

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

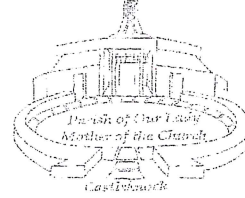
After 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. Mass on Saturday and on request.

Baptism

Normally on 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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th October 2021

Changes in our Sunday Mass schedule:

A reminder that from next weekend, Saturday 23rd/Sunday 24th October there will be the usual Saturday Vigil of Sunday Mass at 6pm and two new Mass times on Sunday morning, at 10am and 12 noon. Our neighbouring parish of St Thomas, Laurel Lodge, has Masses for the Lord's Day at 6.30pm on Saturday, and 9.30am, 11am and 12.30pm on Sundays.

The nearby parish of St Philip the Apostle, Mountview Road, Clonsilla, offers a Sunday evening Mass at 6pm. Our weekday Mass schedule is: 10am on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; and 7.30pm on Tuesday and Thursday. 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. Thank you for your understanding as we make these necessary changes.

An early morning Mass for RTE, Wednesday 20th October:

The RTE News Now TV channel broadcasts a daily Mass at 10.30am each weekday. Our parish has been asked to provide the 25 minute Mass for broadcast on next Wednesday 20th October. The Mass is taking place live in our Church at 7am that morning, recorded via our webcam and then sorted for quality control for the later broadcast on TV. A small cohort from our Parish choir will be there to lift the liturgy. Early bird worshippers will be welcome. /.....

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Parish Website – www.castleknockparish.ie

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.

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Parish Altar List of the Dead:

“One thing only I ask you”, said St Monica to her son, St Augustine, as she left this life, “that you remember me at the altar of the Lord.” If you would like to include the names of your departed family members, relatives and loved ones for remembrance in our Parish Altar List of the Dead for the coming year, envelopes to that effect are now available on the table at the back of the church. Maybe you can also drop one into housebound neighbours and friends who would like to have their family members included too. Mass on the first Friday of every month is offered for the eternal rest in God of those on our Parish Altar List of the Dead.

The return to full congregations:

We are keeping a close eye on the latest COVID-19 case numbers in the lead up to October 22nd, when it had been proposed by the Government that many of the remaining pandemic restrictions would be lifted. We are eager to be able to gather with full numbers in our parish church once again. But the news that 26 deaths with COVID-19 have taken place in Ireland this past week bursts any bubbles of complacency. Post October 22nd, should the proposed lifting of restrictions take place, will in no way be a return to ‘everything as it was before’. Although the wearing of masks will no longer be mandatory in certain settings, it is strongly advised that we continue to wear them when in church as we all get used to sitting closer together again and to promote confidence among those most vulnerable in their return to our congregation. I would see the use of sanitising gels and the wearing of masks in our Church as something we will be doing well into 2022. Wearing masks in particular is wearisome, especially when we are trying to sing God’s praises. But wearing a mask or face covering properly over nose and mouth is an important way of protecting yourself and others. It’s one of the ways we choose to show solidarity with one another. The Irish Bishops Conference have not indicated any return of the Sunday obligation. The request of the Church to only receive Holy Communion in the hand at this time of pandemic/endemic remains.

Again, may I state for the record how we in our parish owe an immense debt of gratitude to those parishioners who stepped up and volunteered so much of their time to patiently steward us, clean and sanitise God’s house and keep us safe. It was only by their commitment that it was possible for us to pray and worship. Thanks too for your patience as you understood that you could not sit in your favourite seat and adjusted to all the extra demands the pandemic weighed upon us in parish life.

Congratulations:

Prayerful best wishes and congratulations to the girls and boys of St Brigid’s fourth class who received their First Holy Communion at four lovely ceremonies this past week. I know their parents and grandparents are most grateful to Principal Ms Fay, her Deputy Ms MacDonagh, and teachers Ms. Murray, Ms. Kane, Ms. Dooley and Ms. O’Brien for all their excellent work. Particular thanks to Fr Denis for his lovely homily each day and the extra work done by Mary, our parish secretary and Olive, our sacristan.

‘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. This is not replacing our usual Sunday church collections. It’s just another way of contributing for those now more used to not carrying cash and who pay 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 diocese, including sick and retired priests) and Share (our 2nd collection, providing essential services in our 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.

Fr Damian McNeice

Scoil Oilibhéir Enrolment:

Enrolment for Junior Infants will be open from **this Monday 18 October** until Friday 5 November. All details are available at www.gaelscoiloilibheir.ie

Rethink Abortion:

Rally on **this Wednesday, 20th October 2021**, at 7.30pm, at Dáil Éireann. More information from: <https://thelifeinstitute.net>