

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th January 2022

THE SYNOD PRAYER: On the table at the back of our Church you will find copies of the Synod Prayer which Archbishop Dermot Farrell is inviting each one of us to take home and pray – daily. There are colourful card versions to keep at home, and simple yellow paper copies that can fit in your pocket. It is a simplified version of a prayer attributed to St Isidore of Seville (c.560-636). That prayer was used to begin every session of the great Second Vatican Council which took place in St Peter's Basilica in Rome from 1962 to 1965. Do take a copy (or several copies) home and pray it on behalf of our parish and of the entire Church throughout the world which Pope Francis is inviting to a synodal pathway in order to discern where Christ is leading us in the Holy Spirit.

A MEDITATION ON THE OPENING LINES: WE STAND BEFORE YOU, HOLY SPIRIT, AS WE GATHER TOGETHER IN YOUR NAME. WITH YOU ALONE TO GUIDE US, MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME IN OUR HEARTS; TEACH US THE WAY WE MUST GO AND HOW TO PURSUE IT. Standing is a very ancient posture for prayer, the posture of a grateful heart. When the early Christians gathered, they stood together with arms outstretched, giving thanks. We can stand because God is here with us, standing right beside us. Gathering is what we are all about: where two or three are gathered in His Name, there is the Church. We become the people of God by gathering. Home: "Make your home in me as I make mine in you" (John 15:4) God has made his home in your heart. Listening deeply to discern and understand the movement of the Spirit in our hearts and listening deeply to one another helps us to know what to do. Heart: This can only happen when we have a teachable heart, open to the influence of the Spirit, so that the Synodal Path is

truly Spirit led. We pray that we will open our minds and hearts to the leading of the Spirit, trusting in God and not in ourselves. We stand before you, Holy Spirit. We stand before you. We stand. We.

WHAT IS A SYNOD: A Synod is a gathering of people, or priests, or bishops that helps the Church move forward together, listening to one another and to the Holy Spirit. It is not a parliament or opinion poll. It is an ecclesial/Church event and a spiritual experience taking place over months and years. If the Spirit is not present, there will be no Synod! It is a place of encounter and not confrontation. Three principles inform the whole process:

1: Sharing: The opening lines of the Second Vatican Council document on the Church in the modern world – called *Gaudium et Spes*, [Joy and Hope 1965] – states: “The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts... United in Christ, they are led by the Holy Spirit in their journey to the Kingdom of their Father.” Together on the Synod pathway to God’s kingdom, we will listen to our hopes and fears, our joys and sorrows.

2: Taking Part: A Synod is based on the model of a co-responsible Church and the equality and dignity of all the baptised.

3: Reaching Out: It urges us to bring the Church beyond the doors of our Church building, to maximise participation and to be as inclusive as is the love of God.

OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) REPORT FOR JANUARY 2022

The PPC has identified 2 parishioners to be trained as animators for our two Synod local assemblies which will take place in our parish in March and April. The PPC are currently working on **possible action plans and priorities** for the coming year. Areas being considered are: the Visitation of older parishioners or phone friends for those who are isolated, and getting young people more involved in the life of the parish, the return of altar servers to our liturgies. If you have any ideas, please make them known to any member of the PPC.

Liturgy group: A meeting of the new parish liturgy group will be held in coming weeks. Members will be contacted.

Youth Group: The monthly Taizé prayer meeting is going very well. Some 40 young people attended the recent January “Open Hearts” prayer. The next Taizé night will be held on Friday February 11th at 7pm

Child Safeguarding: Members of our Parish child safeguarding committee will soon be meeting with their counterparts in Laurel Lodge parish. A new Child safeguarding digital policy has been issued by the diocese. It can be downloaded from <http://csps.dublindiocese.ie/policies/>

A copy of it will be made available on the table at the back of the church.

Mass for the Sick: Following the success of the Mass with the Anointing of the Sick which took place in Advent, a similar Mass will take place at 10am on Friday 11th February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

St. Brigid’s N.S. - 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.

Knock Pilgrimage

Fully Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 21st February 2022
€549.00 per person sharing. 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.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Collection

Society of St Vincent de Paul monthly collection will take place after all Masses **this weekend**, Saturday 29th & 30th January.