

## 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

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 1 p.m.  
1 month's notice required. Book a baptism at the sacristy or parish office.  
Preparation meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> 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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**Parish Website** – [www.castleknockparish.ie](http://www.castleknockparish.ie)

**Parish Newsletter** – Notices may be sent by email to [ourladysparish@gmail.com](mailto: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

### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

The season of Lent, our time of preparation for Easter, commences this week with Ash Wednesday. There are a few days left now before it begins to give a little thought as to what we might do during Lent.

Lent aims to help us appreciate the wonderful gift of salvation that Jesus Christ gave us through his life, death and resurrection. In his earthly life Jesus shows us the potential for good in every human person and has shown us how we can truly live it. In his dying on the cross Jesus bore the sins of all humanity as he made the ultimate sacrifice. In his resurrection Jesus promises all those who live and die believing in him a place with him in the glory of God in heaven.

When we put the ashes on our foreheads on Wednesday next we will be invited to "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." This sets the tone for the Lenten season. We are challenged to reflect on our behaviour in the light of the Gospel commandment to love God and neighbour and to amend it for the better where necessary.

The three traditional Lenten practices, which go back to biblical times, are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. They are tried and tested methods for doing penance and for helping us gain a better insight into God's love for us, our response to that love, and how we live it in our everyday lives. Perhaps it's worth thinking about how you might incorporate these three elements into your daily routine for the season of Lent.

*Fr. Kieran Coghlan*

### **Ash Wednesday – 26<sup>th</sup> February.**

Mass at 10.00am and 7.30pm. Blessing and distribution of ashes at both Masses. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.**

Every Friday during Lent from 10.30am to 7.15pm.

### **The Rota for Ministers of the Word for March to May is in the sacristy for collection and on the Parish website**

**Book Club.** Beginning on Ash Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February, and running through until the Wednesday of Holy Week, there will be a gathering each Wednesday from 8.15 to 9 p.m. in the Parish Centre. The book we will read is *Finding God in a Leaf* by Brian Grogan S.J. It's a short 60 page book and inexpensive at €5. Copies available on the first evening. All are welcome.

**Trócaire Boxes.** If you wish to have a Trócaire box in your home during Lent please take a box from the table at the back of the Church.

### **Mass “as Gaeilge”.**

The 9 a.m. Mass next Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, will be celebrated in Irish.

**St. Elizabeth Convent, Minsk, Belarus.** Sisters from the convent will be selling religious and other items at the back of our Church after the 10am and 7.30pm. Mass on Tuesday next, 25<sup>th</sup> February. The monies raised will go to supporting their ministry to the people in residential care at the convent.

**Taize Prayer.** Prayer in the style of Taize on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 8.15pm to 9.00pm. in the Church. All are welcome.

**Novena of Grace – 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March.** Daily at 10.00am Mass in St. Brigid's Church, Blanchardstown (10.30am on the Sunday)

### **The Priory Institute, Tallaght – Free Lenten Retreat**

Free three-day retreat focusing on The Pillars of Lent as signposts for our journey in Christ. This Lent retreat is offered entirely online with one introductory video and three videos reflecting on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The video reflections will be available from the first day of Lent to watch at your convenience and are available online throughout Lent. You may register at any time throughout Lent and it is free of charge. You must register with your email address and have access to the internet to participate. For more information, email Frances O'Loughlin at frances.oloughlin@prioryinstitute.com

**Glendalough Retreat for Young Adults.** Book your place on our upcoming young adult retreat in Glendalough for the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>

March. Download the booking form at [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie) Booking closes on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. For more upcoming events and information follow us on Instagram @theyoungchurchdublin

**Free Public Concert.** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 3.00pm in St. Patrick's College Chapel, Drumcondra, Dublin 9. “Deep Peace”, a celebration in words and music in recognition of the care given by St. Francis Hospice, Dublin over 30 years. Free public event. All are welcome.

**ACCORD Collection.** Thank you for supporting Accord last Sunday. Greatly appreciated.

**Sign of Peace at Mass.** The Health Protection Surveillance Centre advises that shaking hands involves a low risk of spreading infection. For anyone who is concerned please note that during the Sign of Peace it is perfectly fine to bow, smile, wave or use some other gesture to convey Christ's peace to those around you.

**Foróige Clubs.** Working with young people in Dublin 15. We are looking for volunteers. For more information, contact Adam at 086-6008526 or email [adam.leech@foroige.ie](mailto:adam.leech@foroige.ie)

**Inspiration:** “To handle yourself, use your head. To handle others, use your heart.”

**Saint Oswald. Saint of the Day for February 29<sup>th</sup>.** Born into a military family in 10<sup>th</sup> Century England, Oswald was a nephew of the Archbishop of Canterbury. He became a Benedictine monk. He was widely known for his sanctity, especially his love for the poor. The final winter of his life was spent at the cathedral in Worcester that he so loved. At the start of Lent, he resumed his usual practice of washing the feet of 12 poor men each day. On Leap Year Day, February 29<sup>th</sup>, he died after kissing the feet of the 12<sup>th</sup> man and giving him a blessing. The news of Oswald's death brought an outpouring of grief throughout the city of Worcester.

**Society of St Vincent de Paul monthly collection will take place after all Masses this weekend 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February.**

**Maintain a Healthy Balance for Your Mind and Body.** It is time to undertake another physical fitness project. There are numerous places, centres, organisations, associations, activities, groups, friends, colleagues etc. in the broad community that will help us to maintain that balance. Be active. Start as soon as you can. Be persistent. Do not give up.