

CHURCH SERVICES

THE EUCHARIST

Sunday: Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 10.00am and 12.00 noon
Weekdays: 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 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 1.00pm. Enquiries to the parish office.

Marriage: By arrangement with one of the Priests.

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

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Parish Office – Monday to Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Phone: 01-6409601 Email: parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie

Church Sacristy – Phone: 01-8214652

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

Parish Website – www.castleknockparish.ie

Parish Newsletter – Notices may be emailed to ourladysparish@gmail.com Written notices may be handed in to the Parish Office. The deadline for submissions is Thursday evening.

BARNARDOS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Barnardos are looking for volunteers for specific events, such as Riverdance-aton, Gaiety Theatre, 19th June; Barnardos Giving Day, Liffey Valley, 19th September.

Please email lisa.tobin@barnardos.ie to register your interest. See church notice board for details.



OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

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

**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
27TH APRIL 2025**

DEATH OF THE HOLY FATHER - STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP FARRELL

"His was a life marked by numerous profound changes. All that he became was rooted in his deep prayer, in his trust in the journey of Jesus, and in his abandonment of himself to the will of God. He has now set out on the final stage of his pilgrimage to God. For him, death 'will allow us to participate, with sublime emotion, in the infinite and blissful exuberance of God's creative act, whose endless adventures we will experience first-hand.'"

For Archbishop Farrell's full statement, visit

<https://dublindiocese.ie/death-of-pope-francis/>

MOURNING FOR POPE FRANCIS

A full set of Prayer Resources for the Days of Mourning for Pope Francis for use in your community or for personal prayer can be found at

<https://dublindiocese.ie/mourning-for-pope-francis/>

You will also find details attached of an opportunity to pray these resources in an evening of music and reflection at the Monastery of St Alphonsus, Drumcondra, this Monday, April 28th at 8pm, in person or online at

<https://www.rednuns.com>

BOOK OF CONDOLENCES

A book of condolences for the late Holy Father Pope Francis has been opened at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. It can be signed on weekdays from 10am to 3pm.

KNOCK CANCELLATION

As a mark of respect to the late Pope Francis, the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, which was due to take place on Saturday, April 26th, was cancelled.

When it was announced in Rome that the Pope's funeral would take place on Saturday morning, in consultation with Archbishop Farrell and Fr Richard Gibbons, rector of Knock Shrine, it was agreed that the pilgrimage should not take place at this time. *Deacon Gerard Reilly, Pilgrimage Director*

CARLO ACUTIS MASS - CANCELLED

The canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis, previously scheduled for this Sunday, April 27th, has been postponed by the Holy See. Consequently, the Mass that had been scheduled for this Sunday afternoon in the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, City Quay, has also been cancelled.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Divine Mercy Sunday devotions will be hosted in our Deanery again by our friends in St Philip the Apostle Church in Mountview this Sunday 27th April starting at **2pm**. The Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed followed by Mass at **3.30pm**. All are very welcome.

ETERNAL REST:

Please pray for the souls of Sheila Browne and Alcie O'Reilly whose funerals took place on Friday and Saturday respectively, and Dr Maurice Brennan whose funeral takes place on Monday in Laurel Lodge. May the Lord grant them eternal rest, and may the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all those who mourn.

LECTIO DIVINA Prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Wednesday 30th April from 10.30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre.

ROSARY RALLY - SATURDAY 10TH MAY, 4PM - IRELAND NEEDS FATIMA

Millennium Park Gate, Blakestown Roundabout, Blanchardstown. Join us in a Rosary Rally (one of over 560 in the country!)

BEREAVEMENT

"Saint Francis Grief Café" aims to create a safe place for people, who have been bereaved, to come and chat over a cup of tea/coffee with others who are also grieving. Grieving can often feel isolating, but when you meet others in your locality going through similar experiences, it can help you feel more understood and less alone. Please feel welcome to attend.

Members of our bereavement team will also be present to answer questions you might have or to talk about living with grief. Our Grief Café will run on the First Friday of every month from 10.00am to 11.30am in **St Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown**. Please contact us on bereavement@sfh.ie or 01 832 7535 if you have any query or would like to attend.

CROÍ MHÁIRE FOODBANK COLLECTION

We wish to thank most sincerely all parishioners who contributed and donated non-perishable items for the Food bank on the weekends over the Easter period. Your kindness to families in need is much appreciated. We will resume collecting again in a few weeks' time. *Martin, 086 1591188*

FAMILY CARERS Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you, or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

We owe a big thank you to all the families who took part in the Lent for Children program. Families came together each Friday evening of Lent and prepared the liturgies for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Parents and Children worked together to prepare wonderful prayerful liturgies to bring the Gospel and Stations alive for the Parish. They worked so hard on this project and produced wonderful fruits that are ever lasting. During Lent, they prepared beautiful prayer filled cards of good wishes for those in St. Mary's in the Park and the local hospice.

The Family Meditation continues from 2.35pm till 3pm on the second Wednesday of each month, so see you on 14th May. For more information, phone Ellen Troy at 086 061 0686.

VENERABLE MATT TALBOT CENTENARY WEEKEND SERVICES

Friday June 6th to Sunday June 8th. Details to follow.

Society of St Vincent de Paul monthly collection will take place after all Masses this weekend, Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th April.

DUBLIN FLEADH 2025 - Free public events

Sunday 27th April, 1-2.30pm: 'Vocal Care and Technique Workshop' with Mary Flaherty, Castaheaney Educate Together National School, Ongar, D15 AE61

Sunday 27th April, 2.45pm-5.30pm: 'Fleadh 2025: Singing Workshops' with Caoimhe Blennerhassett (workshop for children in Irish/ English), Mary Blennerhassett (workshop for adults in Irish/English), and Brian Arkins (workshop for adults in English), Castaheaney Educate Together National School, Ongar, D15 AE61

Tuesday 29th April, 7pm: Fleadh 2025 Lecture: 'Tuning the Radio - A look at traditional Irish music broadcasting from 1926' with Peter Browne, Church of Ireland, Castleknock, D15 P954.

Admission free. Booking essential at dublinfleadhevents2025@gmail.com **or text 0872454143.**

CRY OF THE EARTH: Fingal County Council are supporting our project and creating a biodiversity-rich corner on the church edge of Auburn Avenue green. A variety of sensory plants and grasses recently planted there will enhance pollinators' food supply and generate habitats for many species of insects and other creatures. Pupils from St Brigid's are involved in planting. We will increase planting too behind the courtyard cement pots, and create a haven for birds, bees, and insects. Fingal CC will plant shrubs and bushes to fill in any gaps. We request your support in creating this area for biodiversity where nature can grow and flourish.