

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 before 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays 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.

Other Evening Weekday Mass availability in our Deanery:

St Luke's parish, Mulhuddart, 7.30pm Mass on Mondays, St Brigid's, Blanchardstown, 7.30pm Mass on Wednesdays and St Patrick's, Corduff, 7.30pm Mass on Fridays.]

N.B. From the beginning of July 2022 the 7.30pm evening Mass on Mondays will be hosted by St Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown and the 7.30pm on Wednesdays will be hosted by St Luke's in Mulhuddart.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Parish Office – Monday to Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

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Our Lady's Parish Centre – Phone: 01-8209907

Parish Website – www.castleknockparish.ie

Parish Newsletter – Notices may be sent to ourladysparish@gmail.com

Written notices may be handed in to the Parish Office during office opening hours. The deadline for submissions is Thursday evening.

THE DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022

Wednesday 7th to Monday 12th September. Join hundreds of Dublin pilgrims led by our Archbishop, Dr. Dermot Farrell, on this visit to Our Lady's Shrine in Lourdes in the south of France, that features a full programme of liturgies and services. From 759 euro p.p.s. Book through Joe Walsh Tours Office: 01-2410800. <https://joewalshstours.ie>



OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
21ST AUGUST 2022

The Synodal Pathway: Synthesis of the Consultation in Ireland for the Diocesan Stage of the Universal Synod 2021 – 2023

You may have seen or heard the coverage in the media this week for the all-Ireland report on the Synod which has now been forwarded to Rome.

Dr Nicola Brady, chair of the Steering Committee for the Irish Synodal Pathway, said: “The strong sense of shared responsibility that has guided our synodal process so far, from the local to the national level, has been a great encouragement. It is hoped that this will continue to motivate us to develop our skills of deep listening and discernment, as we reflect on the significance of our national synthesis, and the different voices of the church around the world, asking what God wants of us in light of what we have heard.”

There is a link to the document itself on the parish website, and at <https://synod.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/National-Synthesis-17-50-Fri-12th-August-.pdf>

The Icon of ‘Christ Pantocrator’ who invites us to a heart to heart with Him.

What is an icon?

The word ‘icon’ comes to us from the Greek word for ‘image’. An icon is not like a photograph. It is an image which invites us to prayer. Like the Gospels, but in a visual way, it helps communicate to us what kind of relationship God wants to have with us.

In this new icon written specially for our church by iconographer Mihai Cucu, we are invited into dialogue with the person of Christ Jesus, who although ‘Pantocrator’ – Almighty – is already looking at us and contemplating each one of our lives with infinite tenderness.

The initials and the halo:

We see to the left and right the white letter initials IC and XC. This is a monogram, an abbreviated Greek title for the One we see before us: Ἰησοῦς Χριστός, Jesus the Christ. In the halo around his head there are three bands. This can remind us of the cross but it particularly signifies that the person before us shines with the holiness of one of the three persons of the most Holy Trinity.

In these halo bands, we see Greek letters (ho on) that quote the Book of Exodus 3:14–15, the holy name of God as given to Moses at the burning bush: ‘I am the being-One’ or ‘I am Present’.

His face:

This form of representing the face of Jesus is said to be inspired by an image of Christ ‘not made by human hands’ which came to the King of Edessa. From the beginning of the fourth century on, the face of Christ is often shown framed by hair parted in the centre, bearded, with a pony tail down his left shoulder. His eyes engage us. His face is like that of someone who is listening intently to you, giving you their full attention. He sees into the very depths of us, with a look that does not condemn, but that saves us because he loves us. He is accessible to all the prayers of humanity. His is a face of sweetness that comes to take away the sins of the world.

Further information on the icon is available on a page at the back of our church or on the parish website.

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

This year’s pilgrimage takes place **from September 7 to 12**. The pilgrimage pre-departure **Mass with Blessing of Hands Ceremony** for all involved with the pilgrimage takes place on Sunday, August 28, in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road, at 3.30pm and all are welcome.

Legion of Mary Centenary Concert

To mark the 100th year anniversary of the Legion of Mary, a concert will take place in the historical surroundings of St Patrick’s Cathedral, Dublin, on **Saturday, September 3**. Special guests include award winning soprano Celine Byrne, the Dublin Concert Band, Lorraine Mathews. Book at Eventbrite. Tickets are €30 (premium – seating in reserved area) and €20 (general admission).

World Youth Day : Lisbon 2023

At Pope Francis’ invitation, the next World Youth Day will take place in Lisbon from the 1st - 6th August in 2023. Parishes and individuals are now invited to register their interest in attending WYD Lisbon. It is intended to have the option for teenagers aged 16-18 to be able to participate as well as those aged 18-29. The organisers would like to hear from you before September so that they can focus and fine tune the various package options that will be proposed. Contact:

wyd@dublindiocese.ie

Cake sale, Coffee & Chat, Sale of Work will be held in the parish centre of Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock after the 6pm mass on Saturday 10th Sept and on Sunday 11th Sept after the 10 a.m and 12 pm masses in aid of the Holy Family Mission Centre, Glencomeragh House, Kilsheelan Tipperary. Holy Family Mission is a residential place of Catholic Faith Formation for 18–30-year-olds. They have had over 80 passed through our formation program since 2016. Young people are the future and indeed the present of the Church and desperately need the light of the Lord. Your help would be greatly appreciated to ensure the authentic beauty of our Faith is passed on to young missionary disciples!