

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st September 2019

This Sunday is a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It is surely an opportune time for us to reflect on our responsibilities as human beings for planet Earth. We are the custodians of our planet and the stewards of God's creation. We have a duty to care for and look after the environment in which we live and which sustains our very existence.

In more recent times there is a growing awareness of the harm that is caused by human activity to our environment. Issues such as climate change, global warming, rising sea levels, carbon emissions, the use of plastics, the destruction of the Amazon rain forests, have become staple features of conversation. Civil and political leaders are becoming ever more aware that they need to be pro-active in managing these issues for the wellbeing of our planet and all who live on it.

Pope Francis in his 2015 encyclical letter *Laudato Si* encourages us as Christian people to be mindful and respectful of creation. It is not only God's gift to us but we ourselves are the fruits of God's creative work. On a global level we as individuals may not be able to do much to effect change. But we can surely examine and take responsibility for our own personal behaviour. Small things like recycling properly, avoiding single use plastics and reducing our energy consumption can all make a difference. As we thank God for the beauty of creation and the world in which we live, let us pray for wisdom and discernment as to how we can better protect and safeguard our planet at this time and also for the future enjoyment of the generations yet to come.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

Crosscare – Social Support Agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin

The annual collection for the support of our Community, Homeless and Youth Services takes place at all Masses this weekend, 31st August/1st September. It replaces the usual Share collection at the offertory of our Mass. Your generous support will be greatly appreciated.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group. Divine Mercy resumes on Tuesday 3rd September at 8 p.m. in the Coffee Dock in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

First Friday – 6th September. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.30am to 7.15pm. Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick available during 7.30 pm. Mass.

Catholic Grandparents Association. Special Grandparents' Day in Knock. Annual pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 8th Sept. Bus going from Castleknock parish. To book a seat contact Donal at 087-2461916 or John at 086-2346147.

St. Mary's Church, Clonsilla. Ecumenical Remembrance Service and Blessing of Graves on Sunday 8th September at 3 p.m. All are welcome.

Volunteer Sunday - 15th September. A Special Parish Event.

Our parish depends on many volunteers who contribute in a variety of ways to the life 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 and consider offering to join some of the parish groups and activities. In doing so you can play your part in enhancing the life and liturgy of our parish. Full details of the various groups will be made available next week. Please consider becoming a volunteer in one of the groups.

St. Louise's Centre, Glenmaroon. We are looking for a volunteer sacristan for our weekly Mass at 3 p.m. each Saturday. If you are interested and can give an hour of your time on Saturdays to set up and clear up after Mass, please contact Michael Stokes, the service manager, on 086-3582134.

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 071-9851518 or email info@loughderg.org

ARC Cancer Support Services. Offering professional support, counselling and complimentary therapies. We are looking for volunteers for our Drop in Centres on the South Circular Road. Training will be provided. Email linda@arccancersupport.ie or phone 01-7078880

Rota. The rota for Ministers of the Word for Sept, October and November is available for collection from the Sacristy and is on the Parish website

Religious Education and Adult Faith Courses.

(a) Faith for Life is an adult faith course designed to help you to discover new ways to live out your faith in the reality of today's world. The course is taught over four weekends. The process includes teaching, personal and group reflection, prayer and liturgy. Participants are required to attend all four weekends. This course is designed and delivered through a partnership agreement between the Archdiocese of Dublin and the Archdiocese of Liverpool. The course will start in October. For more information please email rlavelle@dublindioocese.ie or see evangelisation@dublindioocese.ie

(b) Pathways: Exploring Faith as an Adult: *Pathways* is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9.30pm in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road. Late September 2019 to May 2020. Contact *Pathways* Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01-8087594 or email pathways@dublindioocese.ie or www.evangelisation.ie

(c) Courses in Pastoral Liturgy and Ministry: The National Centre for Liturgy, St Patrick's College, Maynooth offers four Modules in the first semester of the academic year 2019-20. What is Liturgy?; The Church's Year; Christian Initiation - Order of the Christian Initiation of Adults; Scripture and Liturgy - Ministers, Proclamation, Books. Lectures will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, morning and afternoon, from 10am to 4pm. For more information phone 01-7083478 or email liturgy@spcm.ie or visit www.liturgy-ireland.ie

(d) Study Theology in DCU: MA in Theology. A flexible part-time programme and full-time also, offered on Thursdays only beginning in late September. Please contact Dr. Joseph Rivera by email at joseph.rivera@dcu.ie for more information.