

## CHURCH SERVICES

### THE EUCHARIST

<b>Sunday:</b>	Saturday	6.00pm
	Sunday	10.00am and 12.00 noon
<b>Weekdays:</b>	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday	10.00am
	Tuesday, Thursday	7.30pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** After 10.00am and before 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and on request.

**Baptism:** Normally on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 1.00pm. Enquiries to the parish office.

**Marriage:** By arrangement with one of the Priests

**.SUNDAY MASS TIMES IN OUR PARISH PARTNERSHIP:** - St Mochta's, Porterstown - Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 11am. St Thomas the Apostle, Laurel Lodge - Saturday Vigil 6.30pm; Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am. For those seeking an evening Sunday Mass, St Philip the Apostle, Mountview have one at 6pm.

**Evening Weekday Mass availability in our Deanery:**

- St Brigid's, Blanchardstown, 7.30pm Mass on Mondays
- St Luke's, Mulhuddart, 7.30pm Mass on Wednesdays
- St Patrick's, Corduff, 7.30pm Mass on Fridays

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Fr. Damian McNeice** – Phone: 089 445 3987

**Fr. Denis O'Connor CSsR** –Phone: 01-8214003

**Parish Office** – Monday to Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.  
Phone: 01-6409601 Email: [parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie](mailto:parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie)

**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 emailed to [ourladysparish@gmail.com](mailto:ourladysparish@gmail.com)  
Written notices may be handed in to the Parish Office. The deadline for submissions is Thursday evening.

## SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

Our Parish follows the Safeguarding policies of the Archdiocese of Dublin. All policies relating to the Safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults are available on the Dublin Diocesan website.

See <http://csps.dublindiocese.ie/policies>

**CHURCH NOTICE BOARD, BOOKSHELF OR TABLE AT THE BACK OF THE**

**CHURCH** Please do not leave any material (notices/leaflets/books/publications, etc.) on the table, bookshelf or on the Church notice board without checking with Fr Damian or the parish office.



# OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PARISHES OF  
ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE, LAUREL LODGE  
AND ST MOCHTA'S PORTERSTOWN.

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**22 March 2026**

**THE RAISING OF LAZARUS:** “[There] are moments when life seems to be a sealed tomb: everything is dark, and we can see only sorrow and despair around us. Today’s miracle tells us that it is not like that, this is not the end, that in these moments we are not alone. On the contrary, it is precisely in these moments that Christ comes *closer than ever to restore life to us*. Jesus weeps: the Gospel tells us that Jesus wept in front of Lazarus’ tomb, and today Jesus weeps with us, as he was able to weep for Lazarus: the Gospel repeats twice that he is moved (cf. vv. 33, 38), emphasizing that he burst into tears (cf. v. 35). And at the same time Jesus invites us not to stop believing and hoping, not to let ourselves be crushed by... negative feelings... He approaches our tombs and says to us, as then: “Take away the stone” (v. 39). In these moments, it is as though we have a stone inside, and the only one capable of removing it is Jesus, with his words: “Take away the stone”. Jesus says this to us too. *Take away the stone*: the pain, the mistakes, even the failures. Do not hide them inside you, in a dark, lonely, closed room. *Take away the stone*: draw out everything that is inside. “Ah, but I am ashamed”. Throw it to me with confidence, says the Lord; I will not be scandalized. Throw it to me without fear because I am with you, I care about you and I want you to start living again. And, as he did with Lazarus, he repeats to each one of us: *Come out!* Rise again, get back on the path, regain your confidence.” *Pope Francis 2023*

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR FR DENIS:** Dear people of Our Lady Mother of the Church parish: I’m still in our (Redemptorist) monastery in Dundalk but not for long more. I’m arranging my return date some days before Palm Sunday and Holy Week. I’ll be with you to celebrate the great feasts of our redemption and salvation. I’ll tell Fr Damian when the return date is finalised. It has been sad for

me being away from the parish and you the people. For almost 25 years it has been my home and my life. I pray the good Lord is with us, giving me strength and health into the future. I must thank you with all my heart for all the prayers and messages and support. Deep in my soul I am hearing every day the call of the people to come back again. I give thanks to God in heaven for all the love and affection that came to me every day. I must thank our parish priest Fr Damian in a special way. He has been a loving brother to me concerned about my health and welfare above all. The Lord, the Good Shepherd, is with me and with all of us calling us along the path of life. *Fr Denis*

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 10:30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP:** Continues next Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March and every Thursday in St Thomas the Apostle Day Chapel, 10.30 to 11.10am. Meditation is a way of simple prayer, marked by silence and stillness.

**TAIZÉ EVENING PRAYER with Brother Jean-Marie** of the Ecumenical Monastic Community, 7.30pm, this Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Christchurch Cathedral, Dublin D08 TF98. This meditative, chanted prayer draws many thousands of young people from all over Europe to stay with the Taizé Community and to seek God's face. All are welcome, especially the young and young at heart.

**PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP:** Our weekly family Meditation continues in our Church next Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 2.35pm to 3pm. We look forward to welcoming you then.

