

## 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, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10.00am.  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 7.30pm.

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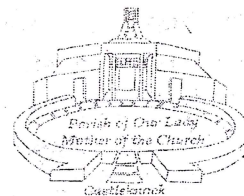
**Parish Office** – Monday to Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.  
Phone: 01-6409601 Email: [castleknockparish.olmc@gmail.com](mailto:castleknockparish.olmc@gmail.com)

**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 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

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021**

### Changes in Our Mass Schedule

A reminder that beginning from this coming Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October, there will be one Mass per day on weekdays:

- 10am on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday;
- and 7.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

On those days when we do not have a 10am weekday Mass, our neighbouring parishes of Laurel Lodge, Porterstown and Blanchardstown all have 10am Mass.

From the weekend of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>/Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October there will be the usual Saturday Vigil of the Lord's Day Mass at 6pm and two new Mass times on Sunday morning, at 10am and 12 noon. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we make these necessary changes.

### Day for Life 2021

Day for Life is a time dedicated annually in our Church to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's theme is on 'The Good Samaritan: A Model of Compassion'. In the context of the recent proposal to introduce assisted suicide, both in Ireland and the UK, Catholics are invited to consider a more positive response to the care of people who are in the final stages of life. Jesus gave us the parable of the Good Samaritan as the model for our compassion and solidarity with those who find themselves vulnerable and who fear being abandoned in their final illness. The Good Samaritan is one who "crosses over", who "binds up wounds" and who, most important of all "stays with" the person for as long as is required. See [councilforlife.ie](http://councilforlife.ie) for further resources and testimonies on this and other life issues.

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The Prayer of Saint John Henry Newman captures our hope beautifully:

“May the Lord support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.”

### ‘Tap and Go’

- You will notice in our church porch that a new possibility of making a ‘cashless’ donation to the Dublin Diocese is now available to you. This is not replacing our usual Sunday church collections. It’s just another way of contributing for those of us now more used to not carrying cash with us and paying in shops by tapping a credit or debit bank card.
- You can select one of the pre-set amounts offered or choose a custom amount, and pay by tapping your card or inserting it and entering your pin number. The amount you donate goes straight to our Diocesan Finance Secretariat who split the contribution between supporting the Common Fund (our usual 1st collection, for the priests of our Archdiocese, including those who are sick and retired) and Share (our 2nd collection, providing essential services in the Diocese and supporting disadvantaged parishes).
- Should you wish to donate specifically to our Parish, you can find that as an option already through the “Donate” button on our parish website.
- Please contact the parish office if you have any difficulty with the “Donate” button.

### The Return to Full Congregations

Please God, from October 22<sup>nd</sup>, all remaining COVID 19 restrictions will be lifted in society and we will be able to gather with full numbers in our parish churches once again. We owe an immense debt of gratitude to the many parishioners who have given so much of their time voluntarily to patiently steward, sanitise and keep us safe as we gathered in God’s house. I’m sure when they willingly stepped up to serve in March 2020, they didn’t realise they would still be giving so much of themselves 19 months later. But if they hadn’t stepped up in this way, we simply would not have been

able to worship. If the sanitising team hadn’t shown such gracious commitment in wiping down surfaces and fogging the church day in day out, we would not have been able to even open our church for private prayer. Since you have been the beneficiary of these people’s goodness, please thank them and pray for them and their families whose lives have also been impacted upon by their volunteering over such a sustained period of time.

From October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2 metre social distancing will cease and we will be able to fill all the seats of our church. Although the wearing of masks will no longer be mandatory in certain settings, our parish COVID 19 team strongly advise that we continue to wear them when in church as we all get used to being close together again and to promote confidence among those most vulnerable among our congregation. Although this is wearisome, the wearing of a mask or face coverings worn properly over nose and mouth is a good way of protecting yourself and others and of showing solidarity with one another. As advised all through this time of pandemic, if you have any COVID 19 or flu symptoms, or are a close-contact of someone who has recently tested positive, or are awaiting a test result yourself, please self-isolate, and do NOT come to church until you are certain you are COVID free. Although the vaccines are having a tremendously positive effect, the numbers of those newly infected every day, including among the vaccinated, remain quite high. Recent strains are highly transmissible and continue to cause serious illness, and in some cases grave illness, even among those fully vaccinated.

### Notice from Castleknock College

- **First Year 2022 Applications:** Applications for First Year 2022 will be accepted from 04 October 2021 until closing date, 4:00pm on Monday 25 October 2021. No applications - even for brothers - will be accepted after this date. By Postal application only.
- **2022 Scholarship Applications:** The scholarship application form is now available on the College website. Scholarship applications will be accepted from 04 October 2021 until closing date, 4:00pm on Monday 25 October 2021 - no applications will be accepted after this date. By postal application only.