

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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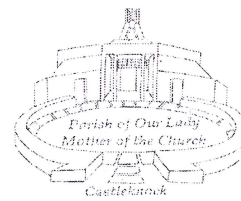
**Parish Office** – Monday to Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.  
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**Our Lady's Parish Centre** – Phone: 01-8209907

**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**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
26<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

### Safeguarding Sunday.

I wish to express our deep gratitude to the members of our parish Safeguarding Team under the leadership of Kitty Mulligan for the work they do to in helping us maintain best practice in relation to making our Church life safe and secure for everyone. We thank them most sincerely for their commitment. When thinking of Safeguarding, I am often reminded of what we read in the Book of Numbers 6:24 when the Lord spoke to Moses and gave him a prayer of blessing for the people: *"The Lord bless you and keep you."* God's blessing always holds within it the desire to keep safe. The Lord longs to bring us into the eternal safety of his heavenly home. Therefore, when we practice good safeguarding, we are communicating something essential in God's very nature. We have made copies of Archbishop Farrell's letter for this day available at the back of the Church.

The following prayer was sent to Archbishop Martin by someone who suffered abuse in the hope that it might be something we could pray in our parishes. It captures a lovely intuition with simplicity and sincerity:

**"Lord, we are so sorry  
for what some of us did  
to your childrèn:  
treated them so cruelly,  
especially in their hour of need.  
We have left them with a lifelong suffering.  
This was not your plan for them or us.  
Please help us to help them.  
Guide us, Lord, Amen.**

**“The Prayer” on the previous page.**

**For the International Eucharistic Congress that took place here in Dublin in 2012, Archbishop Martin had this prayer inscribed onto granite stone and gave it a prominent place in front of the sanctuary in the RDS for the week of the Congress. It then found a permanent home in St Patrick’s Purgatory, Lough Derg, where the Papal Legate for the Congress, Cardinal Oullett, and then Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Brown, made a pilgrimage of penitence during that week.**

**Changes in our Mass schedule:**

- **A reminder that beginning from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October, on weekdays there will be one Mass per day: 10am on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; and 7.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.**
- **On those days when we will not have a 10.00am weekday Mass, remember that our neighbouring parishes of Laurel Lodge, Porterstown and Blanchardstown all have 10.00am Mass.**
- **From the weekend of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>/Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October there will be a Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.00pm and two Masses on Sunday morning. Presently Mass times of 10.00am and 12.00 noon are being considered. After 22<sup>nd</sup> October, please God, we will be able to welcome full congregations again.**

**Our Hospice Day 2021.**

**“The members of our Castleknock Active Retirement Association held a collection in the Community Centre in aid of St Francis Hospice on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. We wish to thank all our members and parishioners who contributed so generously, resulting in the magnificent sum of €5,200 (five thousand two hundred) having been collected for this worthy cause. We are most grateful to them all for their support.” Thank you. Pat Murphy.**

**Society of St Vincent de Paul.**

**The Society of St Vincent de Paul monthly collection will take place after all Masses this weekend, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Please give generously. Thank you.**

## **Resources for preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.**

**Many of you with children attending schools within our parish will be receiving notice in the coming weeks about dates for forthcoming First Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies in our parish church. The Archdiocese has a “Walking with Families” webpage with many helpful resources for you to download and enjoy. They feature Power-point prayers and suggested activities you can do together as you approach these sacred and graced moments in your child’s life. Our Diocesan Sacraments Implementation group have also prepared three videos which confirmation candidates can watch with their parents, together with some activities which can be done at home.**

**All this can be found on:**

**<https://dublindiocese.ie/walking-with-families-hc-and-confirmation-preparation/>**

**A link to it can also be found in the “Latest News” section of [dublindiocese.ie](https://dublindiocese.ie) - Fr Damian McNeice.**

**Crosscare's Annual Collection 2021.**

**The Annual collection for Crosscare, our Diocese's social support agency, was taken up at all our Masses last weekend, the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021. If you forgot to make your contribution, you can still do so, by leaving it in the Sacristy.**

**Insightful Parenting <[elaine.lynych21@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.lynych21@gmail.com)>**

**SIX week parenting course starting Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of October at 7-8.30 pm in the coffee dock at the parish centre. The Title of the course is: 'Self-Esteem the Key to your Child's Future' covering the following themes:**

- \*Family Relationships/Communication.**
- \*Helping children to become Response-able..**
- \*The Behavioural Development of Children.**
- \*Children's Challenging Behaviours.**
- \*A Different kind of Discipline.**

**Elaine Lynch, Parent Mentor: Irish Association of Relationship Mentors.**