

CHURCH SERVICES

The Eucharist

Sunday: Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 10.00am and 12.00 noon

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Baptism:

Normally on 2nd and 4th 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.

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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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th January 2022

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022

For over 100 years, Christians around the world have set aside the Octave of the 18th to the 25th January each year as a time in which to enter into what Jesus prayed for to the Father on the night of the Last Supper, that his disciples “may all be one... so that the world may believe that you sent me” [John 17:21].

This year's Inaugural Service for this Week of Prayer in the Dublin area takes place in St Anthony's Church, St Laurence's Road, Clontarf at 8.00pm next Tuesday 18th January. Our own Archbishop, Dr. Dermot Farrell, Archbishop Michael Jackson of the Church of Ireland and leaders of twelve other Christian denominations will attend and lead the act of worship.

The inspiration for this year's prayer comes to us from the churches of the Middle East and they invite us to revisit the Gospel we heard on the feast of the Epiphany: “we saw his star in the East” [Matthew 2:2].

The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that comes to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires. The Middle East has a sad history, and still is bruised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead

the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness. They offer a call for churches to work together so that young people can build a good future according to God's heart, a future in which all human beings can experience life, peace, justice, and love. Prayer resources for each day, both in Irish and in English, can be downloaded for free from www.ctbi.org.uk which has scripture, reflections, inspirations for action and poems like this one below:

**In the school Nativity Play
They cast the class bully as Herod.
Inspired.
No acting required.
Jesus, you ask which role
Shall I play
In my world,
YOUR world, today.**

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St. Brigid's National School
Enrolment for Junior Infants (Naionáin Shóisearacha) for September 2022 in St. Brigid's National School, Castleknock, commenced on Monday 10th January. Please see the school website, <https://m.saintbrigids.ie/> for further details. Places will be allocated in accordance with the school's Enrolment Policy.

TAIZE for Young People
Taize for Young People is held on a Friday every month at 7.00pm. It is a time for music, prayer and reflection. If you play a musical instrument, please bring it along too. All are welcome! It is an opportunity not to be missed. (This month 14th January 2022.)

Bricks for Kids.
Bricks 4 Kidz Lego Technic: Afterschool Classes are held in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock every Monday from the 10th January for seven (7) weeks. Times: 1.30-2.40pm and 2.40-3.40pm. Includes staggered pick-up from St. Brigid's NS, suitable for girls and boys, ages 4-12. These classes are most helpful and illuminating. See www.bricks4kidz.ie/fingal or call Allison at 086 170 9493 for more details.

Pilgrimage to Knock

A fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, will be held on the 21st February 2022. €549.00 per person sharing. The price includes return bus transfer from Dublin, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single supplement €60.00. Contact: Patricia on 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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Me in 2022

During my life journey on this planet I shall start each day with these affirmations. I am capable. I am worthwhile. I am beautiful. I am lovable. I shall accept both my strengths and my weaknesses for they are me. I shall never again believe the "lie" that if I make a mistake, I am a mistake. My mistakes are the learning tools that I shall encounter on my life journey. When I learn from my mistakes, I give them meaning. When I give my mistakes meaning, I can begin to forgive myself - I can begin to heal. I shall not use my mistakes as excuses to give up on me, my mistakes are not me. I shall seek the wisdom to nurture my heart, mind, body, and soul so that I may feel more centred - providing an energy reserve that allows me to climb the mountains in my own life, providing an energy reserve that allows me to love and support others who are climbing a different mountain, providing an energy reserve that allows time for friends, play, and celebration of life. I shall pray more and I will place my trust in God my Creator.

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Be Who You Are

Let the true spirit of who you are shine through in all that you do. Let your hopes and dreams always guide you in the direction that you definitely believe in. Let the love that is within your heart never stop being the most important and beautiful part of your life. Travel through time not as one alone, but as one among the many; reach out to those who need your gentle spirit and caring ways. Make your passage through time an endless journey of love for God. Beannachtaí ort.

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