

## CHURCH SERVICES

### The Eucharist

**Sunday:** Saturday 6.00pm  
Sunday 10.00am and 12.00 noon

**Weekdays:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10.00am  
Tuesday, Thursdays 7.30pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

After 10.00am and 6.00pm Mass on Saturday and on request.

### Baptism:

Normally on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 1.00pm.  
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 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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 5 December 2021

### Be still this Advent

“Ever faithful God, you sent your son into the darkness of human history to fulfill your will, and guide your people home to you. Fill our hearts with the hope of your coming that we may draw close to all our sisters and brothers especially those who bear the cross of Jesus in the heart of our world. May the Light of his victory over darkness and death, guide our feet on the way of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of Him who came and will come again, Jesus, our Lord, for ever and ever. Amen”

*This prayer is taken from Archbishop Dermot Farrell's brief Pastoral letter for Advent.*

*You can read his full message and explore many useful Advent resources here, including some for your own kitchen table:*

*<https://dublindiocese.ie/advent-2021/>*

### An Advent Prayer

Christ Jesus, you know that we would like to respond to your call to keep watch and to pray at all times. And so, in the instability of this world, we can prepare your coming, you, the master of the universe and of history, the one who is and who was and who is to come. *(Br Alois, prior of the Taizé ecumenical monastic community)*

*Fr. Damian McNeice*

## **Parish dates for your diary this Advent:**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December:** 7.30pm Open Hearts Taizé Prayer, with a particular welcome for young people.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** 12 noon Mass with the Blessing of our statue of St Joseph

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Mass with the Anointing of the Sick – parishioners who are sick or bearing an infirmity will be especially welcome to this Eucharist at which they can receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Bambinelli Sunday – bring your Christ child figure from your crib for it to be held up and blessed at all Masses this last Sunday before Christmas Day.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December:** Advent Penitential Service 7.30pm with several visiting priests in attendance.

## **“Pardon Sunday”**

In preparation for the beautiful season of Christmas, the Sacrament of Reconciliation [Rite II] will be available before all Masses in our neighbouring parish of St Thomas the Apostle, Laurel Lodge, **next weekend** [Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm, Sunday 9.30am, 11am and 12.30pm].

## **Online Calendar**

The Irish Bishops Conference offer an **Online Advent Calendar**, featuring an audio thought for the day and a wide range of resources, which you can visit at: [www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/)

## **7.30 Evening Mass in Dublin 15**

Beginning this Advent, St Luke’s parish, Mulhuddart, will have 7.30pm Mass on Mondays; St Brigid’s, Blanchardstown, will have 7.30pm Mass on Wednesdays and St Patrick’s, Corduff, will have 7.30pm Mass on Fridays. These will nicely complement our Tuesday and Thursday evening Masses here in Castleknock. These extra celebrations in parishes of our Deanery are being offered on a trial basis and their continuing will be reviewed in the light of attendance and demand sometime after Christmas.

## **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**

Our Annual Christmas Appeal for St. Vincent de Paul will take place in all parishes on **next Saturday 11th** and **Sunday 12th** December. It will be in place of the usual Share Collection. Please give as generously as you can to make Christmas a happier and less worrying time for so many families who struggle with the basics every day of the year. Thank you so much from your local St. Vincent de Paul conference. We wish you a happy and holy Christmas, and a peaceful New Year.

## **Annual Night Vigil in Knock**

in honour of The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Bus leaves Church Ave, Blanchardstown on **this Tuesday 7th December** at 4.30pm. For booking, call Michael Frawley 086 8650708. Intention: Healing for all those suffering from the virus & an end to the pandemic.

## **Anam Cara**

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 15th December** 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](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

## **Christmas Hampers**

A group of young adults will be putting hampers together that will be delivered to deserving families in the Dublin 15 area. There will be collection baskets in the church on the **weekend of the 18/19** for gifts / food / new toys etc All donations gratefully received.

## **Mobile phones**

Please do your best to remember to turn off your mobile phone (or turn it to totally silent) when in church out of respect for God’s house and the prayer of others around you.