

## 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.

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**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

### Second Sunday of Lent 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022

#### MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS ABOUT UKRAINE

*At last Sunday's Angelus in St Peter's Square, the Holy Father said the following:*

“Dear brothers and sisters, Rivers of blood and tears are flowing in Ukraine. It is not merely a military operation, but a war, which sows death, destruction and misery. The number of victims is increasing, as are the people fleeing, especially mothers and children. The need for humanitarian assistance in that troubled country is growing dramatically by the hour.

I make a heartfelt appeal for humanitarian corridors to be genuinely secured, and for aid to be guaranteed and access facilitated to the besieged areas, in order to offer vital relief to our brothers and sisters oppressed by bombs and fear. I thank all those who are taking in refugees. Above all, I implore that the armed attacks cease and that negotiation - and common sense - prevail. And that international law be respected once again! And I would also like to thank the journalists who put their lives at risk to provide information. Thank you, brothers and sisters, for this service... that allows us to be close to the tragedy of that population and enables us to assess the cruelty of a war... Let us pray together for Ukraine ... as brothers and sisters, to Our Lady...

The Holy See is ready to do everything, to put itself at the service of this peace. In these days, two Cardinals went to Ukraine, to serve the people, to help. Cardinal Krajewski, the Almoner, to bring aid to the needy, and Cardinal Czerny, interim Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. The presence of the two Cardinals there is the presence not only of the Pope, but of all the Christian people who want

to get closer and say: “War is madness! Stop, please! Look at this cruelty!” (6<sup>th</sup> March 2022)

#### THE SYNODAL PATHWAY

**Our Parish Synod Gatherings:** will take place on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in our Parish Centre.** All are welcome. It will be a time of prayerful reflection, listening and sharing, so that we can better attend to the voice of God’s Spirit leading the Church into the future. At our first gathering we will be 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 two further 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?**” All the 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 on the island of Ireland. This will then be sent as a synthesis to Rome to inspire the Synod of Bishops taking place this Autumn. We will hear more about our own parish Synod Gatherings at Masses next weekend.

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

Teenagers! We would love to hear your voice at our Dublin Diocesan Teen Synod! Join it online **Thursday 31st March 6:30pm - 8pm.** You can register online using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/jVYZSdxbF1> Registration closes on the 25th March at 5pm. For more information, email: [synod@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:synod@dublindiocese.ie)

#### AIFREANN LÁ FHÉILE PÁDRAIG:

Masses for the Solemnity of St Patrick, Principal Patron of Ireland, will be at 6pm Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March and 10am and 12 noon on 17<sup>th</sup>. The 10am Mass will be celebrated entirely ‘as Gaeilge’ except for the homily.

#### 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - BANK HOLIDAY MASS:

The State authorities are organising a service on 20<sup>th</sup> March 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 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.

#### 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, FEAST OF ST JOSEPH:

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis gave twelve fine Catecheses on St Joseph at his weekly Wednesday audiences from November 2021 to February 2022. In honour of St Joseph’s Feast day, Fr Damian has collated these texts which run to a total of 27 pages. The Holy Father contemplates Saint Joseph in his various roles, for example: the Carpenter, a persecuted and courageous migrant, father in tenderness, a man who dreams. To have these Catecheses on St Joseph emailed to you, contact the parish office: [parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie](mailto:parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie)

#### 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 28<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm.** All are welcome.

#### PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK – SATURDAY APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>

The Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

#### PORTERSTOWN PARISH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:

Departing 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022,. For further details contact St Mochta’s Parish Office 01-8213218 or email [secretary@stmochtasparish.ie](mailto:secretary@stmochtasparish.ie)

#### RESPECT FOR LIFE GROUP DUBLIN 15: PUBLIC MEETING

Parish Centre, **Thursday 24 March 8.15.** To offer advice about making a submission to the review of the Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy Act 2018. Speakers will include Senator Rónán Mullen and Niamh Uí Bhriain (Life Institute)