

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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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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th September 2019

This Sunday we read the familiar parable of the Prodigal Son. It's a parable rich in symbolism and meaning. The three main characters, the father, the younger son and the older son, all invite us in different ways to look into our hearts and reflect on the kind of people we are.

The younger son dominates the opening part of the parable. He has everything. He lives solely for the pleasures of the present moment. His relationships are shallow. Only when he falls on hard times does he come to realise that he has to change. There are times too in our own lives when we lose the run of ourselves. Often it takes something serious to happen to bring us to our senses and a change of behaviour.

The father is a symbol of unconditional love. He clearly loves his younger son. While he gives him the freedom to live as he chooses, he is unhappy with the choices that his son makes. Like many a parent he longs for his wayward child to return. When he sees him returning he is overcome with joy. He cannot but celebrate this moment.

The older son is the loyal and dutiful one, faithful to the father over the years. But he is resentful and judgmental and bitter at the welcome given to his younger brother on his return. He feels hard done by. We too can be hard-hearted at times, holding on to grudges, reluctant to let go of things and unwilling to forgive.

What message does this parable hold for you today?

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

Volunteer Sunday - 15th September

Our parish is blessed with many volunteers who contribute in a whole variety of ways to the life and liturgy of the parish. Many parish groups and activities now need new volunteers. On Sunday 15th September we will be asking people to visit the Parish Centre after Masses. Representatives from many groups will be present to meet people and tell them about what they do. Perhaps you might consider joining one of the groups or activities and making your own meaningful contribution to the life of our parish?

Lough Derg (www.loughderg.org)

One Day Retreats are available on selected dates until 29th September. Fasting and going barefoot are not required. For bookings or further information telephone Maureen or Lorraine on 071-9861518 or email info@loughderg.org

Culture Night 2019

Join us in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe on Friday 20th September for Culture Night between 6.30 and 9.30 p.m. Clonliffe was a vibrant seminary for 160 years. Archivist Noelle Dowling will show how the college and its residents fared from formation to debating, theological studies to clerical garb. Come and see the paintings of Fr. Jack Hanlon, presented by Fr. Damian McNeice, with talks at 6.45 & 7.45 p.m. Finish your evening in Clonliffe College Church from 8.15 p.m. with music presented by students from the Emmanuel & Laudate School Programmes and the Dublin Diocesan Music Group directed by Fr. Pat O'Donoghue.

St. Francis Xavier N.S.

CLEANER required for primary school in Dublin 15. Reliable, motivated person needed to join our team. Part-time afternoon position. Flexibility required. Strict compliance with school Child Protection Policy. Position subject to Garda Vetting. Send CV and cover letter to St. Francis Xavier Senior School, Roselawn Glade, Dublin 15. Closing date for applications is Friday 27th September at 12 noon. St Francis Xavier Senior School is an equal opportunities employer.

Hartstown Community School

Enrolment for Autumn 2019 evening classes takes place on Monday 16th September in the school from 7 to 9 p.m. Enrolment also online at www.hartstown-cep.com or by phone at 01-8209863. Classes begin on 30th September.

Castleknock Tidy Towns

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

St Brigid's GAA

Our Annual 5km Run, kindly sponsored by Jones Engineering, takes place this Sunday morning (September 15th). Booking link is open on our Club website. It's only €11 to enter with great prizes on offer as well as the option of a team race!

Super Championship wins for our Senior Hurlers against St Jude's and both Minor Football teams. Our Senior Hurlers now face Na Fianna in the Championship Q-finals in 2 weeks time.

Irish Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in all public hospitals nationwide. Volunteers will need their own car but all expenses are paid. If you have 2 free days a month (Mon-Fri) and an active email address, we would love to hear from you. Please call Laura on 01 2310 594, email transport@irishcancer.ie or go to www.cancer.ie for more information.

Please note that all drivers get their expenses back (0.24 cents per km, €8 towards some food and all road tolls are paid) and the service is completely free to the patient.

Castleknock ICA Open Night on Monday 16th September 2019 to launch New programme. New members especially welcome. Venue: Our Lady's Parish Centre, Beechpark Avenue. Time: 8.15 pm. Contact 087 171 2008 for more details.

Dublin 15 Toastmasters invites you to visit our fun public speaking club on Wednesday 18th September at 7.45pm in St Mochta's Parochial Centre, Porterstown. You will be warmly welcomed and you don't have to speak!! Admission is free. Contact Ahmad on 086 233 5871.

Emily's Spin for LauraLynn

Family fun-day in aid of LauraLynn children's hospice takes place in St Brigid's GAA club on September 29th September at 1.00pm. Lots of fun for all the family: pet party, carnival games, barbeque, face painting, nail art & hair braiding, Superhero guest appearance and much, much more!