

CHURCH SERVICES

The Eucharist

Sunday: Saturday Vigil 6 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 12.15 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Weekday: Monday to Friday 10 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

After 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. Mass on Saturday and on request.

Baptism

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 1 p.m.
1 month's notice required. Book a baptism at the sacristy or parish office.
Preparation meeting, 1st Thursday of the month, 8 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

Marriage

By arrangement with one of the Priests.
A minimum notice of 3 months is required.

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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 sent by email to ourladysparish@gmail.com
Written notices may be handed in to the Parish Office during office opening hours.
Deadline for submissions is Thursday evening.



OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK, DUBLIN 15

**1st Sunday of Lent
10th March 2019**

Immediately after his baptism in the river Jordan and as he was about to embark on his public ministry, Jesus spends 40 days in the desert or wilderness. During this time of aloneness he experienced temptation. The temptations aim at luring him away from trust and faith in God. They seek to undermine his mission even as he is beginning it. Calling on his inner strength and conviction, Jesus successfully withstands the wiles of the devil.

Temptation is part and parcel of our human experience. The Good News we hear today is that we are not alone in our struggles. God is with us. With God's grace we can conquer our fears and the temptations that seek to distract us and take us away from authentic Christian living.

Lent is a time for recognising our need for God. The God who loves and redeems us in Jesus is the God who knows and understands our human weaknesses. He is a God of mercy and compassion. He not only forgives our sins, he presents us with ample opportunity to begin afresh or anew, no matter how many times we stumble and fall.

As we begin our Lenten season and our time of preparation for Easter, we call on God to give us strength to resist whatever evils may tempt us in life. We repent of past sins and call on God's grace to help us in our Christian living. Like Jesus, may we remain faithful to the mission entrusted to us as we journey through this earthly life on our way to the fullness of life promised to us with God in heaven.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent

Every Friday from 10.30 a.m. to 7.15 p.m. during Lent. Why not come along and spend some time in prayer with the Lord during Lent?

Lenten Book Club

A book club for Lent meeting on Wednesdays in the Parish Centre from 8 to 9 p.m. commencing on Wednesday 13th March. The book is the Exhortation published last year by Pope Francis entitled *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and be Glad). It's a short 80 page read on the call to holiness in today's world. Copies of the book will be available on the first night for €4.99. This will be an introductory night with a chapter of the book being discussed on each of the following Wednesday evenings of Lent. The dates are Wednesday 13th, 20th, 27th March and 3rd, 10th, 17th April. All are welcome.

Trócaire Boxes

Trócaire Lenten boxes are available on the table in the Church. Please take one if you wish to have a box in your home during Lent. You may return the box at Easter.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Friday 13th to Saturday 21st September 2019. 3 nights in Tiberias and 5 nights in Jerusalem. Half Board. Visiting many of the biblical sites associated with the life of Jesus. Cost is €1825 per person sharing. Information sheet and booking forms available in the Parish Office.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Thursday 20th to Tuesday 25th June 2019. 5 nights. Masses and visits to the Grotto, Baths, Stations of the Cross, Participation in Blessed Sacrament and Torchlight processions and optional trips to places associated with St. Bernadette. Full Board. Cost: €799. Booking forms from the Parish Office.

Castleknock Tidy Towns

After a gap of 18 years, a group of interested local residents is planning to resurrect **Castleknock Tidy Towns** once again. We are interested in people volunteering together to make a practical and visible difference within the village. We have planned a meeting to launch the initiative on **Wednesday 20th March at 7.30 p.m. in Myos Pub**. Hope to see you there. Contact castleknocktidytowns@gmail.com for information.

Castleknock Community College

Castleknock Community College wish to invite parents of 5th Class pupils to our information afternoon and evening on Wednesday 13th March. Details available on the CCC website www.castleknockccc.ie

Mount Sackville Secondary School – Fashion Show

Wednesday 20th March at 7pm in the school gym hall. In aid of RESPECT, which provides support and funding to improve the lives of people with intellectual disability within the Daughters of Charity Disability Support Services. Clelia Murphy from Fair City and Dancing with the Stars will be hosting the event. Tickets €15 from the School Office, RESPECT at 01-6856502 or online at www.respect.ie

Blanchardstown St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday 17th March at 3pm Parade Route is Castleknock Road, Main Street, Snugborough Road, West End, Town Centre. Traffic Restrictions on Castleknock Road from 11am to 4pm on Sunday 17th.

Child Safeguarding and Protection:

The committee continues to oversee the implementation of diocesan policy and practice re. this important matter, and wishes to remind parishioners, especially volunteers, of a number of salient points in this regard.

- All volunteers must be Garda vetted, and – in addition – prospective volunteers must complete an application form.
- All volunteers, especially group leaders, must attend a safeguarding / information session, as appropriate, every 3 years.
- A copy of the Diocesan Safeguarding Statement, together with details of those to contact in the event of a concern arising in this area, can be viewed in the Church Porch and the Parish Centre.

Further information on policy and procedures, including full details of safeguarding requirements for volunteers / the code of conduct expected of them, can be viewed on the diocesan website <http://www.dublindiocese.ie>