

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 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

Passion (Palm) Sunday 14th April 2019

We are now beginning Holy Week. This is the most important week in the Church calendar. Over the coming days we recall the final events in the earthly life of Jesus. These events are central to our Christian faith.

On *Holy Thursday* evening we celebrate the Lord's Supper. In this last meal with the 12 apostles, Jesus institutes the Eucharist. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist we do so in fidelity to Jesus who commanded us to "*do this in memory of me*". In washing the feet of the apostles during the meal, Jesus gives us an example of loving service to one another, which he invites us to imitate in our own lives.

On *Good Friday* we mark the final hours of the life of Jesus. We pray the Stations of the Cross, remembering moments on his final journey of agony from condemnation in Jerusalem to crucifixion on Calvary. In the Passion ceremony we venerate the cross as a sign of our esteem for the cross on which Jesus gave his life for the salvation of the world.

On *Holy Saturday* we gather in the dark of the evening for the Easter Vigil, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, the light of the world. We rejoice in the risen Jesus. For us as Christian people, there is the joy of knowing that we too will rise one day to a new life of glory with God.

If at all possible, please do participate in the liturgies of these coming days in recognition of the eternal salvation given to us through Jesus.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

Holy Week

The Easter card with the Holy Week timetable is being distributed to homes in the parish. Copies are available on the table at the back of the Church. The timetable is also on the parish website.

Service of Reconciliation for Easter

Tuesday 16th April at 8 p.m. A communal preparation with examination of conscience followed by individual confession. There will be some visiting priests for confession on the night. All are welcome.

Good Friday – Ecumenical Walk of Witness

Our parish is joining with fellow Christians from Castleknock Church of Ireland parish and our neighbours in Laurel Lodge parish to walk with a cross as a visible sign of witness to commemorate the death of Jesus who gave his life for us on the cross. The walk takes approximately one hour. It begins in Laurel Lodge Church at 10 a.m. and makes its way to our Church and then concludes with final prayers in St. Brigid's Church of Ireland. All are welcome.

Lenten Book Club. A book club for Lent meeting on Wednesdays in the Parish Centre from 8 to 9 p.m. The book is the Exhortation published last year by Pope Francis entitled Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and be Glad) on the call to holiness in today's world. The final meeting is this Wednesday 17th April. All are welcome.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The annual Advocate Collection that supports summer holidays for children in Sunshine House, Balbriggan takes place outside the Church this weekend, 13th/14th April.

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock. Saturday 27th April led by Archbishop D. Martin. Activities start at 11 a.m. and conclude after the closing Mass in the basilica at 3 p.m. All are welcome to join the pilgrimage in this 140th year since the apparition in 1879.

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.

Irish Deaf Society

The Irish Deaf Society wish to thank all those who contributed and the ladies who helped collect at last weekend's Church Gate collection - €768 was raised.

Catholic Grandparents Association - Castleknock.

Visiting Clonmacnoise (The story of how the Irish helped to save civilisation) on Thursday April 25th (Easter Week). Clonmacnoise is an ancient monastic site near Shannonbridge, County Offaly. It was founded by St Ciaran in the mid-6th century and it became a great centre of religion and learning and has been visited by scholars from all over the world. The Grandparents Association is organising a day trip to visit this truly historic site of Clonmacnoise. Arrangements are now in place. On the 25th April we will travel by bus to Athlone and then take a boat and sail up the Shannon, as the Vikings did, to Clonmacnoise. We will have Mass at the site. Join us please. All are welcome, including grandchildren. It is a great opportunity to share a special day out with our young people. Cost €45. There is a special rate for grandchildren. Just over 30 (including grandchildren) intend going just now. But there is room for many more on the bus and boat for this exciting and inspiring day out. For more details contact Dónal (087.246.1916) or Anne (086.360.9473).

Divine Mercy Sunday - 28th April

Devotions start at 3 p.m. Blessing of Divine Mercy image, recitation of Chaplet, reading from diary of St. Faustina, Rosary, Adoration, Benediction; Confession available. Devotions will conclude with Mass at 6 p.m. A Novena of Chaplets should be recited in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, starting on Good Friday, 19th April.

Castleknock ICA Guild extend a warm invite to all past members to come along to The Parish Centre on May 13th at 8.15pm to celebrate its 21st Birthday. R.S.V.P by the 25/04/19 to any of the following:-

Caroline 0872302045	Mary 0863673565	Agnes 0863755960
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Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 17th April at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. For more information see anamcara.ie or call our Information Line on 085 2888 888.