

## 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

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**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 [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.

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**1 DECEMBER 2024**

**ADVENT:** In this Advent Season we shall be granted once again to experience the closeness of the One who created the world... his great and fascinating mystery of the God-with-us, indeed, of the God who becomes one of us, is what we shall celebrate in the coming weeks journeying towards holy Christmas. During the Season of Advent we shall feel the Church which takes us by the hand and, in the image of Mary Most Holy, expresses her motherhood, enabling us to experience the joyful expectation of the coming of the Lord, who embraces us all in his love that saves and consoles.

While our hearts look forward to the annual celebration of Christ's Birth, the Church's Liturgy directs our gaze to the final goal: our encounter with the Lord who will come in the splendour of glory. For this reason in every Eucharist we announce his death and proclaim his Resurrection until he comes again, we watch in prayer. The Liturgy does not cease to encourage and support us, putting on our lips, in the days of Advent, the cry with which the whole of Sacred Scripture ends, on the last page of the Revelation to St John: "Come, Lord Jesus" (22:20). [*Pope Benedict XVI*]

**CHRISTMAS FAIR:** The "After Mass Tea and Coffee Group" will hold a Christmas Fair in Our Parish Centre **this Sunday, 1st December**, after the 10am and the 12 Noon Masses. Tea/Coffee and Christmas goodies to eat, lots of Christmas gift ideas and fun for the children. This will be an event for all the family to enjoy. All are welcome.

**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. Contact Margaret Condon, our PPC Chairperson, at 086 839 2518 if you can help.

**ETERNAL REST:** Please pray for the soul of Eamonn Comerford, whose funeral took place on Friday. May the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all who mourn.

**SYCAMORE. This Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** at 7.30pm in St Mochta's parish centre is the last Sycamore session before Christmas; please check the parish newsletter after Christmas for our return date.

**LECTIO DIVINA - WEDNESDAYS, 10.30 TO 11AM** Spiritual reading, prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday in Our Lady's Parish Centre.

**CHILDREN'S ROSARY, 4PM SATURDAYS** recited every Saturday in our church at 4pm.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - next Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** in our church, from 10.30am to 5pm. All are welcome. There is also our usual weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour on Thursday evenings after 7.30pm Mass.

**DECEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Taizé Prayer** - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec., 7pm **Mass with the Anointing of the Sick**, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec., 10am Parishioners who are sick or infirm will be most welcome to this Eucharist, during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to them. **Our Parish Carol Service** will take place in Our Lady Mother of the Church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6pm. **Sacrament of Reconciliation, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm** in St Thomas the Apostle Church, Laurel Lodge. Several visiting priests will assist on the evening. All are welcome.

**ST MOCHTA'S - FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA - 7<sup>TH</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> December** at 6pm, in St. Mochta's Church featuring their Church Choir and Mary Flynn and friends. 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 MHAÍRE.** A great response: thank you. The foodbank volunteers distributed food to approximately seventy needy families in Dublin 15.

**WHAT IS PRAYER? WHY SHOULD WE PRAY? AND HOW?** A series of adult faith discussions to be held in St Brigid's Pastoral Centre, Blanchardstown, for the four Wednesdays of Advent 7:00pm to 8:10pm.

**LIGHTING OF THE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE - Castleknock Tidy Towns,** in conjunction with Fingal County Council, will host the official lighting up of the Christmas Tree in Castleknock Village **this Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.30pm.** This free event will begin inside St Brigid's Church of Ireland on Castleknock Road, with Rev Colin McConaghie and Fr Damian McNeice in attendance. A short performance will be given by the award-winning St Brigid's National School choir under the direction of Ms. Williams. Attendees will then move outside to watch the tree lighting up, and some traditional Christmas carols will be sung by the Castleknock Tennis Club Christmas Choir. Light refreshments will be served inside St Brigid's Church by CTT volunteers immediately after.

**ANNUAL NIGHT VIGIL IN KNOCK - SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**  
In honour of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady. Bus leaves Church Avenue, Blanchardstown at 4pm. Please contact Michael to book on 086 8650708.

**VIGIL IN HONOUR OF THE HOLY FACE OF CHRIST**  
**Next Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December,** Church of Our Lady Help of Christians, Navan Road, 7p.m. to 9.30p.m. Including Devotions, Mass, Holy Face Talk, Relic & Blessed Oil from Tours Shrine, France. All welcome.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION - next weekend, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**ANAM CARA - BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION EVENING this Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** online.

Register here: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAof-GtrjMjGdS\\_B3\\_EHmNox8XJCKr7heYz#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAof-GtrjMjGdS_B3_EHmNox8XJCKr7heYz#/registration)

**PARISH CENTRE:** Tai Chi classes start 7 January.  
[www.taichiclassesdublin.com](http://www.taichiclassesdublin.com)