

## 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.

Phone: 01-6409601 Email: [parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie](mailto:parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie)

**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.

### CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX'S CANONISATION

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 11am-3pm, Carmelite Friary Church, Kildare Town.

See church notice board for details.

### VENERABLE MATT TALBOT CENTENARY WEEKEND SERVICES

Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.

**SEVEN LAST WORDS ON THE CROSS** - BY JOSEPH HAYDEN. Our Lady's Choral Society, RTE Concert Orchestra and soloists, Merchant's Quay Church, Sat 12<sup>th</sup> April, 4pm. 1 hour long, tickets €22.50 from [eventbrite.ie](http://eventbrite.ie)



# OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PARISHES OF  
ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE, LAUREL LODGE  
AND ST MOCHTA'S PORTERSTOWN.

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**30 MARCH 2025**

**THE JOY OF GOD IS IN FORGIVING!** The joy of a father welcoming home the son who was lost, who was as though dead and has come back to life, who has come home. Here is the entire Gospel! All of Christianity, is here! Mercy is the true force that can save humanity and the world from the "cancer" that is sin, moral evil, spiritual evil. Only love fills the void, the negative chasms that evil opens in hearts and in history. Only love can do this, and this is God's joy!

Each one of us is that son who has squandered his freedom on false idols, illusions of happiness, and has lost everything. But God does not forget us, the Father never abandons us. He is a patient father, always waiting for us. He respects our freedom, but he remains faithful forever. And when we come back to him, he welcomes us like children into his house, for he never ceases, not for one instant, to wait for us with love. And his heart rejoices over every child who returns. He is celebrating because God has this joy when one of us sinners goes to him and asks his forgiveness.

What is the danger? It is that we presume we are righteous and judge others. We also judge God, because we think that he should punish sinners, condemn them to death, instead of forgiving. Then we risk staying outside the Father's house like the older brother in the parable, who rather than being content that his brother has returned, grows angry with the father who welcomes him and celebrates. If in our heart there is no mercy, no joy of forgiveness, we are not in communion with God, even if we observe all of his precepts, for it is love that saves, not the practice of precepts alone. *Pope Francis*

**KNOCK PILGRIMAGE – latest news! Parish Partnership Of Castleknock, Laurel Lodge And Porterstown - Pilgrimage To Knock Joining The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage - Saturday 26th April.** The pilgrimage will include the Sacrament of the Sick and our pilgrimage Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Farrell. A bus will be going from the churches in our parish partnership of Castleknock (collecting at 8am), Porterstown (8.15am) and Laurel Lodge (8.30am) - **please arrive early**. To register your interest, please email your name, telephone number and the number of people going to parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie , or phone 01 640 9601.

**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 our worship. Fr. Damian will lead this training.

**SYCAMORE** in St Mochta’s Parish Centre, Porterstown. Our last Sycamore evening in this series is this Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, at 7.30pm.

**LECTIO DIVINA** Spiritual reading, prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Next Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 10.30 to 11am in Our Lady’s Parish Centre, Castleknock.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION** - Next Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April in our church, from 10.30am to 5pm. All are welcome. There is also our usual weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour on Thursday 8 to 9pm.

**ETERNAL REST:** Please pray for the souls of Teresa Canavan whose funeral took place on Wednesday, and Carmel Leonard, whose funeral takes place on Monday. May the Lord grant them eternal rest. May the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all those who mourn.

**CRY OF THE EARTH: Latest developments:** Fingal County Council are supporting our project and creating a biodiversity-rich corner on the church edge of Auburn Avenue green. A variety of sensory plants and grasses there will enhance the pollinators’ food supply, and generate habitats for many species of insects and other creatures. Pupils from St Brigid’s 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 - it’s an area to be enjoyed by the community. We plan to increase planting too behind the courtyard cement pots, and create a haven for birds, bees, and insects, and

generate a variety of habitats. Fingal CC will plant shrubs and bushes to fill in any gaps. We request your support in creating this area for biodiversity where nature can grow and flourish.

**CASTLEKNOCK TIDY TOWNS – AGM** The AGM of Castleknock Tidy Towns will take place next Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock. It is an open invitation to all residents of Castleknock, and an opportunity to find out what is happening locally. There will also be a talk given by Mr. John Halley with a theme of *“Restoring Nature Restoring Ourselves”*.

**PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE – A JOURNEY WITH POPE FRANCIS.** Pilgrimage is an important component of a Jubilee year. Many travel abroad for pilgrimage, but a pilgrimage can also take place with the abundant Christian locations we have within our own Diocese. All details are on the designated ‘Jubilee 2025’ page on the Diocesan website – <https://dublindiocese.ie/jubilee2025> , and in the leaflets available on the table at the back of our church.

**SVP:** Society of St Vincent de Paul monthly collection takes place after all Masses this weekend, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March

**ANAM CARA** (Supporting Parents after Bereavement) : Camino de Santiago, 5-12 October. [fundraising@anamcara.ie](mailto:fundraising@anamcara.ie). Register by 31 March.

**FAMILY CARERS** Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland’s 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you, or for more info visit [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie).

**DUBLIN FLEADH 2025 10<sup>TH</sup> – 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY, DUBLIN 15 – '25 for 2025 free public events'**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 2-4pm: **‘Austin Joyce Memorial Set dancing workshop’** with Seán Murphy, Scoil Olibhéir, Coolmine, Dublin 15.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 1pm: **‘Hidden gems in the Phoenix Park Walk’** with Larry Healy

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025, 4pm: **‘Music in the Phoenix Park’**: Performance by Muintir Uí Bhreacáin at Phoenix Park Visitor Centre.

All events are free, but **booking is essential:**

email [dublinfleadhevents2025@gmail.com](mailto:dublinfleadhevents2025@gmail.com) or Whastapp 0872454143.

**PARISH CENTRE ACTIVITIES:** Tai Chi 6-week introductory term starting 1st April 2025, Tuesday, 8.15-9.45pm [www.taichiclassesdublin.com](http://www.taichiclassesdublin.com)

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