

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

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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.

Bereavement: -

“Saint Francis Grief Café” aims to create a safe place for people, who have been bereaved, to come and chat over a cup of tea/coffee with others who are also grieving. Grieving can often feel isolating, but when you meet others in your locality going through similar experiences, it can help you feel more understood and less alone. Please feel welcome to attend.

Members of our bereavement team will also be present to answer questions you might have or to talk about living with grief. Our Grief Café will run on the First Friday of every month from 10.00am to 11.30am in Blanchardstown Hospital. Please contact us on bereavement@sfh.ie or 01 832 7535 if you have any query or would like to attend.



OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

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

Domhnach Cásca - Easter Sunday
20TH APRIL 2025
Gach beannacht orainn go léir.

From the 'EXULTET' - the Easter Proclamation of the Resurrection of Christ

*"Exult... Be glad,
let earth be glad,
as glory floods her,
ablaze with light from her eternal King,
let all corners of the earth be glad,
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.
Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,
arrayed with the lightning of his glory...
This is the night,
when Christ broke the prison-bars of death
and rose victorious from the underworld...
The sanctifying power of this night
dispels wickedness, washes faults away,
restores innocence to the fallen,
and joy to mourners...
O truly blessed night, when things of heaven
are wed to those of earth,
and divine to the human...
Christ your Son, who,
coming back from death's domain,
has shed his peaceful light on humanity,
and lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen."*

OUR SINCERE THANKS: We owe an immense debt of gratitude to all who made our Holy Week, Triduum and Easter Celebrations so full and beautiful: those who distributed Easter Cards, those who made everything necessary ready for each celebration, those who put huge effort and attention to detail into the background preparations in the sacristy, the parish office and in the church building, our Ministers of the Word and of

Holy Communion, our Baptism Team, Collectors, our wonderful Folk Group, Family Mass Group and Parish Choir, those who animated our Children's Stations drama and Last Supper, those who led prayers at the Altar of Repose, tomb builders, willing volunteers, visiting priests at our Penitential Service and of course our own Fr Denis ... Thank you for giving glory to God and for helping us all to benefit from the life giving grace that flows to us in and through the Liturgy. May the peace breathed by the Risen Christ upon the disciples in the Upper Room anchor you and fill you with joy. - - - **Fr Damian**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Divine Mercy Sunday devotions will be hosted in our Deanery again by our friends in St Philip the Apostle Church in Mountview next Sunday 27th April starting at 3pm. The Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed followed by Mass at 4.30pm. All are very welcome.

PARISH PARTNERSHIP PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK NEXT SATURDAY 26TH APRIL.

LAST FEW PLACES REMAINING! The pilgrimage includes the Sacrament of the Sick and pilgrimage Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Farrell. A bus is going from the churches in our parish partnership of Castleknock (collecting at 8am), Porterstown (8.15am) and Laurel Lodge (8.30am) - **please arrive early**. There are stops for light refreshments in The Radisson Blu, Athlone, on the way to Knock and also on the way back. Return times that evening will be approximately Laurel Lodge 8pm, Porterstown 8.15pm and Castleknock 8.30pm. The price per person is €50, including these refreshments. To book your seat, please email your name, telephone number and the number of people going to parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie, or phone 01 640 9601. Please pay by dropping an envelope marked Knock Pilgrimage into the sacristy or parish office, with your name and number. All age groups are very welcome.

LECTIO DIVINA Prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Wednesday 23rd April from 10.30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock.

CRY OF THE EARTH: Latest: 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 recently planted there will enhance pollinators' food supply and generate habitats for many species of insects and other creatures. Pupils from St Brigid's are involved in planting. We will increase planting too behind the courtyard cement pots, and create a haven for birds, bees, and insects. 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. **Please visit this new and beautiful environment.**

DUBLIN FLEADH 2025 - - - Free public events: -

- **Sunday 27th April, 1-2.30pm:** 'Vocal Care and Technique Workshop' with Mary Flaherty, Castaheaney Educate Together National School, Ongar Village, D15 AE61
- **Sunday 27th April, 2.45pm-5.30pm:** 'Singing Workshops' with Caoimhe Blennerhassett (workshop for children in Irish/ English), Mary Blennerhassett (workshop for adults in Irish/English), and Brian Arkins (workshop for adults in English), Castaheaney Educate Together National School, Ongar Village, D15 AE61
- **Tuesday 29th April, 7pm:** Fleadh 2025 Lecture: 'Tuning the Radio - A look at traditional Irish music broadcasting from 1926' with Peter Browne, Church of Ireland, Castleknock, D15 P954.
- **Admission free. Booking essential at** dublinfleadhevents2025@gmail.com or text 087-245-4143.

ROSARY RALLY: SATURDAY 10TH MAY, 4PM – IRELAND NEEDS FATIMA
Millennium Park Gate, Blakestown Roundabout, Blanchardstown. Join us in a Rosary Rally (one of over 560 in the country!)

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.

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.

BARNARDOS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Barnardos are looking for volunteers for specific events, such as Riverdance-aton, Gaiety Theatre, 19th June; Barnardos Giving Day, Liffey Valley, 19th September. Please email lisa.tobin@barnardos.ie to register your interest. See church notice board for details.

Donations received for Good Shepherd Nuns in Maymar (Earthquake): From the Tea/Coffee Group €205. From local Aontú Members €550. Greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Fr Damian, for the "Our sincere thanks" message above.