

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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Church Sacristy - Phone: 01-8214652

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.

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.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8 DECEMBER 2024

9TH DECEMBER 2024 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: 8th December this year falls on the second Sunday of Advent and the celebration of Sunday takes priority over the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. Therefore, this year, the Immaculate Conception is transferred to the following day, Monday 9th December. As a transferred feast, it is NOT a holy day of obligation. Mass in our church will be at 10am. Evening Mass at 7.30pm on Monday is available in St Brigid's, Blanchardstown.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL COLLECTION: The annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas collection takes place at all our Masses this weekend, in place of the usual Share collection. Your support for their good work is greatly appreciated. As the Lord said: "Give alms from what you have and, look, everything will be clean for you." [Luke 11:41]

'BAMBINELLI' SUNDAY, 15TH DECEMBER: Next Sunday, on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, a day of rejoicing at the nearness of God, bring the baby Jesus figure from your crib at home to **either** our 10am or 12 noon Mass for it to be blessed.

After our 10am Mass on 15th, the parish children's liturgy group is delighted to invite you and your family to a very special Christmas Celebration in our parish centre. This year, our theme is 'Joy to the world' - sharing with our little ones how Christ brings joy and happiness to everyone, especially those who are sick, lonely, or in need of love this season.

ETERNAL REST: Please pray for the soul of John Dolan, whose funeral will take place on Monday. May the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all who mourn.

DECEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Taizé Prayer** - next Friday 13th December, 7pm
- **Mass with the Anointing of the Sick**, next Saturday 14th December, 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.
- **Bambinelli Sunday - 15th December** - see details above
- **Our Parish Carol Service** will take place next Sunday 15th December, 6pm.
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation, Monday 16th December 7.30pm**
Our Parish Partnership Penitential Service will be held on Monday 16th December 7.30pm **in St Thomas the Apostle Church, Laurel Lodge.** Several visiting priests will assist on the evening. All are welcome.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD – ROTA FOR DECEMBER TO FEBRUARY

The rota for Ministers of the Word for December to February is available on the Parish website. Hard copies are in the Sacristy.

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.

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

CHILDREN'S ROSARY, 4PM SATURDAYS recited every Saturday in our church at 4pm. Looking forward to seeing our young children joining us, and all are welcome.

ST MOCHTA'S - CHRISTMAS WARMTH CONCERT: Next Sunday 15th December at 6pm, in St. Mochta's Church featuring their Church Choir and Mary Flynn and friends. 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.

ROSARY PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

Starts this Sunday 8th December 2pm, Garden of Remembrance, Parnell Square. Ends 4pm with Benediction at St Teresa's Church, Clarendon Street.

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.

THANK YOU: The After Mass Tea and Coffee Group would like to thank everyone for their support last Sunday. €826.00 was raised to help with the costs of running the group. A special word of thanks goes to Mary Newham and Sheila Dunne who have supplied the Parish with delicious homebaking all year

ANAM CARA, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

PARISH CENTRE: Tai Chi classes start 7 January.
www.taichiclassesdublin.com