

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

The Baptism of the Lord 13th January 2019

This Sunday we recall the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan by John the Baptist. It was a significant moment in the life of Jesus. It marks the transition point between his hidden life in Nazareth of which we know almost nothing and his public ministry to the people of Israel that is recorded in great detail in the Gospels.

The baptism of Jesus is presented in the Scriptures as the official beginning of the ministry of Jesus. The accounts of the Baptism clearly attest to an understanding of Jesus as the anointed one of God and give legitimacy to his subsequent preaching and teaching.

Our own baptism into the Christian faith is a significant moment in our lives when we are formally welcomed into the Christian family. As most of us were baptised as infants we unfortunately have no memory of this event in our lives and no sense of occasion to treasure and reflect on. This is in stark contrast to the baptism of an adult where the decision to accept the salvation offered in Jesus and to live as a Christian is clearly seen as a decisive moment in a person's life journey.

Today we are invited to reflect on the meaning of baptism in our own lives. What does it mean to accept the gift of salvation and be a disciple of Jesus? What implications does it have for my life and how I live it? Remember too the Holy Spirit of God who is gifted to us in Baptism and Confirmation to assist us in living out our baptismal commitment and in giving witness to the God who saves us.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

Prayer in the style of Taize

Take some time for prayer and reflection. Monday 14th January at 8.15 p.m. (after evening Mass) until 9 p.m. All are welcome.

Altar Servers. All boys and girls who have received their First Holy Communion are invited to be altar servers in our parish. Enrolment and training for new altar servers will start soon. Please contact Cecily at 087-2324398 if you are interested.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This takes place from 18th to 25th January each year and begins this year on Friday next. The theme is one of justice. As Christians we are called to form a united witness for justice and to be a means of Christ's healing grace for a fractured world.

World Youth Day - 22nd to 27th January in Panama

Calling all Youth and Young adults aged 16-29! Dare to say yes (Luke 1:38) Creating the best parts of World Youth Day here in Dublin for those who can't go. It will be a celebration of faith, we'll live stream the Pope's talks and Homilies, and we'll have music, workshops, drama, food, fun & fellowship. Where: The Emmaus Centre, Swords, Co. Dublin

When: From 5 pm Saturday 26th to 5 pm Sunday 27th January (*Bring your sleeping bags!*) €15 per person (incl.: evening meal, breakfast, lunch Tea + Coffee)

How to Book: www.emmauscentre.ie/programme/wyd

For more information: Contact us at wydathome@dublindiocese.ie or follow us on Facebook: WYD @ Home - Panama in Dublin

St. Francis Hospice Car draw. Tickets for the draw which takes place on Thursday 24th January in the Blanchardstown Centre will be on sale outside the Church after Masses next weekend.

St. Mochta's Panto Players

Presenting ALADDIN in the Parish Pastoral Centre, Porterstown on the 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th January. 3 Evening Shows at 7.30pm and 2 Matinee performances at 2.30pm. Tickets are available at Porterstown Parish Office and after Mass in Porterstown. Adult €10, Child €5.

Pilgrimages 2019. The parishes of Castleknock, Laurel lodge and Porterstown are working together to organise two pilgrimages in 2019.

- **Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** Thursday 20th to Tuesday 25th June 2019. Five 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 and Cite St. Pierre. Flights, transfers, hotel full board, tips, all-inclusive €799. A deposit of €200 will confirm your place on this Pilgrimage. Booking enquiries and forms are available from the Parish Office.

- **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.** Friday 13th to Saturday 21st September 2019 for 8 nights. Visiting Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Jerusalem and other biblical sites and places associated with Jesus. Flights, coach, guide, dinner B&B. Detailed information and booking forms available later this month.

Special Notes:-

- **Christmas Dues.** Thanks to all parishioners who sent in Christmas Offerings which support the priests of the parish.
- **Morning Mass:** A large crowd of parishioners attend Holy Mass every weekday morning, Monday to Friday.
- **Unbroken Prayer.** The Holy Rosary is recited every day after the 10.00 am and 7.00 pm Mass, Monday to Friday.
- **Catholic Grandparents Association.** The Members were very happy with the Baminelli Initiative which was held on Laudate Sunday. They are now planning a special programme of events for 2019. More information later.
- **The Local Pro-Life Group** continues to liaise with Gianna Care to provide practical help for women in crisis pregnancy.
- **Beginners' Pilates** class every Thursday morning at 10am in Our Lady's Parish Centre. Please contact Helen on 0873579565 or email helen@bppilates.com
- **St Brigid's GAA:** Our Club Nursery will resume this Saturday, 12th January at 9.30am. All 4-7 year old boys and girls are welcome to come down and join in the fun!
- **Medugorje Event** in St. Fintan's Parish Church, Sutton, Dublin at **7.30 pm on Thursday, January 31st 2019.** The event will consist of an evening of prayer, rosary, Mass, adoration and benediction. For more information contact Maureen Maher on 0872073406.
- **Castleknock ICA** will hold Laughter Yoga by Mary Walsh on Monday 14th January at 8.15pm in Parish Centre Beechpark Lawn

St. Brigid's NS – Enrolment for Junior Infant Classes 2019

Parents who wish to have a child enrolled in Junior Infant Classes in St. Brigid's NS for September 2019 are asked to hand in the following documents:

- Child's PPS Number
- Child's birth certificate,
- Two recent utility bills with current address, e.g. Electric, Gas, Land-line phone, etc.
- Any relevant reports (Medical, psychological, etc.)

to the **school enquiries office** by January 25th, 2019. Places will then be allocated in accordance with the school Enrolment Policy. Further information is available from the school office at (01) 8214040 or from the school web site www.saintbrigids.ie