

## 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.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Parish Website** – [www.castleknockparish.ie](http://www.castleknockparish.ie)

**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

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### *A Prayer*

Lord, accept our distractions, our fatigue, our irritations, and our faithless wanderings.

You know us more deeply and fully than we know ourselves. You love us more deeply than we love ourselves... You see us in all our misery and confusion. Let us sense your presence in the midst of turmoil...

The only thing you ask of us is that we not hide from you, not run away in despair, nor act as if you were a relentless despot. So, we pray: Take our tired bodies, our confused minds, and our restless souls into your arms and give us rest, simple quiet rest.

Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.

*Adaptation of a Henri Nouwen prayer by Ron Rolheiser OMI*

**Congratulations** and best wishes to the children from Ms McGann's class and Ms Walsh's class in St Brigid's who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 14th May. Please keep all the children from our parish currently preparing to receive Sacraments of Initiation in your prayers.

## Seeing your Life through the Life of the Gospel

### *Fifth Sunday of Easter - John Byrne OSA*

- Judas leaves and Jesus announces that the moment has come for God's power to be made manifest. This is unexpected at a moment of imminent betrayal. Have there been times for you when the power of God was made manifest in strange circumstances?
- 'I shall not be with you much longer.' Jesus announces a parting of the ways. There are places we have to go in life where others cannot come with us. There are places others have to go and we cannot accompany them. When have you experienced this going on alone as necessary for a fuller life for yourself, or for someone else?
- Jesus proclaims love as the distinguishing characteristic of his followers. Have there been times when reaching out to others has heightened your sense of walking in the footsteps of Jesus?
- Who are the individuals or communities whose love for one another and for others has been a witness to you? Perhaps you have seen examples of this during the Covid pandemic, or in the response to the plight of refugees from Ukraine or from other countries in crisis.

### **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.

### **Lay Ministry Collection**

The Archdiocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection takes place this Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15. The Lay Ministry Collection will support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside the priests and deacons. Our hope is that lay ministry will make a significant contribution to pastoral life into the future.

### **Matt Talbot Pilgrimage**

Do you or somebody you know suffer from an addiction? Yes? Join us at the Shrine of Matt Talbot in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Seán McDermott Street, Dublin, on **Sunday, June 12**, at 2:00pm-4:30pm, where we will pray for freedom from addiction through Jesus. This will be a day when Ireland unites in prayer to rid our country from the plague of addiction. For more information, visit [www.matthalbotprayersociety.com](http://www.matthalbotprayersociety.com) or contact [vita@matthalbotprayersociety.com](mailto:vita@matthalbotprayersociety.com) or (048) 71262894

### **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. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

In the Dublin Archdiocese, the "Rosary at the Grotto" will take place at the Grotto at St Paul's Church in Ayrfield during the month of May. We invite you to join us and thousands of people in Ireland during the month of May. The Rosary will be recited each evening at 8pm beginning on Sunday, May 1, and ending with a special devotion on Tuesday, May 31. Please spread the word and let's honour Our Blessed Mother all over Ireland throughout the month of May.

### **Rally for Life**

We continue to countdown to the most EXCITING pro-life event of the year! The Rally for Life 2022 will meet at 1pm on Saturday **July 2nd** at the Garden of Remembrance on Parnell Square in Dublin city Centre. Together we will rebuild this broken culture and together we will stand for life!

### **Porterstown Parish – Lourdes Pilgrimage**

Departing **23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie)