/year-of-prayer-2024/>

**MEMORIES OF MOUNT SACKVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL:** In 2024/2025, Mount Sackville will proudly celebrate 160 years of education in Ireland. They plan to produce a publication marking this occasion and invite past pupils and staff to share their stories, photographs, or any archival materials of their time here or your association with the school. Contact via email to [memories@mountsackville.ie](mailto:memories@mountsackville.ie), post to Mary Delaney, Mount Sackville Secondary, Chapelizod, Dublin 20, or present the material at the school reception in a sealed envelope with your name and address.

**ST PATRICK'S PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY, MAYNOOTH - ARE YOU** Considering a Postgraduate study programme? Check out the options in Theology, Philosophy, Youth Ministry, Chaplaincy, Church Music and more at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, [sppu.ie/courses](http://sppu.ie/courses). Applications close soon.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ALONE** - Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> for more information, contact Fiona on [fiona.boyle@alone.ie](mailto:fiona.boyle@alone.ie) or on 086 1366539