

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

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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.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT - - 16TH MARCH 2025

PATRICK: "I am Patrick, a refugee. I was like a stone lying deep in the mud. Then he who is powerful came and in his mercy pulled me out, and lifted me up. That is why I must shout aloud to the Lord for such great good deeds of his. After I arrived in Ireland, I tended sheep every day. More and more the love of God increased, and my sense of awe before God. Faith grew, and my spirit was moved, so that in one day I would pray up to one hundred times. I remained in the woods and on the mountain, and I would rise to pray before dawn in snow and ice and rain. As I realise now, the spirit was burning in me at that time.

One night - I do not know, God knows, whether it was within me or beside me - I heard authoritative words which I could hear but not understand, until at the end of the speech it became clear: "The one who gave his life for you, he it is who speaks in you"; and I awoke full of joy. For that reason, I give thanks to the one who strengthened me in all things... I must take care not to hide the gift of God which he has generously given us in the land of my captivity. It was then that I looked for him with all my strength, and there I found him, and he protected me from all evils - this is what I believe - on account of his Spirit living and working in me to this very day." [Extracts from Patrick's "Confessions". You can read the full text and his letter to Coroticus on www.confessio.ie]

ST PATRICK'S DAY - MONDAY 17TH MARCH: Mass 'as Gaeilge' at 10.00am and 'as Béarla' at 12.00 noon.

[There is no 6.00pm Vigil Mass on Sunday 16th March.]

PARISH PARTNERSHIP PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK JOINING THE DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE - SATURDAY 26TH APRIL. A bus will be going from our parish partnership of Castleknock, Laurel Lodge and Porterstown, collecting at each parish. Stops for light refreshments in The Radisson Blu, Athlone, on the way and on the way back. Price per person €50, including these refreshments. To register your interest, please email your name, tel number and the number of people going to: parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie.

Please pay by 17th April by dropping an envelope marked Knock Pilgrimage into the sacristy or parish office, with your name and telephone number. All age groups are very welcome.

ETERNAL REST: Please pray for the soul of Séamus O'Shea whose funeral takes place in our church next Thursday. May the Lord grant him eternal rest, and may the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all who mourn.

Our Lenten Discipline

**All of our Lenten discipline,
our prayer, our fasting, our almsgiving,
amounts simply to this:
to allow the pure water of grace
to cleanse the eye of awareness
of all distraction from Divine Light;
to allow the embrace of holy desire
to awaken our hearts to Divine Love;
to allow the healing breath of the Holy Spirit
to vivify in us Divine Life.
For when we allow this Divine activity
then we become the place
where the bearing of the cross
becomes the place of Resurrection
for us and for all.**

--- Brother Richard Hendrick OFM Cap

PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

**This Lent, we have wonderful opportunities for children and youth
to grow in faith, community and service**

- Easter Preparation - Songs, Signs & Stories! Fridays, 6:00 - 7:00pm, our parish church
Children are invited to prepare for Holy Week through song, sign language, drama, and art. This is a special time to deepen their understanding of Easter and to prepare to play a part in the upcoming Holy week.
- Altar Server Training - "Step Up to Serve!" Fridays, 6:00 - 6:30pm, our parish church. A call to all children who feel drawn to serve at the altar, especially during Holy Week. Fr. Damian will lead this training.
- Faith & Film Night - "The Chosen" (For ages 12+), Saturday, 22nd March, 4:30 - 6:30pm, Our Lady's Parish Centre. A great opportunity for the youth to get together, watch an episode of *The Chosen*, and connect.
- Children's Meditation - "Sit, Sing & Listen" A quiet and reflective time where children can pause, sing, and listen to Jesus speaking to their hearts. Next Meditation on Wednesday 9th April, 2:35 - 3:00pm, in our parish church.

SYCAMORE in St Mochta's parish centre, Porterstown. NO meeting this Monday 17th March; meetings resume Monday 24th March.

LECTIO DIVINA Spiritual reading, prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Wednesday 19th March from 10.30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre.

CRY OF THE EARTH: Parishes have been asked by our Archbishop to protect and care for biodiversity and creation on 30% of their grounds. We are called to care for the earth and its creatures. We made a start last summer planting the eight large cement pots in the gathering space in front of our church with sustainable pollinator-friendly perennials. In autumn the pupils in St Brigid's 4th class became our partners, and planted crocuses and other pollinator-friendly bulbs. Fingal County Council are currently supporting our project and are creating a biodiversity-rich corner on the church edge of Auburn Avenue green. A variety of sensory plants and grasses will enhance the pollinators' food supply, and generate habitats for many species of insects and other creatures. Pupils will be involved in planting. Take time to look at this area and you will see the beautiful gravel pathways surrounding the plants. This area is not for car parking please - it's an area to be enjoyed by the community. We plan to increase planting behind the cement pots, and create a haven for birds, bees, insects, etc., and generate a variety of habitats. Fingal CC will plant shrubs and bushes to fill in any gaps. We request support in creating this area for biodiversity where nature can grow and flourish.

DUBLIN FLEADH 2025 10TH - 11TH MAY, DUBLIN 15 - EVENT IN THE LEAD UP TO THE FLEADH

Dublin Fleadh 2025 and La Leche League (Blanchardstown) present a music workshop 'Connecting with your baby through traditional Irish music' on Saturday 29th March from 11.30-1.30pm, Blakestown Community Resource Centre, Dublin 15. Suitable for ages 6 weeks to 3 years. Free but booking essential. For more information, contact

lalecheleagueireland32@gmail.com.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX'S CANONISATION Saturday 26th April, 11am-3pm, Carmelite Friary Church, Kildare Town. See church notice board for details.

VENERABLE MATT TALBOT CENTENARY WEEKEND SERVICES: Friday June 6th to Sunday June 8th. Details to follow.

ST OLIVER PLUNKETT PILGRIMAGES TO LOUGH DERG 2025. See church notice board for details.

RETREATS NIGHTS IN LENT, MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD CHURCH,
www.cabraparish.ie

- Retreat for Men, Wednesday 19th March, 7pm, Feast of St Joseph
- Retreat for Women, Tuesday 25th March, 7pm, Feast of the Annunciation.

BARNARDOS NEED YOUR HELP! Administration Volunteer in our Head Office, Christchurch Square, ½ day per week, 9-1pm, preferably Wednesday, but negotiable. Additional information on application. Would suit a Volunteer with previous office/admin experience. Full training given. Apply with your CV to Lisa Tobin, Volunteer Co-ordinator, lisa.tobin@barnardos.ie

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - ROTA The rota for Ministers of the Word, covering March to May, is on the parish website. Copies are available in the Sacristy.