

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

5th Sunday of Lent 3rd April 2022

THE SYNODAL PATHWAY:

Our second Synod Pathway Gathering will take place in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre **on Tuesday 5th April at 8pm and all are welcome.** It will focus on two questions, both inspired by the opening lines of the Vatican II document “*The Church in the Modern World*”. These are: “When you think of your experience of Church, **what brings hope?** When you think of your experience of Church, **what brings fear or anxiety?**” Archbishop Farrell is very keen that we continue this way of parish synodal gatherings into the future.

Young Adults are invited to make their views on the Church known via an online gathering of Synodal listening on Monday 4th April from 7:30-9pm. Register using this link:
<https://forms.gle/os5DNAnoNPGSmVKV6>

Our Holy Week and Easter Schedule Card and Dues envelope

These are now ready for distribution, with sincere thanks to those who prepared them and to those who will deliver them for us. These are very useful reminders of the many ceremonies available in our church during the holiest week of the year, including our Parish Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation taking place on Monday 11th April at 7.30pm.

On Struggle: a Talk by Fr Mark Byrne, SOLT.

Hosted by the Catholic Grandparents Association, Fr Mark Byrne will give a talk on “Struggle” on Monday 4th April at 11am in our Parish Centre. Tea and coffee will be available and all are welcome.

Exploring a Visual Gospel: Looking at Icons part 2

Fr Damian will present the second evening looking at icons of Gospel scenes which feature prominently in Lent and Holy Week this **Monday evening 4th April at 8pm in Room 1 of the Parish Centre**. All are welcome.

Open Hearts Taizé Prayer

The next Open Hearts Taizé prayer takes place next **Friday 8th April at 7pm**. This time of meditative prayer and song by candlelight has a particular welcome for the young; as well as the young of heart. Many of our young parishioners preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation next June are attending. As Br Alois, prior of Taizé, wrote: “The exchange with God becomes real for us in prayer: by his Holy Spirit, God comes to dwell within us. By his word and by the sacraments, Christ gives himself to us. In return, we can surrender everything to him.”

Pilgrimage to Knock – Saturday April 23rd

The Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday April 23rd. A number of workshops start at 12 noon. The pilgrimage Mass, preceded by Anointing of the Sick, will be celebrated by our Archbishop, Dr Dermot Farrell, at 3pm. A bus, leaving at 8am from our church, is being organised to travel from our parish. **The package includes bus fare, a stop for coffee on the way there and lunch in Knock House Hotel** and the total cost is €45. To register your interest, please email your name and telephone number to parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie. Please pay by 16th April by dropping an envelope marked Knock Pilgrimage into the sacristy or parish office, with your name and telephone number.

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@stmochtasparrish.ie

Seeing your Life through the Life of the Gospel

John Byrne OSA

1. Compassion for human frailty combined with a gentle challenge to a better life marked the response of Jesus. From whom have you experienced a compassionate challenge? What was that like for you? To whom have you given such a challenge?
2. The Pharisees and scribes self-righteously condemned the woman until Jesus brought them in touch with their own sinfulness. This was a conversion moment for them and they turned away from their quest for the death of the woman. Have there been times when your awareness of your own fragility and sinfulness has helped you to be less judgemental of others?
3. ‘What do you say?’ can be an embarrassing question. Jesus had the courage to voice an opinion, even though it was against the party line of the day. When you have seen that courage shown – by yourself, or by another? What was the result?

Collection for Ukraine – Thank You

Thank you very much for your generosity to the collection for Ukraine last weekend. Over €7,000 was received and directed to Caritas Internationalis which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and surrounding areas. Caritas is the international equivalent of Trócaire, our own Catholic development agency.

Six Eurovision Winners to perform in Charity Concert

St Mary's Pro-Cathedral is holding a charity concert on **Monday 25th April at 7:30pm** in aid of Peter McVerry Trust, Blossom Ireland and Dogs Aid. “Eurovision Voices” will feature six of the competition's winners: Johnny Logan, Linda Martin, Niamh Kavanagh, Dana, Paul Harrington and Charlie McGettigan and Secret Garden. Tickets are €30 available from Eventbrite.ie.

The Sanctuary

Founded by Sr. Stan, since 1998, the Sanctuary offers a range of courses and workshops in the area of mindfulness, meditation and movement, creativity and well-being. The *Dawn Chorus with the Sanctuary* is back on **1st May**. Further information at: www.sanctuary.ie. Tel. 01-6705419.