

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

4th Sunday of Easter 12th May 2019

The 4th Sunday of Easter is sometimes referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. The reason for this is very straightforward. The Gospel for this Sunday always features an account of Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

The Good Shepherd is a familiar biblical image. The shepherd is the one who watches out for the flock, tries to keep them together, ensures they are adequately fed and watered, and protects them from danger. The true shepherd always has the welfare of the flock at heart. The image of the Good Shepherd speaks of God's care and concern for his people.

Traditionally on this Sunday we are invited to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Every time and era needs its dedicated spiritual leaders to encourage and support God's people in living their lives as disciples of Jesus, to offer the sacrifice of the Mass, to be ministers of God's grace and compassion, and to be a visible presence of God's abiding love for his people.

The current social climate is far less supportive of a decision to go forward for priesthood than in years gone by. It is more important than ever that we continue to pray for those preparing for priesthood at this time. We pray too that those considering a call to priesthood will have the courage to answer that call. On a personal note I have to express my appreciation for the wonderful support that people have given me over my years of priesthood. It has certainly sustained me and continues to enable me to be a priest in Dublin today. Thank you.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

Service of Light for Confirmation

This Tuesday 14th May during 7.30 p.m. Mass for candidates from St. Brigid's N.S.

First Holy Communion

Next Saturday 18th May at 11 a.m. – Pupils from St. Brigid's N.S. (*Ms Stokes & Ms Murphy*)

Next Sunday 19th May at 11 a.m. – Pupils from Our Lady's RE Class

Ministry Sunday

Next weekend, 18th/19th May, we will for the first time hold a new collection in Dublin which will be called the *Ministry Sunday Collection*. This new annual collection will replace the Share Collection and will be devoted to support the building up of new forms of lay ministry in our parishes. The work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus in our changing religious culture will require more lay men and women working in various ways alongside our priests at the heart of parish communities. While many of those involved will be volunteers, we will have to equip and train leaders and provide facilities for formation. We want to work towards a situation where all parishes in this Archdiocese benefit from their gifts and expertise.

St. Francis Hospice

Church gate collection **this weekend, 11th/12th May**. Thank you for your support.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

The parishes of Castleknock, Laurel Lodge and Porterstown are together organising a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from **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. 35 people booked in to date. Contact the Parish Office for a booking form.

Lough Derg

One day retreats available during May. Details at www.loughderg.org

Priory Institute, Tallaght, Dublin 24

A Dominican Centre for Theological Studies. Open Day on **next Saturday 18th May** from 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Study theology by distance learning. Come and meet staff and students. More information at www.prioryinstitute.com or by phone at 01-4048124.

National Vocations Office

Come and See Vocations Retreat. A look into the life of priesthood. **18th/19th May** in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. For more details email info@vocations.ie

Thank you - Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday on 28 April was a great success. Thanks especially to the three priests of the parish, Fr. Kieran, Fr. Denis and Fr. Diarmuid. There was a great turnout and thanks also to everyone involved.

Castleknock Community College

Plant sale on **this Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th May** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Large Ceramic Pots on Special Offer this year only! Summer Bedding Plants, Herbs, Hanging Baskets, Window Boxes, Tubs and Shrubs, Wooden, Ceramic and Terracotta Garden Accessories, Coffee Shop, Cake Sale. Debit and Credit Card Facility available.

Castleknock Tidy Towns

Saturday Morning Clean Ups, 10am to 12 noon, every week from now until the Autumn. Meet us in Myo's car park and join us for a cuppa afterwards (kindly provided by the Silver Spoon cafe).

Art & Crafts Exhibition

Presented by Castleknock Art Group in the Church of Ireland Parish Centre, Main Street, Castleknock. Opening Friday 24th May at 7 p.m. Open Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th May. All Proceeds will go to Jigsaw D15 (Supporting Young People's Mental Health).

St. Brigid's GAA Club

Club Nursery every Saturday for 4-7-year-old boys and girls from 9.30am - 11.00am. Bookings for Summer camps now open.