

Church Services.

The Eucharist

Sunday: Saturday Vigil 6.00pm.
Sunday 10.00am and 12.00pm

Weekday: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10.00am.
Tuesdays and Thursdays 7.30pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: After 10.00am & 6.00pm Mass on Saturday and on request.

Baptism: Normally on 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 1.15pm.

Enquiries to the parish office.

Marriage: By arrangement with one of the Priests.

A minimum notice of 3 months is required.

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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.



Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Newsletter: 14th November 2021**

Christians Persecution Awareness

Week of Witness: 22nd to 26th November 2021

Three hundred and forty million Christians around the world face significant persecution in their daily lives. Tens of thousands of Christians have been murdered, millions have been displaced, many have been abducted and numerous Christian places of worship have been desecrated or destroyed. In response to this situation a group of concerned citizens in the area came together in 2020 with the primary aim of raising awareness of this growing persecution.

The Group is called “Stop the Persecution of Christians Dublin 15”. In conjunction with the organisation Aid to the Church in Need our group will be organising a series of events and activities during the “Week of Witness” 22nd to 26th November 2021. The activities will include prayer vigils, facilitating people who have experienced persecutions to speak in our communities, distributing booklets and leaflets, lighting up the exterior of Churches in red, coordinating the ringing of church bells etc. We would appreciate your prayers and support for persecuted Christians. For further information please contact us at 086-159-1188.

Also please visit: <https://www.acnireland.org/> ACNIreland (Aid to the Church in Need) is a Catholic Charity that supports the Faithful wherever they are Persecuted, Oppressed or in Need.

Solemnity of Saint Laurence O'Toole.

Today is the Solemnity of the Principal Patron of the Archdiocese of Dublin, St Laurence O'Toole (1128-1180). Being our Diocesan Solemnity, and with our Archbishop Dermot Farrell's permission, it takes precedence over this Sunday of Ordinary Time. Of noble birth, Laurence endured years of being a child hostage due to feuds between tribes before joining the monastic community of Glendalough of which he was elected Abbot when aged just 26. He became Archbishop of Dublin aged 32 and was renowned for his care of the poor, his deep

prayer life enriched by retreats in Glendalough and his work for reconciliation. He attended the Third Lateran Council in Rome in 1179 and was made a Papal Legate. He died in the town of Eu in Normandy on 14th November whilst trying to meet with King Henry II so as to broker peace between Henry and the Irish kings. It was the people of Eu who started his cause of canonization, moved by his holiness. He laid the foundation stone for the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, known better to us today as ChristChurch Cathedral, where there is a shrine reputed to contain his heart. There is also a shrine to him with a reliquary in our own Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough Street, at the side altar closest to Cathedral Street [on your left as you stand facing the main altar]. It is a fine place in which to pray for his successor and the future of our Diocese.

A Prayer in the footsteps of St Laurence.

God of love and forgiveness, when I am consumed with anger and bitterness towards another, help me to remember the forgiveness shown by Laurence. God of peace and wholeness, when I allow disagreements to grow and destroy friendships, help me to remember the model of Laurence the peace-maker. God of reconciliation and unity, when I am blinded to the gifts of another because of fear or ignorance, give me the eyes of Laurence to see beyond difference to the riches of unity and sharing. God of compassion and mercy, when I encounter those in need, fill me with the readiness of Laurence to reach out to the poor and needy. God of creation, when I can make choices about the earth and its resources, guide me to make them in a spirit of stewardship rather than dominance. Like Laurence, fill me with a deep respect for the beauty of your creation. God of infinite light, when I have an opportunity to witness to my faith, give me the courage and belief of Laurence that I might serve as a light to the world to the glory of your name. Amen.

Communion at Home. Fr Damian would like to invite housebound people (or their representatives) who would like to receive Holy Communion at Home, to leave a note in the Sacristy to this effect, giving their **Name, Address and contact Number** and he will contact them in due course to make the necessary arrangements.

Anam Cara. Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 17th November at 7:20pm** in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. **Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.**

Our Bishops pray for victims of the pandemic. Today, Sunday 14th November, the Catholic Bishops of Ireland are going on pilgrimage together to the International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine of Knock to offer holy Mass for all who have died on this island during this time of pandemic and for their families. They will also offer prayers of thanksgiving for those who selflessly sacrificed so much these past 19 months. The Mass will be live streamed at 3pm both on www.knockshrine.ie and on the RTE News Now channel. The bishops invite us to join in their prayer intentions for this occasion.

Remembrance Mass on Tuesday 16th November 2021. Our annual Parish Mass remembering parishioners who have died this past year takes place on Tuesday evening next 16th November 2021 at 7.30pm. You may have noticed that we have a Remembrance Tree this month on the sanctuary. Feel free to write the name of someone you cherish who has gone to the Lord on the tags provided and to place it on the branches. We do so remembering the Tree of Christ's Passion and Cross by which he has rescued us from death.

Concerts in the Pro-Cathedral. All are welcome to the Mother church of our Diocese, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, on Sunday lunchtimes in November for: **Remembering**, a series of performances featuring a varied and wide-range of choral music presented by the choirs associated with the Pro-Cathedral. At each concert, those lost during these Covid-19 times will be remembered in a special way. November 14th, 21st and 28th all at 1.15pm. Admission is free.
