

## 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 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 Office** – Monday to Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.  
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**Our Lady's Parish Centre** – Phone: 01-8209907

**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

### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022

#### ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The Dublin Diocesan Office for Vocations to Priesthood invite you to join in praying for Deacon Joe Keegan who will be ordained to the priesthood for service in our Diocese this Sunday by Archbishop Dermot Farrell. The Ordination takes place on 20th February at 3pm in the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Cabra West, Dublin 7. The ceremony can be viewed on the parish webcam link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/cabrawest>. This is a great joy and blessing for Deacon Joe and for our diocese. Please include a prayer for him, his family and for more vocations in your prayer.

#### EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD – ZOOM WITH SEMINARIANS AND PRIESTS

On Tuesday 1st March @ 8pm there will be an opportunity for young men to join in on a Zoom to find out more about priesthood and to hear directly from two young men who are currently studying for the priesthood in our National Seminary in Maynooth. The event is being run by the National Vocations Office. Further information and registration details can be obtained by emailing [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie) alternatively by logging onto [info@vocations.ie/zoom](https://www.vocations.ie/zoom). The key elements of the event which runs for about 90mins, will comprise: Some short YouTube videos on priesthood and vocation, Testimony and vocation story from a priest, Testimony and vocation story from two seminarians as well as an opportunity for Q&A with the seminarians and panel.

### **A PRAYER:**

Christ Jesus, as you sent out your disciples, you send us out to bear witness that the kingdom of God is near at hand: it is already within us. And may our lives, thus filled with God's limitless love, sing your praises. *Brother Alois of Taizé 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022*

### **THE SAFETY OF YOUR HOME**

There have been some burglaries recently in our area. Our local Gardaí are reminding us of some easy steps to minimize risks to the safety of your home: Whether at home or going out, turn on some lights, use timer switches. When going out, close and lock all doors and windows. Use your house alarm, even when going out for a short time. Store keys safely; away from windows and letterboxes. Record details of valuables and don't keep large amounts of cash at home.

### **COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am to 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

### **St BRIGID'S NATIONAL SCHOOL - ASD CLASSES**

St Brigid's National School is now accepting applications for their ASD classes which are scheduled to open in September 2022. Please see the school website <https://m.saintbrigids.ie/> for further details.

### **ALONE**

ALONE supports older people to age at home, combatting loneliness and isolation. Would you like to volunteer from the comfort of your own home? We are seeking volunteers to make Support & Befriending calls to older people. Please visit our website at [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie) or call our National Support and Referral line on 0818 222 024 to find out more about volunteering with ALONE.

**Society of St Vincent de Paul** monthly collection will take place on Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th February. We hope to be in a position to take donations by cash or card.

### **SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL**

1. Our natural tendency when attacked is to self-protection and when we are attacked, we attack back. We respond to an angry word with another, or to a blow by hitting back. Here Jesus suggests that at times there may be another way to act. What has been your experience of retaliation? Has it been life-giving? Have you experience of another way of acting?
2. When we do good to another, it can sometimes be in return for what we have received. At other times it can be done in the hope of getting something back. Or we may do it simply for the sake of doing good without any strings attached. Jesus suggests that this is when we are at our best. Recall your experience of these different ways of giving and celebrate the occasions when you gave without expectation of return.
3. Jesus proposes the generosity of God as a model for our generosity and says that the generous will be rewarded. Perhaps you have experienced rewards, even in this life, from generous behaviour.

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### **Christmas Offerings / Dues**

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Christmas Offerings, all of which goes directly to the Diocesan Common Fund to support the Clergy of the Diocese, sick and retired priests, priests in low-income parishes, and priests working in special ministries throughout our Diocese. If you would like an acknowledgement of your contribution, please contact the parish office.

### ***Retrouvaille - A Lifeline for Married Couples:***

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next virtual programme starts 3rd to 6th March 2022

*For information contact: visit [www.retrouvaille.ie](http://www.retrouvaille.ie) or call Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, text or call 086 413 5440, Mike & Anne 087-2526812 / 087-6874658*