

## CHURCH SERVICES

### THE EUCHARIST

<b>Sunday:</b>	Saturday	6.00pm
	Sunday	10.00am and 12.00 noon
<b>Weekdays:</b>	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

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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](http://www.castleknockparish.ie)

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

**THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.  
16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

The two parables which the Liturgy presents us today are inspired precisely by ordinary life and reveal the attentive and deep gaze of Jesus, who observes reality and, through small everyday images, opens the windows on the mystery of God and on human experience...

Today Jesus compares the Kingdom of God, that is, his presence that dwells in the heart of things and of the world, to the mustard seed, that is, to the smallest seed there is: it is really tiny. Yet, cast upon the ground, it grows until becoming the tallest tree (cf. *Mk* 4:31-32). This is what God does. At times, the din of the world, along with the many activities that fill our days, prevent us from stopping and seeing how the Lord is conducting history. Yet — the Gospel assures us — God is at work, like a good little seed that silently and slowly germinates. And, little by little, it becomes a lush tree, which gives life and rest to everyone. The seed of our good works too can seem like a small thing, yet all that is good pertains to God, and thus it humbly, slowly bears fruit. Good, let us remember, always grows in a humble way, in a hidden, often invisible way.

Dear brothers and sisters, with this parable Jesus wants to instil us with confidence. In so many of life's situations, in fact, it may happen that we get discouraged, because we see the weakness of good as compared to the apparent power of evil. And we may allow ourselves to be paralyzed by doubt when we find we are working hard but the results are not achieved, and things seem never to change. The Gospel asks us to take a fresh look at ourselves and at reality; it asks us to have bigger eyes, that are able to see further, especially beyond appearances, in order to discover the presence of God who as humble love is always at work in the soil of our life and that of history. This is our confidence,

this is what gives us the strength to go forward every day, patiently, sowing the good that will bear fruit. In the Church too, weeds of doubt can take root, especially when we witness the crisis of faith and the failure of different projects and initiatives. But let us never forget that the results of sowing do not depend on our abilities: they depend on the action of God. It is up to us to sow, and to sow with love, with dedication and with patience. But the force of the seed is divine. Jesus explains it in today's other parable: the farmer sows the seed and then does not realize how it bears fruit, because it is the seed itself that grows spontaneously, day and night, when he least expects it (cf. vv. 26-29). With God, even in the most infertile soil there is always the hope of new sprouts. *Pope Francis*

**CONFIRMATION.** Congratulations to the children of St Brigid's National School who were confirmed on Thursday and Friday. May blessings galore flow for them and their families. Let's keep them and those from Scoil Mhuire preparing for their Confirmation on 21<sup>st</sup> June in the communion of prayer.

**ETERNAL REST:** Pray for the light of heaven to embrace the soul of Malachy Moynihan who went to the Lord recently, and whose funeral took place in our parish church on Saturday. May the Holy Spirit console and sustain all who mourn him.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - RAFFLE** 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. Draw takes place next Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, in our parish centre after our 12 noon Mass.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** A Midsummer Parish Gathering will take place in the main hall of our Parish Centre on **Friday week, 28<sup>th</sup> June, at 7.30pm** to which all are welcome. In an informal setting, we will hear something about the work of 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**MANY CONGRATULATIONS** to Katie Nyhan and Seán O'Malley who were married in our church on Saturday. We wish them every joy and blessing in their married life together.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD - NEW ROTA** The new rota for 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 Living Word. Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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!

**CROÍ MHÁIRE FOODBANK - DUBLIN 15.** We will be recommencing collecting non-perishable food for the Foodbank over the next two weekends - 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June and 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June. The box for food donations will be left in the church entrance hall as usual. Thank You, Martin (086 1591188)

**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 25<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>.