

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

**Seventh Sunday of Easter [Ascension]
29th May 2022**

ASCENSION SUNDAY – THE HUMAN FINDS ROOM IN GOD

“What does the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord mean for us? It does not mean that the Lord has departed to some place far from people and from the world... Christ's Ascension means that he no longer belongs to the world of corruption and death that conditions our life... He, the Eternal Son, led our human existence into God's presence, taking with him flesh and blood in a transfigured form. The human being finds room in God; through Christ, the human being was introduced into the very life of God... Christ has not departed from us... he is now, thanks to his being with the Father, close to each one of us for ever. Each one of us can be on intimate terms with him; each can call upon him. The Lord is always within hearing.” *Pope Benedict XVI*

THE ASCENSION “Many people turned to humour during Covid 19 lockdowns. There was even a joke about the Ascension – ‘*the day Jesus started to work from home*’. Working remotely does not mean that we are not still at the heart of our business. We are present, but in a different way, just as Jesus continued to accompany people after the Ascension and in our own time.” *Fr Pat O'Donoghue* For more prayer resources for this coming week 29th May to 6th June see: <https://dublindiocese.ie/week-of-prayer/>

ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 7TH TO 12TH JUNE 2022

This is the 9th year in which the many Christian Churches in Dublin come together to focus on the one thing from which we all draw life – the Word of God. This year's theme is: “A New Pentecost – moving to the edges”. They have a 5 EVENT PROGRAMME for 2022, details of events and registration can be found at bibleweek.ie
Opening Event: Morning Prayer Tuesday 7th June at 10.00am

Venue: Tallaght University Hospital led by Fr John Kelly & Chaplaincy Team 'Every Tribe & Tongue' Celebrating the diversity of Christian expression throughout Ireland. Wednesday 8th June from 7.30 - 9.00pm Presented by Rev Philip McKinley.

Online Symposium: Thursday 9th June 2022 from 2.00 - 5.00pm Listening to the Word leads us to connect with those on the margins of society.

Chairperson: Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA, Presented by: Bishop Michael Burrows, Seán Goan, Lorna Gold

Thinking Allowed (online event): What is my personal vision of a New Pentecost?

Thursday 9th June 2022 from 7.30 - 9.00pm Chairperson: Pat Coyle.

Presenters: Amy Carey, Archbishop Dermot Farrell, Archbishop Michael Jackson, Dr Ebun Joseph, Fr Ioann Kazadojev, Barbara Walshe.

Closing Event: Worship, Sunday 12th June at 12 noon Venue: Inchicore Solid Rock Church led by Pastor Emmanuel Might. Reflection by Fr Vasyk Kornitsky of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. BOOK ONLINE:

www.bibleweek.ie/register

DEANERY DEVELOPMENTS: It is with sadness that we have heard in recent days that Fr Frank Drescher, Curate in our neighbouring Parish of Blanchardstown, is being moved to become Administrator of Kilnarnagh/Castleview Parish and is not being replaced. Whilst wishing Fr Frank every blessing in this new appointment, we are conscious that this leaves Fr Michael Carey PP as the only priest serving in Blanchardstown parish which has a population around twice that of our own. Priests of the Deanery are holding an extraordinary meeting this week to discuss the immediate impact of this and also of the retirement next month of Fr Paul Ward PP of Porterstown parish.

OPEN HEARTS TAIZÉ PRAYER A meditative prayer with the chants of the monastic community of Taizé. **7pm Friday 3rd June** with a particular welcome at this event for our candidates for Confirmation. "Our prayer is a simple reality, is it perhaps no more than a poor sigh? God hears us all the same. We should never forget that, at the heart of every person, the Holy Spirit is praying." *Br Roger of Taizé [cf. Romans 8:26]*

CONGRATULATIONS to the children from Castleknock Educate Together and Castleknock NS who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday. Please keep in your prayer also the young people preparing for Confirmation who will be taking part in a Ceremony of Light in these coming days as they prepare to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in

our parish between June 16th and 18th.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022: 7th to the 12th September – led by our Archbishop Dermot Farrell with a full programme of liturgies and services. From 759 euro pps. Bookings can be made through Joe Walsh Tours Office: 01-2410800. <https://joewalshstours.ie>

A LITTLE LIFETIME FOUNDATION extend a warm invitation to all bereaved parents, families and friends, to join them to remember deceased children in a special way at our Blessing of Remembrance, Old Angels Memory Garden ONLY, Glasnevin Cemetery Sunday 29th May at 3pm.

For your diary: On Monday 13th June next we will hold another parish gathering to discuss our parish profile in relation to these values and to explore what parishes we may be collaborating with in the future that lies ahead of us. To that end, please pray the following 'Building Hope' prayer daily as we seek the Lord's guidance together.

"Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.

**You constantly journey with us
even in our darkness and doubts.**

**We seek your way of loving kindness
to walk together as one family.**

**Open our eyes to recognise you
in the faces of one another,**

**in the breaking of bread
and in the splendour of creation.**

May the risen Christ

sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.

**May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word,
bringing forth truth, justice and peace.**

**May the Holy Spirit working in and through us
do much more than we can dare to imagine**

**as we live out our baptismal calling
in humble and loving service.**

We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Notes

Society of St Vincent de Paul monthly collection will take place after all Masses this weekend, Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th May.

The new rota for Ministers of the Word, covering June to August, is available for collection from the sacristy, and on the parish website.'