**ROSARY TIMES - OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH:** After daily Mass Monday to Saturday. A box in which you can place your written intentions to be lifted up during the Rosary is at the back of the Church. Rosary for children continues next Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30pm

**. PARISH PARTNERSHIP PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK JOINING THE DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE - SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.** This year's theme is 'Baptised and Sent'. The pilgrimage includes workshops, the Sacrament of the Sick, and our pilgrimage Mass. A bus will be going from our parish partnership of Castleknock, Laurel Lodge and Porterstown, collecting at each parish. There will be stops for refreshments in The Radisson Blu, Athlone, on the way to Knock and on the way back. The price per person is €60, including these refreshments. Please book by emailing [parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie](mailto:parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie) with your name, tel. no., and the number going, or phone 01 640 9601. Please pay by calling in or leaving an envelope marked Knock Pilgrimage into Castleknock parish office or sacristy, with your name and tel. no. All age groups are welcome.

#### **DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, 3<sup>RD</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026, LED BY ARCHBISHOP FARRELL**

A fully escorted tour including direct return flight from Dublin to Lourdes, airport transfers and assistance between Lourdes Airport and the hotels, five nights' accommodation, meals, 20kg check-in luggage plus one small personal item in the cabin and services of Joe Walsh Tours representatives throughout. **Further information from [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie) or phone 01 2410800. Enquiries about travelling as a Sick/Assisted Pilgrim should be made to the Pilgrimage Office, 51 Home Farm Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, D09 W5W4. Deirdre Daly [deirdre.daly@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:deirdre.daly@dublindiocese.ie) / 01 8087555 or John Flaherty [john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie) / 01 8087557**

#### **TOTUS TUUS 2026 FATIMA PILGRIMAGE - 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST TO 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER - €915**

Learn about the Fatima Message, the Rosary, the First Saturdays, the lives of the three visionaries, and visit the tomb and home of Blessed Alexandrina Da Costa. €915 includes flights, half board accommodation, airport transfers, day trip to Balasar, trip to Valinhos and Adjustrel, trip to the Irish Dominican Sisters' Convent. Fly from Dublin or Cork Airports. Limited places available. For more information call 087 20 49 048.

#### **PARISH EASTER CARD WITH SCHEDULE OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

**ARRANGEMENTS** Our Easter Card is currently being delivered to all households in the parish. Sincere thanks to our team of distributors; your bundle may be collected from the sacristy at Mass times

**ACTIVITIES FOR HOLY WEEK:** We warmly invite children aged approx. 5-13 to take part in this year's Holy Week celebrations, including the enactment of the Way of the Cross. Practices will be held in the church or parish centre every Friday from 6 - 7pm, continuing next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. All are welcome. For further details, please contact Francis on 087 718 3980.

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION (CGA) ANNUAL OUTING TO GLENDALOUGH/KILMACURRAGH BOTANIC GARDENS, THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.** The visit includes the botanical gardens at Kilmacurragh, the garden town of Glendalough, the ancient site of St Kevin's extraordinary life, Mass at God's Cottage, meal in the White Heather restaurant in the Village of Glendalough. Please indicate your interest by contacting John (086 234 6147) or Donal (087 246 1916). We need to know numbers for booking the bus, site visit and meal reservation. All are welcome.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD - ROTA** The rota for Ministers of the Word, covering March to May, is on the parish website. Copies are available in the Sacristy.

**CHURCH SHOP** - Open this Sunday morning after both Masses. Come in and browse our new stock! Card payments are now possible too.

**INFORMATION EVENT FOR OVER 55's** Age Friendly Fingal are hosting an Information Event for Over 55's on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March** from **10:30am to 12:30pm** in Castleknock Community Centre, Laurel Lodge Road, Castleknock, **Dublin 15**. Approx. 17 organisations/groups such as An Garda Siochana, Age Action, Sage Advocacy, Alone, Fingal Libraries, MABS and Citizens Information will host stands at this event to provide information and answer queries.

**LOST PROPERTY:** There are a number of unclaimed items in Lost Property - glasses, umbrellas, etc. An item which may be of sentimental value was found in the church after **10am Mass on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.

Also, a sum of money was found recently. If you think this or the other items may be yours, please contact the sacristy or parish office.

**FREE ONLINE EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT.** The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a free of charge online Easter Triduum retreat - **Journey through the Sacred Music of the Easter Triduum**. Daily reflections given by Dr John O'Keeffe, Director of Sacred Music at St Patrick's University, Maynooth.

Visit our

website <https://prioryinstitute.com/> or <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2026-online-easter-retreat-journey-through-the-sacred-music-of-the-easter-triduum> to register/find out more.

**MANRESA: HOLY WEEK RETREAT** As we enter the sacred season of Holy Week and prepare for Easter, you are warmly invited to join an 8-Day Holy Week Guided Retreat, taking place in Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (Clontarf Road, Dollymount) from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March to Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Price is €990, single bedroom en-suite and meals included. For further information or to book, please contact: 01 552 9448 / [reception@manresa.ie](mailto:reception@manresa.ie).

**THEWAY.IE:** is a new digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops' Conference dedicated to sharing the Good News and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is intended to help people discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers. [www.theway.ie](http://www.theway.ie).

**VOCATIONS** Please keep our seminarians and those discerning a vocation to priesthood in your prayers. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about becoming a priest, please contact the Vocations team, Fr Séamus or Fr Bill, [vocations@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:vocations@dublindiocese.ie) or [bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie).