

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

Domhnach Cásca - Easter Sunday

17th April 2022

Extracts from an Ancient Homily (4th C) for Holy Saturday.

The Lord's descent into Hell. "What is happening? Today there is a great silence over the earth, a great silence, and stillness... because the King sleeps; the earth was in terror and was still, because God slept in the flesh and raised up those who were sleeping from the ages. God has died in the flesh, and the underworld has trembled. Truly he goes to seek out our first parent like a lost sheep; he wishes to visit those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. He goes to free the prisoner Adam and his fellow-prisoner Eve from their pains, he who is God, and Adam's son.

The Lord goes in to them holding his victorious weapon, his cross. When Adam, the first created man, sees him, he strikes his breast in terror and calls out to all: 'My Lord be with you all.' And Christ in reply says to Adam: 'And with your spirit.' And grasping his hand he raises him up, saying: 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.

'I am your God, who for your sake became your son, who for you and your descendants now speak and command with authority those in prison: Come forth, and those in darkness: Have light, and those who sleep: Rise.

'I command you: Awake, sleeper, I have not made you to be held a prisoner in the underworld. Arise from the dead; I am the life of the dead. Arise, O man, work of my hands, arise, you who were fashioned in my image. Rise, let us go hence; for you in me and I in you, together we are one undivided person... Arise, let us go hence. The enemy brought you out of the land of paradise; I will reinstate you, no longer in paradise, but on the throne of heaven."

Overflowing Gratitude

Heartfelt thanks to all who made our Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies so grace filled and moving: those who prepared the Church and everything necessary, our wonderful choirs, ministers of the Word and of Holy Communion, collectors, those who welcomed children, neighbouring clergy; and you, God's holy people, for turning up with the power of your prayer. May the Peace breathed by the Risen Christ fill you with holy joy this Easter Season. Remember: there were 40 days of Lenten fasting. There are 50 days of Easter joy!

Pilgrimage to Knock - Next Saturday 23rd April - Last Few Places!

The Archdiocese of Dublin Annual Pilgrimage to Knock will take place next 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 the big carpark of Our Lady Mother of the Church, is being organised to travel from our parish. The total cost is €45 which includes bus fare, a stop for coffee on the way there and lunch in Knock House Hotel. The bus leaves Knock at 5pm. To register your interest, please email your name and telephone number to: parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie.

Please pay by dropping an envelope marked Knock Pilgrimage into the sacristy, with your name and telephone number. Please phone the parish office on 01 640 9601 if you have any questions.

Our Vigil Mass

1. You might identify with the women through the events of that morning. They came to search and found an empty tomb. Then they were told they were looking in the wrong place: 'Why look for the living among the dead?'. Finally they had to cope with the staggering good news that Jesus was alive when they thought he was dead. Let their story remind you of your journey when you found life again where you thought there was none – perhaps you may have felt like that during the recent long Covid lockdown.
2. The women were the first witnesses to the resurrection. Remember the women in your life who have brought you good news, and the women who have been witnesses to you bringing you to faith in yourself, in others, or in God.
3. The women did not keep their discovery to themselves but hastened to share the good news with the apostles. Have there been times when your heart has been full of good news that you were eager to share with others.

Our Easter Sunday Morning Mass. In some ways the Gospel is a difficult one for prayer. It only presents a part of the story and the full unfolding of the good news of the story lies in the next part of the text. However, even with this section there is plenty of material for reflection and for prayer.

CHILD FRIENDLY LITURGIES: The 10.00am 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.

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 visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie 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.

Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh go léir.