

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 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 7th January 2018

We have just completed the first week of a new year. It's a time for new beginnings. Many people will have made all kinds of resolutions in the past week with the general aim of improving various aspects of their lives and living. It's clear evidence of the desire in many people to achieve something more from life. It's also recognition that some aspects of our lives really do need to be given some serious attention.

Whether or not our new year resolutions endure and bring about the desired results depends mainly on two things. The first is that our goals are realistic. They have to be reasonably measured and there must be a realistic hope of actually achieving them. The second is the willingness to put in the time and effort required to make them happen. We need to have a plan of action in place to guide us on our way. The key point here is perseverance. 'No pain, no gain' it is said. Nothing worthwhile is ever achieved without some toil and sweat.

This weekend, as we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we remember our own baptism and our commitment to living a life of Christian discipleship. Perhaps there are some new year resolutions I could make that might help improve my prayer and spiritual life?

As we begin the new year, we ask God's blessing on ourselves, our families, our friends, our parish, our country and the world. May our hopes and dreams find fulfilment and may we know God as our constant companion on the journey of life throughout this year.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

Happy New Year

We wish all parishioners and those who are visitors to our parish at this time every blessing as we begin a New Year.

Unwanted Christmas presents

Any unwanted Christmas presents, which you wish to donate, may be left at the crib in the Pro-Cathedral in Marlboro Street, Dublin 1 this coming week. They will be given to Crosscare, the social care agency of the Archdiocese for distribution to people and families in need.

First Holy Communion – *Do this in Memory* programme

Next Mass is on **next Sunday 14th January** at 11 a.m.

Catholic Grandparents Association

Next meeting on **next Tuesday 9th January** at 10.30 a.m. in the Parish Centre. All grandparents welcome.

World Meeting of Families 2018

Registration is now open for this event which takes place in Dublin in August 2018. Volunteers are also welcome (including those willing to host a pilgrim/family). See www.worldmeeting2008.ie for further information.

Cause for the Beatification of Frank Duff

Frank Duff founded the Legion of Mary in 1921. He died in 1980. An Hour of Prayer to advance the cause for his beatification will be held on **next Thursday 11th January** beginning at 7 p.m. in St. Mary of the Angels Capuchin Church, Church Street, Dublin 7 and subsequently on the second Thursday of each month throughout 2018. All are invited to come and pray for the beatification of this Dubliner whose dedication and holiness have resulted in the Legion being established in almost every country in the world.

Lumen Dominican Centre

Sion Hill Campus, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. Spring semester courses begin on **30th January**. Information leaflets on the table in the Church or see www.lumenop.ie or contact 01-2882075.

St. Brigid's National School: Enrolment for Junior Infant Classes 2018

Parents who wish to have a child enrolled in junior infant classes in St. Brigid's N.S. for September 2018 are asked to hand in:

- 1 PPSN for the child
- 2 An original copy of his/her birth certificate
- 3 A baptismal certificate
- 4 Two recent utility bills (Electric, Gas, Land-line phone, cable) and
- 5 Any relevant reports (Medical, psychological etc.)

to the school enquiries office **by January 26th, 2018**. 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

Thank You from GOAL

Many thanks to the many families and individuals who braved the wind and rain to support GOAL's annual Christmas Day Mile in the Phoenix Park. Your generous donations raised €5,158.32 for GOAL's humanitarian work.

Anam Cara

Anam Cara North Dublin, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on **Wednesday 17th of January** from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. Anam Cara North Dublin offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.