

CHURCH SERVICES

The Eucharist

Sunday: Saturday Vigil 6 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12.15 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Weekday: Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. daily.
Monday to Friday 7.30 p.m. daily.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

After 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. Mass on Saturday and on request.

Baptism

Normally on 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 1.15 p.m.
Enquiries to the parish office.

Marriage

By arrangement with one of the Priests.
A minimum notice of 3 months is required.



OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
CASTLEKNOCK, DUBLIN 15

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
12th September 2021

Choose life for the future of the planet

On 7th September, something historic happened: for the first time, the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Anglican Communion jointly warned of the urgency of environmental sustainability, its impact on poverty, and the importance of global cooperation.

Pope Francis, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby urge everyone to play their part in 'choosing life' for the future of the planet.

In a joint statement, they called on people to pray for world leaders ahead of the United Nations Climate Change Conference [COP26] taking place this November. 'We call on everyone, whatever their belief or worldview, to endeavour to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behaviour and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth which God has given us.'

The joint declaration strikes a clear warning - 'Today, we are paying the price... Tomorrow could be worse' and concludes that: 'This is a critical moment. Our children's future and the future of our common home depend on it.'

'Biodiversity loss, environmental degradation and climate change are the inevitable consequences of our actions, since we have greedily consumed more of the earth's resources than the planet can endure. But... the people bearing the most catastrophic consequences of these abuses are the poorest on the planet and have been the least responsible for causing them.'

The statement calls on people to: /....

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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.

- Pray for world leaders ahead of COP26
- For individuals: To make meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the planet, working together and taking responsibility for how we use our resources
- For those with far-reaching responsibilities: To choose people-centred profits and lead the transition to just and sustainable economies.

'Who do you say that I am?'

Each generation is addressed by Jesus' question in today's Gospel and each generation must give an answer for itself, both as individuals and within the community of faith. We give that answer most of all by our lives.

Prayer

Great and loving God, as we stand before the mystery of your disclosure in Jesus of Nazareth, we ask for great faith, deep understanding and, above all, love. Knowing him, we love him; loving him we confess him as the Messiah, the Son of God. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

[adapted from Dr Kieran O'Mahony OSA, www.tarsus.ie]

Our Tabernacle

You may have noticed that, since last Tuesday morning, the Tabernacle in our church is open and empty. That's because that morning it's lock mechanism completely seized. Thank God, this happened when it was open. We are now reserving the Blessed Sacrament in the sacristy safe, like we do during the Easter Triduum. The seized lock has now been successfully removed and a new mechanism is being worked on. We hope this work will be completed on Monday 13th September. Perhaps this is a reminder from the Lord that He does not wish to be locked up nor compartmentalised in our lives and that the Eucharist is always gifted to us to be a love shared. Thank you for your understanding.

Crosscare's Annual Collection 2021

The Annual collection for Crosscare, our Diocese's social support agency, will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, the 18th and 19th September 2021, replacing the usual SHARE collection. Through their frontline work and services for the Homeless, Youth, Migrants and Refugees, Crosscare focus on helping people and families when they need it most or when they can't find support anywhere else. In their Community Foodbanks and Cafes, as well as reducing food waste mountains, they provide food parcels and nutritious meals

every day. Demand for their services continues to increase as the pandemic impacts on those most vulnerable in our parishes and communities. In my opinion, Crosscare are one of our Diocese's 'best kept secrets'. Please give generously to this annual appeal if you can or pick one of their prepaid postage donation slip envelopes which will be available at the back of the church.

Alpha Online course on prayer

Bayside Alpha, an ecumenical Christian group helping people to explore life's big questions in the light of the Gospel, are running a free 7-week Zoom course on prayer starting on Wednesday the 22nd of September at 7.30pm. The course is called 40 Days of Prayer and consists of a 60 minute weekly meeting on Zoom which includes a video presentation, a time for prayer and sharing and a different Scripture to reflect on at home on each of the 40 days. If you'd like to join please email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com

The Sanctuary

Courses on Meditation, Mindfulness, Yoga etc – details at: <https://www.sanctuary.ie/>

Castleknock Community College: Adult Education Night Classes

Our night-time courses for our Autumn term start the week of the 27th of September.. Further information at: <https://castleknockcc.ie/adult-education/>

Anam Cara: Bereavement Support

Online Bereavement Information and Support Evening taking place 16th September at 7pm. Register here <https://bit.ly/3Dzyphc> or contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 288 8888

Parish Centre Activities

Bricks 4 Kidz Lego Afterschool Classes: Every Monday from 20th Sept. (5 weeks) Times: 2.40 and 3.40 includes staggered pick up from St. Brigids NS at 1.20/ 1.40 and 2.20/ 2.40
www.bricks4kidz.ie/fingal or call Allison 086-1709493