

## 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 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

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**27<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

*POPE FRANCIS' APPEAL: ASH WEDNESDAY – A DAY OF FASTING FOR PEACE*  
“My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilising coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute. And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war”.

*Pope Francis – Wednesday Audience 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022*

*A REMINDER OF MASS AVAILABILITY IN OUR AREA:*

Many like to try to attend Mass more often during the holy season of Lent. Here's a reminder of when and where Mass is available in nearby parishes.

**9am Mass Monday to Friday: Our Lady Help of Christians, Navan Road.**

**10am Mass Monday to Friday: in St Thomas the Apostle, Laurel Lodge, in St Mochta's Porterstown and also in St Brigid's, Blanchardstown Village.**

**Evening Mass in our Deanery Area: 7.30pm Monday: St Luke's Mulhuddart.**

**7.30pm Wednesday St Brigid's Blanchardstown. 7.30pm Friday: St Patrick's**

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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

OUR PARISH SYNOD GATHERINGS: will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. All are welcome. These will be gatherings where we will prayerfully listen to the Lord and to one another so as to discern the way the Lord is leading us. At our first gathering we will be humbly sharing and listening on these two questions: “When you think of your experience of Church, what brings joy?” and “When you think of your experience of Church, what brings sorrow?” All the responses from our parish will be sent to our Archbishop, who in turn will gather all our Diocese’s parish responses together with those from every Diocese in Ireland. This will then be sent as a synthesis to Rome for the Synod of Bishops this Autumn. This will also prepare us for a further Synod for Ireland taking place in 2024 and 2025.

As our Holy Father, Pope Francis said on 9th October 2021: *“Dear brothers and sisters, may this Synod be a true season of the Spirit! For we need the Spirit, the ever new breath of God, who sets us free from every form of self-absorption, revives what is moribund, loosens shackles and spreads joy. The Holy Spirit guides us where God wants us to be, not to where our own ideas and personal tastes would lead us. Father Congar, of blessed memory, once said: “There is no need to create another Church, but to create a different Church” That is the challenge. For a “different Church”, a Church open to the newness that God wants to suggest, let us with greater fervour and frequency invoke the Holy Spirit and humbly listen to him, journeying together as He, the source of communion and mission, desires: with docility and courage.”* We will share more information on our Synod gatherings with you over the coming weeks.

#### LISTENING TO OUR YOUNG CHURCH – DUBLIN DIOCESAN TEEN SYNOD

Young People of Dublin - This is your chance! Pope Francis wants to hear what you think or feel about our Church. We would love to hear your voice at our Dublin Diocesan Teen Synod! Join us online Thursday 31st March 6:30pm - 8pm. You can register online using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/iVYZSdxbF1> Registration closes on the 25th March at 5pm. For more information, email: [synod@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:synod@dublindiocese.ie)

#### TRÓCAIRE BOXES: ZIMBABWE

As ever during Lent, we can take a Trócaire box home and support the excellent work of our Catholic Development agency. This year, their Lenten campaign

focuses on the people of Zimbabwe. Archbishop Alex Thomas Kilayanil of Bulawayo writes: “In the spirit of faith and in the spirit of humanity I appeal to you: please open your hearts as much as possible to the people of Zimbabwe this Lent. In my Archdiocese... the people are very poor. Water is scarce and there is drought and food scarcity. People walk many miles to access medical care. The pandemic has also brought more poverty and hardship. Our partnership with you through Trócaire is a very, very beautiful partnership. Staff visit us and go into the fields with us to see what is the real situation, they have been very helpful with capacity building. We have nothing much to give you back, but we are always there to pray for you and we are always grateful to you.” Trócaire rehabilitate small scale dams, build solar water pumping systems, sustainable community gardens and bring emergency food relief. So take a box home, even as a reminder. You can also donate online: [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org)

#### EXPLORING A VISUAL GOSPEL: LOOKING AT ICONS

Fr Damian will present two evenings looking deeply at icons of Gospel scenes which feature prominently in the season of Lent and Holy Week, such as the Transfiguration, The Raising of Lazarus, the Crucifixion and the Harrowing of Hell. These reflective Powerpoint presentations will take place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

OPEN HEARTS TAIZÉ PRAYER. Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Come and enjoy 40 minutes of Taizé chants, reflection and quiet. All are welcome, especially the young. Taize Prayer for Young People.

Medjugorje Easter Pilgrimage departs Dublin on Sunday 17th April for 7 Days. Cost €765 per person inclusive - Accommodation in a superb guesthouse. For Information telephone: Michael 086 8650708 or Eleanor 087 2351294. Group Leader: Eleanor Healy accompanied by a Spiritual Director.

#### Society of St Vincent de Paul.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul monthly collection will take place this weekend, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February. The Society is in a position to take donations by cash or card. Your donations will be most welcome. Thank you.

#### Ukraine

Please remember Ukraine and its wonderful people in your prayers.