

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

Fr. Damian McNeice - Phone: 089 445 3987

Fr. Denis O'Connor CSsR - Phone: 01-8214003

Parish Office - Monday to Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Phone: 01-6409601 Email: parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie

Church Sacristy - Phone: 01-8214652

Our Lady's Parish Centre - Phone: 01-8209907

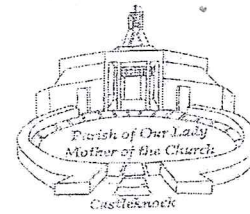
Parish Website - www.castleknockparish.ie

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 (as an alternative to contributing to the basket 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.

SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS 29TH DECEMBER 2024

SEEKERS OF HOPE

It's the whole world that comes with the wise men to the crib
Drawing close to the infant God,
That they might find in him meaning in life and light for living.
We draw close, O Lord, with all those who have lost hope,
All those for whom faith is nothing more
than a long night to be got through,
All those who have lost the taste for seeking and struggling.
We draw close, O Lord,
with all those who are burdened in body or mind,
with those who are paralysed in their suffering
with those left to their loneliness
whom nobody ever comes to console.
We draw close, O Lord,
With all those who had their place taken,
with those living in poverty and hunger,
with those whose dignity has been trodden on,
with those who have forgotten the colours of peace.
We draw close with confidence to you, child of the crib.
Look: we come seeking hope!
Cardinal Suenens.

THANK YOU! To all who made our Christmas Eve and Day celebrations so vibrant and beautiful and those who came and enjoyed them: As the blessing from the Book of Numbers prays: "May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace." May that peace hold you safe all through 2025. *Fr Damian*

This Week: Monday 30th December Mass at 10am
Tuesday 31st December – New Year’s Eve Mass at 7.30pm
WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY - NEW YEAR’S DAY:
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
World Day of Prayer for Peace - Mass at 10am

JUBILEE YEAR – PILGRIMS OF HOPE – Pope Francis has, in recent days, opened the Jubilee Year 2025 - a year in which God’s holiness can transform us. See the Jubilee website for further information:
<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va>

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole
cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace
of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

ETERNAL REST: Please pray for the souls of our parishioners Maureen Connellan of Beechpark Lawn and Tony Heverin of College Grove who have gone to the Lord in recent days. May the Lord grant them eternal rest and may the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all those who mourn.

PORTERSTOWN, LAUREL LODGE AND CASTLEKNOCK PARISHES – PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Departing Tuesday, 19th August 2025 for 4 nights, staying in the 4* Hotel Padoue. Spiritual Director, Fr. Paul Ward. If you are interested in travelling, please leave your name and contact no. in the Sacristy in Porterstown after any Mass or email secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie. A deposit of €200 will secure your place.

CROSSCARE APPEAL Crosscare, the social care agency of our Archdiocese, is once again asking for support for their Christmas Food Poverty Appeal. So far this year, almost 3,000 people, including 1500 children, have needed basic food supplies and support; over a quarter of those coming to Crosscare’s Food Poverty Service accessing food support are parenting alone. In the Community Café in Portland Row, staff will have served nearly 10,000 affordable, nutritious meals by the end of this year. As families struggle to cope with the cost of Christmas, there will likely be a spike in the number of people seeking help in the weeks ahead. Anyone wishing to contribute can donate online at www.crosscare.ie, call 01 8360011, or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 Saint Mary’s Place North, D07 Y768.

Community Connect - Ireland’s Baby Bank charity
Christmas is a time of joy for many of us, however it can be a particularly challenging time for families in need, especially those with small babies. Community Connect is Ireland’s Baby Bank charity, working across Ireland to provide practical support to mothers and babies in need. They are asking you to make a big difference to a mother and baby in need this Christmas, by sponsoring a package of essential items, then delivering them directly to the families who need them. For further information and to sponsor, go to www.communityconnect.ie or call 085 875 8366. Thank you for your support.

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Special Notes: -

- Tai Chi 6-week introductory term starting 7th January 2025, Tuesday, 8.15-9.45pm. Contact Nicole Mills M: 086 397 5979.
- The Children’s Rosary will not be recited this week.
- Lectio Divina postponed for two weeks

2025 : Bliain nua faoi mhaise dhaoibh go léir.
Beannachtaí oraibh go léir go háirithe ar na páistí óga.