

## CHURCH SERVICES

### THE EUCHARIST

<b>Sunday:</b>	Saturday	6.00pm
	Sunday	10.00am and 12.00 noon
<b>Weekdays:</b>	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 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.

### Evening Weekday Mass availability in our Deanery:

- St Brigid's, Blanchardstown, 7.30pm Mass on Mondays
- St Luke's, Mulhuddart, 7.30pm Mass on Wednesdays
- St Patrick's, Corduff, 7.30pm Mass on Fridays

### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Fr. Damian McNeice** - 6 Beechpark Lawn, Phone: 089 445 3987

**Fr. Denis O'Connor CSsR** - 32 Auburn Drive, Phone: 01-8214003

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

Phone: 01-6409601 Email: [parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie](mailto:parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie)

**Church Sacristy** - Phone: 01-8214652

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

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

**Parish Newsletter** - Notices may be emailed to [ourladysparish@gmail.com](mailto: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 DONATE BUTTON ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE** This button, which can be found on the website homepage, is a convenient and easy way to donate to our parish, contribute to Christmas, Easter or Summer Dues. You can also contribute to the usual weekend first and/or second collections, towards our parish running costs and also to donate to our Third World Partnership (TWP) project.

**DIGITAL ADVENT CALENDAR** - visit [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)

**DAILY PRAYER ONLINE:** [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie) - in over 20 languages and also available as an app for your phone.



# OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

### "THE TIME HAS COME" - ARCHBISHOP DERMOT FARRELL'S ADVENT PASTORAL LETTER, 2022

I am struck by the phrase from the Letter to the Romans offered to us in the First Sunday of Advent liturgy: "You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now; our salvation is even nearer than when we were converted." (*Romans 13:11*). Jesus in the Gospel, reflecting on the second coming of the Son of Man, asks us all to stand ready (*see Matthew 24:44*). In every generation we are asked to be ready, recognising the salvation offered in Christ Jesus, on fire with his Spirit, proclaiming the Gospel in every season, finding new ways to witness to the presence and power of Christ in our own lives and to the people of our time. Over the past year and more, our parishes have been asked for their thoughts on the future direction of the Church in the Archdiocese. We have much to do: supporting people to deepen their faith and relationship with God; creating the structures that support vibrant communities of faith; advocating for those who are on the margins. The synodal discussions that took place last spring have taught us something new from the heart of the Church. We have rediscovered the value of prayerful reflection, listening to the variety of voices available to us, and discerning together the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The first phase of Building Hope implementation was an invitation to dialogue in parishes, reflecting on the four dimensions of the 'Framework for Pastoral Renewal' drawn from the Building Hope Task Force Report. Parishes responded generously with the fruits of that initial conversation, including their proposals for partnership with neighbouring parishes. In September, I published my initial response to that parish material in a document entitled: *Feedback*

on *Easter 2022 Strategic Planning Process*, which I ask parishes to reflect on deeply. I am now making a further response to you, having listened carefully to your proposals for partnerships. Following careful analysis and further dialogue, I am writing to each parish to confirm the partnership arrangements through which I am asking you to realign your efforts and energies to suit the times in which we live.

Within each partnership of parishes, Parish Pastoral Councils, all active parishioners, priests, deacons, parish pastoral workers and voluntary parish leaders, including catechists into the future, are encouraged to renew the missionary aspect of parish life and contribute energetically towards the partnership of local parishes. In this way we can reach out beyond what any one parish might be able to facilitate or imagine. A set of pastoral aids will be provided to help with conversation and action locally. You know the time has come.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas we open our hearts again to Jesus Christ, God-with-us, a light for all the world to see. Even in the darkest and loneliest of places he brings salvation. His message of justice, peace and love sets us out again on a journey, this year and every year, focused on love of God and love of neighbour. 'Let us walk in the light of the Lord' (*Isaiah 2:5*), 'that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths' (*Isaiah 2:3*). Let us turn our hearts towards Christ, who is the light that will show us the way forward, a light for our footsteps into the future God is preparing with us. **+Dermot Farrell Archbishop of Dublin**

**CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY APPEAL** 2022 has been very difficult for families coming to Crosscare, our Diocesan Social Care agency, needing help. For the first time in many years, they have seen a rise in the number of working families struggling with the increases in the cost of living. The demands of Christmas put even more pressure on those finding it hard to make ends meet. This Christmas, they are seeking help for their **Food Poverty Service**, supporting families who find it hard to provide nutritious food. Sadly, almost 800 families and individuals, including 1,000 children, have needed help from the Service this year and demand is likely to increase. Crosscare ensures they have a good supply of food while at the same time looking at all the issues that may have brought them into food poverty. If you can, donate online at:

[www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie), call 01 8360011 or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 Saint Mary's Place North, Dublin D07Y768.

**PARISH ALPHA NEWS AND DATES** Alpha is a series of talks and discussion exploring our Christian faith and the meaning of life in a friendly, inclusive environment. Alpha continues on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of November, and 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock. All are welcome to attend as many evenings as suits you, or even just to try one. Booking is not required. Please email [alphacastleknock@gmail.com](mailto:alphacastleknock@gmail.com) with any questions you may have.

**CHILDREN'S ROSARY GROUP** The Children's Rosary group meet every Saturday at 4pm at Our Lady's Shrine. All children (with parents/guardians) are welcome. Contact Mary O'Donnell on 087 2454143 for more info.

**AUTUMN GATHERING - COFFEE, TEA, CAKE, AND A CHAT** Please join our final weekly social opportunity before Christmas to meet neighbours, parishioners, and friends in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock next Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November; we will not be meeting during December. We feel these morning gatherings have been very successful; it was lovely to have so many of you attend. If the parishioners would like them to continue in the New Year, we warmly invite your suggestions on how best to move forward with this initiative. Please contact the parish office.

**ECUMENICAL ADVENT CAROL SERVICE** St. Brigid's Church of Ireland, Castleknock, on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December** from 4 to 5:00 pm.

**CELEBRATING 120 - PALESTRINA CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** National Concert Hall on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. 8pm Tickets €35, €32, €28 from [nch.ie](http://nch.ie)

**PETER MCVERRY TRUST'S CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT:** St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin on **Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. 7.30 PM. €35.

**SCOIL MHUIRE MOUNT SACKVILLE:** Application for admission for Junior Infants September 2023 : Details at [www.scoilmhuiremountsackville.ie](http://www.scoilmhuiremountsackville.ie), (01) 8213105

**SVP COLLECTION:** this weekend

**ROTA MINISTERS OF THE WORD:** on website and in sacristy