

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 Website - www.castleknockparish.ie

Parish Newsletter - Notices may be emailed to 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.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
18TH AUGUST 2024

Ten things to keep in mind as we pray

1. **All God can do is give Love.** - 1 John 4:8 'God is love'.
2. **God excludes nothing human, no human situation, from His Love.** - John 12:32 'And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all people to myself.'
3. **Just because prayer is 'difficult' or 'dry' does not mean it is not good. It's still God's time.** - Hebrews 13:8 'Jesus Christ is the same today as he was yesterday and as he will be for ever.'
4. **Know that God is accepting you and welcoming you. God's desire is always to bestow Himself.** - John 6:37 'Everyone whom the Father gives me will come to me; I will certainly not reject anyone who comes to me.'
5. **If we want to find God, it is impossible that God will fail to communicate Himself - God has already been seeking you.** - Matthew 7:11 'How much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!' Hebrews 13:5 'God himself has said: I shall not fail you or desert you.'
6. **Christ Jesus has buried your past in the tomb with Him and He is going to take care of your future.** - Romans 6:3 'When we were baptised into Christ Jesus, were baptised into his death' & John 14:3 'And after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you to myself, so that you may be with me where I am.'
7. **In the pain of loneliness, open yourself to God's company, His pressing nearness.** - Matthew 1:23 [Jesus is:] 'Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us"'. [Jesus' first work is to be with us, to be our companion.] & Luke 10:9 'The kingdom of God is very near to you' and Luke 17:21 'The kingdom of God is in the midst of you.'
8. **Silence in prayer can feel like nothing, but in that silence God is preparing you to meet Him, to be a bearer of His joy and peace.** - 1 Kings 19:8-13 [Elijah knows God in silence] & Galatians

5:22 'the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness...'

9. Lord Jesus Christ, interior light, let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me. Let my heart always welcome your love.

Words of St Augustine, which invite us to welcome the brightness and truth of what Christ says to us and to let it shine through our doubts and darkness.

10. Often, prayer goes beyond words and tends towards the comfortable silence of those who love each other. When St

Thérèse of Lisieux was asked what words she said in prayer on her sick bed, she replied: 'I say nothing. I love Him.'

LOURDES ASSOCIATE FUND COLLECTION:

The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place this year from the 5th to 10th of September. There are several 'stalwarts' of this wonderful faith event from our own parish. We will be bringing around 100 sick pilgrims to Our Lady's Shrine where countless people have experienced God's grace and healing. For many years, parishioners were invited to help contribute to the cost of bringing a sick pilgrim to Lourdes through the *Lourdes Associate Fund*. At present, we ask each sick pilgrim to contribute €595 towards the cost of his or her travel and stay. We never refuse an application on the grounds of not being able to afford this. The actual cost per sick pilgrim is almost €1,200, factoring in the expense of necessary medical equipment and supplies.

This weekend, 17th and 18th August, we will have a Lourdes Associate Membership collection outside the church after Mass to give you an opportunity to contribute to the cost of bringing sick pilgrims on our Diocesan Pilgrimage. If anyone would like their intentions brought to the Grotto at Lourdes, please leave them into the sacristy in an envelope marked for Fr Damian's attention. Your intentions will be remembered at the Masses we celebrate there. Thank you on behalf of our sick pilgrims in anticipation of your support of our Diocesan Pilgrimage.

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 21st August from 10.30 to 11.00am in our parish centre.

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!

ETERNAL REST: Please pray for the soul of our parishioner Michel Flanagan whose funeral took place on Saturday. May the Holy Spirit console and strengthen all who mourn.

LAUREL LODGE SUNDAY MASS TIMES

After consultation and dialogue with our partnership parishes, and with a view to providing a variety of Mass times, it has been decided that, from the beginning of September, the Sunday morning Masses in St. Thomas the Apostle will be at 9.30am and 11.30am. This allows priests covering our entire partnership time to travel between the churches. It also allows time for unrushed, fuller celebrations.

In summary, from Sunday 1st September, the weekend Mass times across our Parish Partnership will be:

<u>Laurel Lodge:</u>	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 9.30am and 11.30am
<u>Castleknock:</u>	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 10am and 12 noon
<u>Porterstown:</u>	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 11am

[Mountview parish have a Sunday evening Mass at 6pm]

ST. MARY'S, CLONSILLA - GRAVEYARD SERVICE - SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, 3PM

The Ecumenical Graveyard Service with Blessing of the Graves will be held in St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Clonsilla on Sunday 8th September at 3pm. All are welcome. Note: The Castleknock Churchyard blessing will be held on Sunday 10th November at 3.00pm

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our local Conference of St Vincent de Paul is in great need of volunteers. If you think you could spare a few hours a week, please contact Mary on 086 821 2979.

MATT TALBOT WALK There will be a Matt Talbot Walk this Sunday, August 18, at 2pm at Sean McDermott Street Church.

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/>

'COME AND SEE' WITH RED NUNS - MONASTIC VOCATIONS WEEKEND

Those interested in exploring a monastic vocation with the Redemptoristine Sisters are welcome to join them for a weekend of prayer, silence, community and joy! 23rd-25th August, 20th-22nd September. Contact Sr. Gabrielle: contactrednunsweb@gmail.com

PATHWAYS is an Adult Faith Formation programme run by the Archdiocese aimed at all adults, members of PPCs and those in parish ministry. It is a 2-year course running on Thursday evenings from September to May from 7pm-9.30pm in DCU, Drumcondra. The cost is €400 per year. For more details and online application form, please visit www.missionministry.ie/pathways or email peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie