

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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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.

THE FEAST OF CHRIST, THE KING

24TH NOVEMBER 2024

CHRIST IS KING THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, WHICH WE CELEBRATE TODAY, IS SET AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR AND RECALLS THAT THE LIFE OF CREATION DOES NOT ADVANCE AT RANDOM, BUT PROCEEDS TOWARD A FINAL DESTINATION: THE DEFINITIVE MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST, LORD OF HISTORY AND OF ALL CREATION. THE CONCLUSION OF HISTORY WILL BE HIS ETERNAL KINGDOM. TODAY'S GOSPEL PASSAGE (CF. JN 18:33-37) SPEAKS TO US ABOUT... THE KINGDOM OF JESUS, RECOUNTING THE HUMILIATING SITUATION THAT JESUS IS IN AFTER BEING ARRESTED IN GETHSEMANE: BOUND, INSULTED, ACCUSED AND LED BEFORE THE AUTHORITIES OF JERUSALEM. AND THEN, HE IS PRESENTED TO THE ROMAN PROSECUTOR, AS ONE WHO SEEKS TO UNDERMINE POLITICAL POWER, TO BECOME THE KING OF THE JEWS. SO PILATE CONDUCTS HIS INQUEST AND, IN A DRAMATIC INTERROGATION, TWICE ASKS JESUS IF HE IS A KING (CF. VV. 33, 37).

AND JESUS INITIALLY RESPONDS THAT HIS KINGSHIP "IS NOT OF THIS WORLD" (V. 36). THEN HE STATES: "YOU SAY THAT I AM A KING" (V. 37). IT IS EVIDENT FROM HIS ENTIRE LIFE THAT JESUS DOES NOT HAVE POLITICAL AMBITIONS... JESUS WANTS TO MAKE IT UNDERSTOOD THAT ABOVE AND BEYOND POLITICAL POWER THERE IS ANOTHER EVEN GREATER ONE, WHICH IS NOT OBTAINED BY HUMAN MEANS. HE HAS COME TO EARTH TO EXERCISE THIS POWER, WHICH IS LOVE, BY BEARING WITNESS TO THE TRUTH (CF. V. 37), THE DIVINE TRUTH WHICH ULTIMATELY IS THE ESSENTIAL MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL: "GOD IS LOVE" (1 JN 4:8); AND HE WISHES TO ESTABLISH IN THE WORLD HIS KINGDOM OF LOVE, JUSTICE AND PEACE. AND THIS IS THE KINGDOM OF WHICH JESUS IS KING, AND WHICH EXTENDS UNTIL THE END OF TIMES. HISTORY TEACHES US THAT KINGDOMS FOUNDED ON THE FORCE OF ARMS AND ON THE ABUSE OF POWER ARE FRAGILE AND SOONER OR LATER COLLAPSE. BUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS FOUNDED ON HIS LOVE AND IS ROOTED IN HEARTS — THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS ROOTED IN HEARTS —, CONFERRING PEACE, FREEDOM AND FULLNESS OF LIFE UPON THOSE WHO EMBRACE IT. WE ALL WANT PEACE; WE ALL WANT FREEDOM AND WE WANT FULFILMENT. AND HOW DO YOU DO THIS? ALLOW THE LOVE OF GOD, THE KINGDOM OF GOD, THE LOVE OF JESUS, TO TAKE ROOT IN YOUR HEART AND YOU WILL HAVE PEACE, YOU WILL HAVE FREEDOM AND YOU WILL HAVE FULFILMENT. TODAY JESUS ASKS US TO ALLOW HIM TO

BECOME OUR KING. A KING WHO, WITH HIS WORD, HIS EXAMPLE AND HIS LIFE IMMOLATED ON THE CROSS SAVED US FROM DEATH, AND — THIS KING — INDICATES THE PATH TO THOSE WHO ARE LOST, GIVES NEW LIGHT TO OUR EXISTENCE MARRED BY DOUBT, BY FEAR AND BY EVERYDAY TRIALS. BUT WE MUST NOT FORGET THAT JESUS' KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD. HE WILL GIVE NEW MEANING TO OUR LIFE — AT TIMES EVEN PUT TO DIFFICULT TESTS THROUGH OUR MISTAKES AND OUR SINS — MERELY ON THE CONDITION THAT WE NOT FOLLOW THE LOGICS OF THE WORLD AND OF ITS 'KINGS'. POPE FRANCIS

THE ELECTION: ARCHBISHOP DERMOT FARRELL HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT ON THE FORTHCOMING GENERAL ELECTION, URGING US TO EXERCISE OUR RIGHT AND DUTY TO VOTE NEXT FRIDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER. FOR THE FULL TEXT SEE: DUBLINDIOCESE.IE/GENERAL-ELECTION-2024/

PARISH ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD As St MONICA SAID TO St AUGUSTINE: "ONLY THIS I ASK: THAT YOU WILL REMEMBER ME AT THE LORD'S ALTAR, WHEREVER YOU ARE..." IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE NAMES OF YOUR DEPARTED FAMILY MEMBERS, RELATIVES AND LOVED ONES FOR REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PARISH ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD MASS ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH FOR THE COMING YEAR, ENVELOPES TO THAT EFFECT ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. SIMPLY FILL IN THE NAMES YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE REMEMBERED, AND RETURN THEM TO THE SACRISTY OR PARISH OFFICE BEFORE THE END OF NOVEMBER.

PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE - THE PPC CRY OF THE EARTH PROJECT
BUILDING ON THE GREAT WORK THIS YEAR IN SOWING POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY PLANTS IN THE LARGE POTS THAT ADORN THE FRONT APPROACHES TO OUR CHURCH, THE NEXT PHASE IS TO INVOLVE THE WIDER COMMUNITY INCLUDING THE SCHOOLCHILDREN OF St BRIGID'S. THIS PHASE INVOLVES THE PLANTING OF BULBS AND SHRUBS, TO INCLUDE GORSE OR FURZE, TO PROTECT THE EXISTING PLANTS FROM ENCROACHMENT AND TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE CHURCH ENVIRONMENT. ARE YOU IN A POSITION TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY IN THIS VERY WORTHWHILE PLANTING PROJECT? WE ARE SEEKING SUPPORT FROM PARISHIONERS WITH AN INTEREST / EXPERTISE IN HORTICULTURE FOR ADVICE, AND WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE WITH THE PLANTING. IF YOU ARE IN A POSITION TO SUPPORT US IN ANY WAY, PLEASE CONTACT MARGARET CONDON, OUR PPC CHAIRPERSON, AT 086 839 2518.

ETERNAL REST: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF RAYMOND HEAVEy, WHOSE FUNERAL TOOK PLACE LAST WEDNESDAY. MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT COMFORT AND SUSTAIN ALL WHO MOURN.

SYCAMORE. A PROGRAMME OF VIDEOS AND DISCUSSION ON OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH, BASED ON THE SCRIPTURES AND THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, ASKING THE BIG QUESTIONS OF LIFE: THE EXISTENCE OF GOD, WHO IS JESUS, THE BIBLE. THE PRESENTER IS FR. STEPHEN WANG, ESTEEMED SPEAKER AND AUTHOR. THIS COURSE IS HELD EACH MONDAY AT 7.30PM IN St MOCHTA'S PARISH CENTRE, PORTERSTOWN. PLEASE JOIN US, STARTING WITH REFRESHMENTS AT 7.30PM.

The "After Mass Tea and Coffee Group" will hold a Christmas Fair in Our Parish Centre next Sunday, 1st December, after the 10.00am and the 12.00 Noon Masses. Tea/Coffee and Christmas goodies to eat will be available. Also,

lots of Christmas gift ideas and fun for the children. This will be an event for all the family to enjoy. All are welcome.

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 AND ALL ARE WELCOME.

LECTIO DIVINA - WEDNESDAYS, 10.30 TO 11AM SPIRITUAL READING, PRAYER AND CONTEMPLATION OF THE GOSPEL FOR THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY. WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER FROM 10.30 TO 11.00AM IN OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE, CASTLEKNOCK.

A DECEMBER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: OUR PARISH CAROL SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH ON SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER AT 6PM. KEEP THE DATE.

ST MOCHTA'S - FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA - 7TH DECEMBER
St. MOCHTA'S PARISH IS HOSTING A FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA IN PORTERSTOWN PASTORAL CENTRE ON SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER BEGINNING WITH MASS AT 12 NOON. TICKETS, LIMITED TO 60 PLACES, ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE St MOCHTA'S SACRISTY AFTER ANY MASS OR FROM THEIR PARISH OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS AT €10 EACH.

ST MOCHTA'S - CHRISTMAS WARMTH CONCERT. ON SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER AT 6PM, A CHRISTMAS CONCERT WILL TAKE PLACE IN St. MOCHTA'S CHURCH FEATURING THEIR CHURCH CHOIR AND MARY FLYNN AND FRIENDS. AS WELL AS THE WARM 'GLOW' PROVIDED BY THE MUSIC AND SONG OF THESE COMBINED TALENTS ON THE DAY, THE PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO PROVIDE A WARM GLOW FROM THE CHURCH HEATING OVER THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. THE AFTERNOON WILL INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS IN THE PARISH CENTRE AFTERWARDS. TICKETS €10 PER ADULT/FAMILY TICKET €20 ON SALE FROM THE SACRISTY IN St. MOCHTA'S AFTER ANY MASS OR FROM St. MOCHTA'S PARISH OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS.

CROÍ MHÁIRE FOODBANK THE COLLECTION OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS SUCH AS PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, CEREALS, TIN FOODS ETC., FOR THE CROÍ MHÁIRE FOODBANK BANK WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEKEND. AS IS 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 (086 159 1188)

CASTLEKNOCK CHURCH OF IRELAND - CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE. THIS SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER, 12.30 - 5PM, CASTLEKNOCK CHURCH OF IRELAND PARISH CENTRE, MAIN STREET. ARTS AND CRAFT STALLS, ART EXHIBITION AND SALE, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES INCLUDING SANTA, HOME-BAKED REFRESHMENTS, CAKE STALL, HOT FOOD, RAFFLE. PROCEEDS IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS.

WHAT IS PRAYER? WHY SHOULD WE PRAY? AND HOW? IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THESE AND SIMILAR QUESTIONS PLEASE JOIN, FOR ONE OR MORE, A SERIES OF ADULT FAITH DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD IN St BRIGID'S PASTORAL CENTRE, BLANCHARDSTOWN, D15 YY61 FOR THE FOUR WEDNESDAYS OF ADVENT 7:00PM TO 8:10PM - NOV 27TH, DEC 4TH, 11TH & 18TH.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED OUR LOCAL CONFERENCE OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL IS IN GREAT NEED OF VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE CONTACT MARY ON 086 821 2979.