

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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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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11th February 2018

160 years ago this Sunday, on 11th February 1858, St. Bernadette had the first of the apparitions of Our Lady at the grotto in Lourdes. Since then Lourdes has become a great place of pilgrimage and is especially associated with the sick. Thousands travel to Lourdes each year to seek healing and comfort in their illnesses.

In 1992 St. John Paul II initiated World Day of the Sick and made it a universal day of prayer throughout the Catholic Church, to be celebrated each year on 11th February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Healing the sick and people with all kinds of disabilities was an integral part of the ministry of Jesus. In today's Gospel Jesus heals a leper of his disease. Lepers were outcasts, required to live apart from the community so as not to infect others. To contract leprosy meant not only acquiring a disease but also losing one's family and friends. The significance of Jesus reaching out and actually touching the leper and curing him would have resonated deeply with the followers of Jesus. Jesus not only freed the man of the affliction of his disease, he also enabled him to return to his family and community.

Today we remember in prayer those who are sick amongst us in our own parish community. We pray too for all who care for the sick and who reflect the compassionate face of Jesus in assisting those who are sick. May the healing presence of Jesus be with all who are sick and may they experience God's comfort in their time of illness.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

World Day of the Sick – Sunday 11th February

Mass with Anointing of the Sick celebrated by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin in St. Agnes Church, Crumlin, Dublin 12 on Sunday 11th February at 3 p.m. All are welcome.

Ash Wednesday – 14th February – Beginning of Lent

Mass at 7.15 a.m., 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Blessing and distribution of ashes at all Masses. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Early Mass during Lent

There will be Mass at **7.15 a.m.** Monday to Friday during Lent.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent

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

Trócaire

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

Celebrating St. Valentine's Day – 14th February

Pope Francis has asked us to think about celebrating St. Valentine's Day in a more meaningful way. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the importance of romantic love by "*gifting time and attention to one another*". The World Meeting of Families 2018 has produced free tokens that people can gift to their loved ones. Tokens are available at Mass this weekend.

Catholic Grandparents Association Castleknock (CGAC)

The next meeting of the CGAC will take place on **Tuesday 13th February** 2018, in the Parish Centre at 10.30am.

Items on the Agenda will include the following:

- Feedback on the recent talk by Mary Kearns
- Discussion on the future plans of the CGAC

All Grandparents welcome.

For further information please contact: 086 374 8825.

Set Dancing

Set Dancing classes are held every Tuesday at 8.15pm in the Castleknock Parish Centre. Set dancing and a little bit of line dancing. We extend a warm welcome to all.

Let's Talk Family – A Programme for Lent

In preparation for the World Meeting of Families 2018, our parish is hosting a six session conversation on the family. It will take place in the Parish Centre on Wednesday evenings during Lent. Each session will be from 8 to 9.30 p.m. All are welcome. The topics are as follows.

- Wed 21st February: The Reality of Family Life Today
- Wed 28th February: The Christian Vision for the Family
- Wed 7th March: God's Dream for Love
- Wed 14th March: Married Love Growing to Maturity
- Wed 21st March: God's Mercy - No One Excluded
- Wed 28th March: A Gospel of Hope for our Families

World Meeting of Families 2018

Registration is now open for this event which takes place in Dublin in August 2018. Volunteers are also welcome.

See www.worldmeeting2018.ie for further information.

The Priory Institute – On-line Theology course

Study theology by distance learning, attend lectures in Tallaght or from your own home. Join us this Spring. Register by 27th February. Phone 01-4048124 or see www.prioryinstitute.com

Central Remedial Clinic

Annual Art Exhibition on Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th February, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Central Remedial Clinic, Clontarf.

Scoil Mhuire - Enrolling for September 2018

Scoil Mhuire, Mount Sackville N.S. is now enrolling for Junior Infants, September 2018. Please call the office - 01 8213105

Anam Cara

Anam Cara is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wednesday 21st February at 7:30pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. If interested, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday 20th February or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

Dublin 15 Toastmasters are holding a special visitor's open meeting on Wednesday 21st February 2018 in St Mochta's Parish Pastoral Centre, Porterstown.