# **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 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.

# 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

Church Sacristy - Phone: 01-8214652

Our Lady's Parish Centre – Phone: 01-8209907 Parish Website – <u>www.castleknockparish.ie</u>

Parish Newsletter - Notices may be emailed to

<u>ourladysparish@gmail.com</u> Written notices may be handed in to the Parish Office. The deadline for submissions is Thursday evening.

# NOTICES, LEAFLETS, PUBLICATIONS:

Please do not leave <u>any</u> material on the table, bookshelf or on the Church notice board without checking with Fr Damian or the Parish Office. Thank you.

# **LOST PROPERTY:**

There are a number of unclaimed items in Lost Property - glasses, umbrellas, etc. If you think these may be yours, please contact the sacristy or 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.

# 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

The Department of Education and Youth has launched its "Have Your Say" survey, inviting parents, guardians, school staff, and Board of Management members, to share their views on the future of their

parish school and for the education to be provided to the children of the parish. This is an opportunity to express your wishes about key questions such as:

- Denominational or multi-denominational patronage
- English- or Irish-medium education
- Co-educational or single-sex schooling

Since the survey is school specific, the information gathered in this survey will play an important role in shaping the future of your parish school. For example, the Department may make decisions on patronage, such as whether your school remains a Catholic school or moves to a multi-denominational model, depending on what is expressed in the survey. Equally, the survey could result in changes to single-sex or coeducational provision in your local parish school, or a change in the medium of instruction.

It is essential that the full range of views within our community is heard. Those who value maintaining a Catholic ethos within the school, including religious instruction, faith formation and sacramental preparation, should ensure their voices are represented, just as those who would welcome change should do the same.

It is only with strong participation that the Department can gain an accurate picture of what your school community truly wants.

The survey is very short and is available online at <a href="https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/">https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/</a>

It will remain open until **16**<sup>th</sup> **December** 2025. Parents will need their Eircode to complete the survey. School staff and members of a school's Board of Management will need the unique PIN that has been provided to the school. Your input matters. Take the time to make sure your voice is included so that decisions about the future of your parish school genuinely reflect the views of your community. Make sure to "Have your Say" *Mgr Dan O'Connor, Episcopal Vicar for Education, 3rd December* 2025

### IN THE DESERTS OF THE HEART

"In his poem, 'In memory of W B Yeats,' W H Auden wrote:

In the deserts of the heart

Let the healing fountain start.

From time to time, we need to step back from the noise and hubbub of the social world and create in our hearts the stillness of the desert where, within the silence, we can hear... the still, small voice of God, telling us we are loved, we are heard, we are embraced by God's everlasting arms, we are not alone." Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Bambinelli Sunday bring the child Jesus figure from your family crib
  for it to be blessed at all our Masses on 13 th /14 th of December. Our
  Parish Carol Service will take place in Our Lady Mother of the Church
  on that same Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, at 6pm.
- Our Parish Partnership Advent Reconciliation Service is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December in Laurel Lodge Church.
- Mass with the Anointing of the Sick will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 10am in Our Lady Mother of the Church.

ETERNAL REST Please pray for the souls of Martin Purtill and Michael Hannan whose funerals took place in our Church on Monday and Wednesday respectively. May the Lord grant them eternal rest, and may the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all who mourn.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD** The rota for Ministers of the Word for December to February is on the Parish website. Copies are available in the Sacristy.

**PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP** Family Meditation now takes place in our Church every Wednesday from 2.35pm till 3pm. We look forward to welcoming you next Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December.

# SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: MONDAY DECEMBER 8th.

As this Solemnity is immediately after a Sunday, it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation for us. Mass in our church will be at 10am. Evening Mass at 7.30pm on Monday is available in St Brigid's, Blanchardstown.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL COLLECTION

The annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas collection takes place at all our Masses this weekend, in place of the usual Share collection. Your support for their good work is greatly appreciated. As the Lord said: "Give alms from what you have and, look, everything

will be clean for you."; [Luke 11:41]

Please note that the flyers which were distributed around the parish have the incorrect date. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY APPEAL

As the cost of living continues to rise, more families than ever are turning to Crosscare for help. This year, almost 3,000 people – including 1,200 children – sought basic food support, while nearly 12,000 affordable meals were served in the Portland Row Community Café. More than 10% of people in Ireland are now at risk of food poverty, and emergency parcels alone can't address the growing pressures families face. Crosscare's Food and Support model combines choice-based food access, low-cost meals, one-to-one casework, and wraparound supports such as welfare advice, budgeting help, and improved access to healthcare, education, and employment. We believe in giving people a hand up, not a handout. Every donation helps someone stabilise their life and move toward independence.

Please support our 2025 Christmas Food Poverty Appeal. Your donation – big or small – will help provide food, stability, and a pathway toward independence for those who need it most. Donate at www.crosscare.ie or call 01 8360011.

**TAIZÉ PRAYER** - Our monthly meditative Taizé prayers will take place at 7pm next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. All are welcome.

**LECTIO DIVINA** Prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 10:30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock. The following Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> Dec will be our last one before the New Year.

**ROSARY TIMES - OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH** After daily Mass Mon - Sat. Rosary for children - Saturdays at 4.30pm. A box in which you can place your written intentions to be lifted up during the Rosary is at the back of the Church.