

## 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 Office** – Monday to Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.  
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**Church Sacristy** – Phone: 01-8214652

**Our Lady's Parish Centre** – Phone: 01-8209907

**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

### Ascension of the Lord 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018

As we come near the end of the Easter season we mark the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Forty days have elapsed since Easter Sunday. In that intervening time between his Resurrection and Ascension, Jesus appears on many occasions to his disciples to reassure them and to encourage them in the mission he was entrusting to them.

The Ascension marks a moment of transition. It is both an ending and a beginning. It marks the ending of Jesus present in a recognisable human form to his disciples. It marks the beginning of the mission of the Christian community as Jesus instructs his disciples to go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News. Jesus is leaving his disciples and yet he remains present with them, albeit in a different way, as they go about their work. He promises them the gift of the Holy Spirit to assist them in their task of witnessing.

Two accounts of the Ascension are presented in the Scripture readings this Sunday, one from the *Acts of the Apostles*, the other from *St. Mark's Gospel*. While there are some differences in the particular details of the Ascension event, the common thread between the two accounts is that of being witnesses. The disciples go out to proclaim the Good News and to make the message of Jesus known to people everywhere.

As we carry on the missionary work of those first disciples we pray that the Lord will continue to bless us and be with us today in our efforts at proclaiming his message of love and salvation to all.

*Fr. Kieran Coghlan*

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### **GDPR**

A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), is being introduced on 25 May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish, that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office. **Confirmation – Service of**

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