

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 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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd January 2022

Sunday of the Word of God

Catholic Schools Week begins today

The Word of God.

- The scene in the synagogue marks the launch of the public ministry of Jesus in Luke. Jesus was filled with the Spirit and sent. He came bursting with a message to communicate. When have you had the experience of being enthused by something in that way? Who have been the people you met who had that kind of enthusiasm?
- His message was addressed to those who were poor, oppressed, blind, or captives. Who are these today? In what ways have you been, or are you, among these? How has the message of Jesus been good news for you, freed you, given you a new sight, or revealed God's favour to you
- The message Jesus had was one of liberation and he told his listeners that it was being fulfilled even as they listened. It is being fulfilled even as we hear it **NOW**. If this does not resonate with you right now, when has the gospel given you an experience of liberation?
- This is the Sunday of the Word of God, the word that gives life. The written word of God is not always easy to understand. What has helped you to be more at home with the Bible so that you could find there encouragement, hope, inspiration, meaning and purpose in life?

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2022.

Catholic Schools Week gives us the opportunity each year to celebrate our Catholic schools and to reflect on their wonderful contribution to our community and to the common good of wider society. This year’s theme is **“Living Life to the Full,”** reminding us of the Lord’s words in John 10:10: “I have come so that they have life and have it to the full.” Let’s pray for the pupils, all the staff and families connected to our schools this coming week:

“Lord our God, help our school communities to enable each person to live life to the full, and see themselves and others as made for loving and kind relationships with God, each other and the world around us. May we become more and more like your son Jesus who, by his life and ministry, showed us how to treat one another, especially the poor. May your Holy Spirit guide us as we journey together in faith, hope and love. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen. “

The resources for CSW2022 suggest that on Wednesday, 26th January, it would be appropriate to offer a prayer for all **grandparents**, cherishing their contribution to the lives of their grandchildren, perhaps using this prayer written by Pope Benedict XVI:

“Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their familis strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. Amen.”

TRÓCAIRE SAYS THANK YOU. We received a letter from Caoimhe de Barra, CEO of Trócaire, to thank “the people of Castleknock Parish for your generous gift of €8,550” to the special collection for East Africa as requested by the Irish Bishops Conference that took place on 6th and 7th November 2021. “With your help, Trócaire is responding in Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan and the state of South Kordofan in Sudan.” The people there are struggling with a deadly mix of conflict, COVID-19, locust infestation and drought. “Thank you for joining with your neighbours and friends across Ireland to meet this moment once again.

Your generosity will help hardworking people survive these dark days and keep so many dreams and futures alive.” For further details see www.trocaire.org

RTÉ NEWS NOW MASS. Sincere thanks to the members of our Parish Choir, under the most capable direction of Frances Stoker-Phelan, together with our organist Órán Halligan, who got up well before dawn to add beauty and nobility to a 7am webcast of Mass from our parish church on Thursday 20th January streamed later that day on the RTÉ News Now channel. We received a number of very complimentary messages and some requests for a prayer shared during the homily. It comes to us from the Alexian Brothers:

PRAYER TO CHRIST THE HEALER.

“In the comfort of your love, I pour to you, my Saviour, the memories that haunt me, the anxieties that perplex me, the fears that stifle me, the sickness that prevails upon me, and the frustration of all the pain that weaves about within me. Lord, help me to see your peace in my turmoil, your compassion in my sorrow, your forgiveness in my weakness, and your love in my need. Touch me, O Lord, with your healing power and strength.”

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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.
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St. Brigid’s NS. Enrolment for Junior Infants for September 2022. Enrolment for junior infants 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. Applications are to be received by 3pm on Monday 31st January.

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Pilgrimage to Knock: A fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, will be held on the 21st February 2022. Contact: Patricia on 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.
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