

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

1st Sunday in Lent
6th March 2022

BEGGING FOR AN END TO THIS POINTLESS VIOLENCE:

Meeting in London on the 4th March 2022, the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Catholic Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, Ireland, and Scotland released the following statement: "In the face of the shocking loss of life, bloodshed, displacement of people and destruction of property in Ukraine, we make these heartfelt appeals. We ask our Catholic communities to sustain the prayer and self-denial of Lent as a constant offering to God, begging for an end to this pointless violence. We ask all who have an instinct for God to raise their hearts and minds in prayer for peace. We urge everyone to open their hearts and respond generously to the many appeals for help and support for all who are fleeing their homeland. We call on the UK and Irish governments to offer an open and generous welcome to those who seek refuge in the face of this warfare."

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS: Our Parish Synod Gatherings: will take place on Tuesday 22nd March and Tuesday 5th April at 8pm in our Parish Centre. All are welcome. At our first gathering we will be humbly sharing about 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?" Our second gathering will focus on a further two questions: "When you think of your experience of Church, what brings hope? When you think of your experience of Church, what brings fear or anxiety?" Responses from our meetings will be collated and 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 to inspire the Synod of Bishops this Autumn. This will also prepare us for a further Synod for Ireland taking place in 2024 and 2025.

Pilgrimage to Knock – Saturday April 23rd

The Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday April 23rd. The pilgrimage Mass, preceded by Anointing of the Sick, will be celebrated by our Archbishop, Dr. Dermot Farrell, at 3pm. A bus is being organised to travel from our parish. The package includes a stop for coffee on the way there and lunch in Knock House Hotel. Finalised costs will be published here soon. Keep the date!

Aifreann Lá Fhéile Pádraig:

Masses for the Solemnity of St Patrick, Principal Patron of Ireland, will be at 6pm Wednesday 16th March and 10am and 12 noon on 17th. The 10am Mass will be celebrated entirely 'as Gaeilge' except for the homily. We must say "Go raibh maith agaibh" to the Family Mass Group who are learning one of Seán O'Riada's Mass settings for the occasion.

Exploring a Visual Gospel: Looking at Icons

Fr Damian will present two evenings looking at icons of Gospel scenes which feature prominently in 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 in the Parish Centre on Monday 28th March and Monday 4th April at 8pm. All are welcome.

'Plan of Action' for coming year.

The following ideas are being actively discussed: (a) Bringing communion to the housebound and reaching out to the lonely. A subcommittee will be making enquiries as to who might like to avail of this. (b) Looking at inviting a speaker from Youth 2000 to talk to our Taizé group. (c) Having a children's corner in our parish newsletter.

18TH MARCH BANK HOLIDAY MASS:

The State authorities are organising a service scheduled to take place on 20th March in order to commemorate the over 9,700 people who have died on the island of Ireland with Covid-19 and to acknowledge the contribution of frontline workers during the pandemic. In that spirit, Mass in our parish church on the forthcoming Bank Holiday on Friday, 18th March, at 10am will be offered for the souls of all who died with Covid 19 on our island and in thanksgiving for the sacrifices and solidarity shown by so many during this time of crisis. All are welcome.

Workshops for Older People.

The following workshops are aimed at older people. Eight Free Go for Life PALs (Physical Activity Leader) Workshops. Starting on Friday, the 25th March 2022, 10.00am to 2.30pm. Venue: Blakestown Community Resource Centre. More information email sports@fingal.ie Caitríona Geraghty, Sports Development Officer, Fingal Sports Office, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. Ph: 8906247.

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 16th March at 7.15pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

Novena of Grace in St Brigid's Blanchardstown

Sr. Anne Neylon (Daughter of Charity) will conduct this year's Novena of Grace in St Brigid's, Blanchardstown from Friday 4th to Saturday 12th March. She will speak at Mass for the nine days of the Novena, and the St Francis Xavier Novena Prayer will be recited at all the Masses.

Raise funds for St. Francis Hospice

Help to raise funds for the Hospice. Walk your own 5Km Spring Memorial Walk - anytime, anyplace, in the month of March! Call 01 832 7535 or visit www.sfh.ie for t-shirt / mask / sponsor cards, etc. Registration fee €20. Remember: "Today I walk to remember YOU."

St Brigid's National School Castleknock (Our Parish School).

Great news! St Brigid's National School is now accepting applications for their new ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder Unit) Classes which are scheduled to open in September 2022. Please see the school website <https://m.saintbrigid.ie/> for further details. The Principal, Staff and Board of Management deserve great credit for undertaking this project.

PORTERSTOWN PARISH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Departing 23rd June 2022, 4* Hotel Solitude, 5 nights full board. Fr Paul Ward will be the Spiritual Director. Welcoming Parishioners from Castleknock and Laurel Lodge. For further details contact St Mochta's Parish Office 01-8213218 or email secretary@stmochtasparish.ie