

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 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

Palm Sunday

10th April 2022

COLLECTIONS FOR SUNSHINE HOUSE AND FOR THE HOLY LAND: The annual collection for the Sunshine Fund of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place after our Masses this weekend. Instead of their usual 'bucket' collection they are doing an envelope collection. Like many charities they have been unable to fundraise for over two years now and as a result many children have missed out on a holiday. This is their sole fundraiser for this aspect of their work so they ask you to please be as generous as you can.

The Holy Land: Following a request from the Holy See, Archbishop Dermot Farrell has asked that we take up a collection 'Pro Terra Sancta' on Good Friday for the parish churches and sanctuaries in the Holy Land. This collection takes place in dioceses throughout the world. As Cardinal Sandri said in a letter to bishops worldwide: *'For two consecutive years, the Christians of the Holy Land have celebrated Easter and Christmas in a sort of isolation, without the warmth and solidarity of pilgrims visiting the Holy Places and local communities. Families have suffered beyond measure, more from the lack of work than from... the pandemic itself.'* You will have the opportunity to contribute to this collection for the Holy Places in the Church porches on Good Friday.

THE SYNODAL PATHWAY: Sincere thanks to the fifty people who participated in our second Parish Synod Gathering last Tuesday. There was tangible depth of sharing and of listening. Thank you to our gifted facilitators, Fiona Mahon and Teresa Hawkes, to the team of small group animators and those who so generously looked after the very welcome hospitality. The written contributions from both meetings will be typed up and displayed in our Church porch beneath the statue of Our Lady in coming days. Similarly

structured gatherings for parents of children preparing to receive First Communion and Confirmation are being organised. Further details will be available after Easter.

HOLY WEEK PENITENTIAL SERVICES: For those who would like to prepare for Easter with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our own parish Penitential Service (with visiting priests present) will take place on Monday 11th April at 7.30pm. Blanchardstown parish also have a Penitential Service next Tuesday evening at 7.30pm.

MORNING PRAYER HOLY THURSDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY: As there is no celebration of Mass anywhere in the Diocese next Thursday and Saturday mornings, a simple Morning Prayer based on the Divine Office of the Church will be celebrated in our parish church on those days at 10am. Texts will be provided and all are welcome.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES TIMETABLE AND EASTER DUES: Thank you to the volunteer distributing team who have delivered the Easter Card, Holy Week Timetable and Easter Dues to the majority of addresses in the parish. If you haven't yet received a card to your home, feel free to take one from the spare envelopes left on the table at the back of the church. Thank you to those who have already begun to return their Easter Dues. All these dues contributions go directly to the Diocesan Common Fund out of which your priests are paid a fixed monthly stipend. The Common Fund also pays for the care for our sick and retired Diocesan priests.

CHILD FRIENDLY LITURGIES: The 10am Mass every Sunday morning here in Our Lady Mother of the Church features the ministry of our Family Mass Group who are happy to involve young volunteers to assist with the reading of Prayers of the Faithful and the Presentation of the gifts of Bread and Wine. They also encourage the children to gather around the Altar as we pray and sign the Our Father. Three Masses in particular that are taking place soon are being prepared particularly for families with children who are preparing for to receive their First Holy Communion:

- 5pm Mass of the Lord's Supper taking place on Holy Thursday 14th April
- 10am Mass on Easter Sunday morning
- 10am Mass on Sunday 1st May – 'Do this in memory of me' Mass.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK – SATURDAY APRIL 23RD. The Archdiocese of Dublin Annual 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, 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.

Rally for Life. THE RALLY for LIFE IS BACK. After two years the BIGGEST pro-life event of the year is back in-person. Thousands will gather to "Stand for Life". Date: July 2nd 2022 in Dublin. Please make a note of the date.

Birdsong of the Dawn. The Sanctuary is inviting you to join us from your own home OR onsite as we celebrate the wonderful birdsong of the Dawn Chorus in a special mindful way. On Sunday Morning, May 1st 2022, at 4.15 am, we will be hosting a special online AND onsite event broadcast live from The Sanctuary to mark the occasion. We have a fantastic program with wonderful guests Sr. Stan, Fiann Ó Nualláin and Jane Negrych. The event will begin between 4.15am until 7.00am online via Zoom or onsite in The Sanctuary.

Rosary at the Grottos. The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at hundreds of grottos around the Island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto (or other suitable location) simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie You can also register by texting 087 278 6552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 20th April 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.