

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.

Please take home a copy of this Newsletter.

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.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20TH OCTOBER 2024

MISSION SUNDAY 2024 - SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER. This weekend parishes all over the world celebrate Mission Sunday, the Holy Father's annual appeal for us to support overseas mission and missionaries. Donations collected at every Mass go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. This year's theme comes to us from the Gospel of Matthew, God's desire that we "Go and invite everyone to the banquet." (Matthew 22:9) Pope Francis writes: "I take this opportunity to thank all those missionaries who, in response to Christ's call, have left everything behind to go far from their homeland and bring the Good News to places where people have not yet received it, or received it only recently." Thank you for supporting them in whatever way you can, and remember this is far more than an appeal for financial assistance. Missionaries also need the support of our prayer. May this Mission Sunday make us stop and think about how we, in our own situation, can invite everyone to the wedding feast of God and humanity that takes place in the person of Christ Jesus. It is this wedding feast that we anticipate and foretaste every time we celebrate the Eucharist. It is also the joy we look forward to in the eternal future God has prepared for us.

PRAY FOR THE SYNOD: The Irish Catholic Bishops continue to invite "people of faith to pray throughout October for all members of the Synodal Assembly as, in the words of Pope Francis, 'without prayer there will be no Synod.'" Pope Francis reminds us: "the Synod is not a parliament; it is something else. The Synod is not a gathering among friends to resolve some current problems or to give opinions; it is something else... we are not the protagonist of the Synod: it is the Holy Spirit. If the Spirit is in our midst to guide us, it will be a good Synod. If there are other ways of going about things, based on human, personal or ideological interests, it will not be a Synod, but more of a parliamentary meeting, which is another thing. A Synod is a journey that the Holy Spirit makes." On 10th October last in Rome, Cardinal elect Fr. Timothy Radcliffe OP also gave a good insight into what goes on in a Synod. He quoted Madre Maria Grazia's words at the Pre-Synod retreat: "at the root of every prayer, of every

work for God vibrates the silent Breath of God.” At a Synod, in this silence: “the Church enters more deeply into the mystery of the Divine Love by dwelling with deep questions to which we have no quick answers. At the Council of Jerusalem: (they asked) how may the Gentiles be admitted to the Church? At (the Council of) Nicaea, how can we affirm that Jesus was truly God and truly human? At (the Council of) Chalcedon, how God could be truly three and truly one? Also there are deep questions which underlie so many of our discussions. How can men and women, made in the image and likeness of God, be equal and yet different? We must not avoid the question... by denying either the equality or the difference. And how can the Church be the community of the baptised, all equal, and yet the Body of Christ, with different roles and hierarchy? These are deep questions. We advance into the mystery of Divine Love by living with these questions, praying about them, listening to each other, pondering on them day and night... Many people want this Synod to give an immediate Yes or No on various issues! But that is not how the Church advances into the deep mystery of Divine Love. We must not run away from the difficult questions... We dwell with these questions in the silence of prayer and mutual listening. We listen, as someone said, not so as to reply but so as to learn. We stretch open our imagination to new ways of being the household of God which has room for everyone. Otherwise, as we say in England, we shall just be rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic... Please stay, whatever your frustrations with the Church. Go on questioning! Together we shall discover the Lord’s will.”

COMMEMORATIVE MASS FOR OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS. Our annual parish Remembrance and Bereavement Mass takes place this year on Tuesday 12th November at 7.30pm. The ceremony will be led by our Castleknock Bethany Bereavement Support Group and Funeral Ministry Team. We invite all who have been bereaved in the past year and families and friends to attend this memorial Mass and to prayerfully remember all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. All are welcome.

FR DENIS: Thank you for your continued prayer for our dear Fr Denis. He continues to recover well and, God willing, will be back among us very soon.

DIVINE MERCY Our Divine Mercy group meets weekly on Tuesdays in Our Lady’s Parish Centre, Castleknock from 6.30 to 7.30pm. All are welcome.

SYCAMORE. This course is held each Monday at 7.30pm in St Mochta’s Parish Centre, Porterstown.

LECTIO DIVINA - WEDNESDAYS, 10.30 TO 11AM Spiritual reading, prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Wednesday 23rd October from 10.30 to 11.00am in Our Lady’s Parish Centre, Castleknock.

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!

SCOIL MHUIRE NATIONAL SCHOOL, MOUNT SACKVILLE. Applications for Junior Infants 2025-2026 will be accepted until Friday 8th November. As we are now officially a co-educational school, we are delighted to welcome both boys and girls to our incoming infant classes. We have spaces available in some other classes for Admission in September 2025. Please see for details: <https://scoilmhuiremountsackville.ie/enrolments/s> or call us on 8213105.

ST BERNADETTE – RELIC PILGRIMAGE Next week, the relics of St Bernadette will visit two more churches in Dublin: Mary Immaculate, Inchicore, Wednesday 23rd - Thursday 24th Oct, and Adam & Eve’s, Merchants Quay, Friday 25th - Saturday 26th Oct. For information on all the ceremonies, visit www.stbernadette.ie.

CROÍ MHÁIRE FOODBANK – COLLECTION THIS AND NEXT WEEKEND The collection of non-perishable food items such as pasta, pasta sauce, cereals, tin foods, etc., for the Croí Mháire Foodbank bank takes place this weekend, 19th/20th and next weekend, 26th/27th of October. As usual, a collection basket will be placed in the entrance hall of the church should you wish to donate. All collected food will be distributed to needy families in Dublin 15. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated. Martin (086 1591188).

CASTLEKNOCK TIDY TOWNS – Table Quiz. Please note Change of Date Wednesday 6th November, 8pm, Myos, Castleknock Village, €50 for a table of 4. Text James on 087 225 3572 to book/pay for a table in advance.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Our local Conference of St Vincent de Paul is in great need of volunteers. Contact Mary on 086 821 2979.

VACANCY: PASTORAL COORDINATOR. St Brigid’s Parish Blanchardstown. Please contact Jean in the office 01-811-5412 for full details.

Parish Altar List of the Dead: ‘By virtue of the "communion of saints," the Church commends the dead to God’s mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, on their behalf.’ [Catechism of the Catholic Church 1055] If you would like the names of your beloved dead to be included in our parish “Book of Life”, for whom Mass on the first Friday of every month is offered in our Church, simply fill in the Parish Altar List of the Dead envelopes that are available at the back of the church and return them to the sacristy or parish office before the end of November.

Road Closures: Dublin City Marathon, next Sunday 27th October. The Dublin City Marathon takes place next weekend, on Sunday 27th October. It will involve road closures and traffic restrictions on Chesterfield Avenue in the Phoenix Park, on Castleknock Road, College Road, Tower Road and Knockmaroon.