

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

Third Sunday of Lent

1 May 2022

OUR PARISH SYNOD GATHERING RESPONSES:

As you enter our Church main door, you can see all the responses from our Parish Synod Gatherings typed up and presented on either side of the statue of Our Lady. Some of the answers have an asterisk (or several) beside them, meaning that the same answer was given by more than one person. Our Animators will sort the feedback into similar themes. This will form the basis for our Report to Archbishop Farrell. The feedback will also be used by our Parish Pastoral Council to help in pastoral planning. In our parish responses a wide diversity of opinions and optics can be seen.

The questions used at our Synod gatherings are based on the opening lines of the Vatican II Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, known as *Gaudium et Spes* (Joy and Hope): “The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ.” At our second parish Synodal gathering the tune of “*O little town of Bethlehem*” kept coming into my head. When I looked up the lyrics, it made sense to me:

“O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by

Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.”

In Christ all our hopes and fears will find their answer. “In Him all things hold together” cf. Colossians 1:17.

POPE FRANCIS' LETTER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

This lovely letter from Pope Francis dates from two years ago, during first 'lockdowns', but extracts from it are well worth repeating for us now:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me.

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross,

were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

Protectress of a pilgrim people, you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father

and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows

to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

OUR PARISH ROSARY GROUP pray the Rosary after Mass every weekday. This month of May is a great opportunity to join them, even for one decade.

OPEN HEARTS TAIZÉ PRAYER will take place in our Church next Friday evening at 7pm. All are welcome, especially those in our parish preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Around 40 of these young people attended our last Taizé prayer. Keep it up!

"We sing to you and we praise you, God, beyond all that we can conceive. Through Jesus the Christ you came to be close to us. Through his life given for us and his resurrection he restored the dignity of humanity and of every human being. And through the Holy Spirit you make your dwelling in us and you ceaselessly renew the whole creation. Show yourself to those of us who are going through trials, so that we may know that nothing can separate us from your love."

Brother Alois of Taizé

HELPING OUR UKRAINIAN NEIGHBOURS

Our neighbors living in the Travelodge require assistance with the following items for their children (boys and girls):

- Underwear (new) all ages
- Socks (new) all ages.
- School supplies (copy books, pens, pencils, pencil cases etc.) for children attending primary and secondary school

There is a Box in the porch of the church into which you can put any of these items. It will be collected on Thursday and delivered to the Travelodge. Any queries contact Teresa on 0868311268.

ROYAL CANAL WALK OF FRIENDSHIP

Walk with our neighbours from the Ukraine and other countries who now live in the Travelodge in Castleknock **this Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May. Start at Travelodge at 12 noon.** Walk along the bank of the Royal Canal and return via Phoenix Park.