

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.

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

Church Sacristy – Phone: 01-8214652

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

Parish Website – www.castleknockparish.ie

Parish Newsletter – Notices may be emailed 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 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

DAILY PRAYER ONLINE: www.sacredspace.ie – in over 20 languages and also available as an app for your phone.



OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11TH DECEMBER 2022

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER

As is traditional on "Gaudete" or Rejoicing Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, we invite you to bring the baby Jesus [*'bambinello'*] figurines from your home crib to Mass this weekend to be held up and blessed after the homily. We will have a range of cribs, baby Jesus figurines and nativity sets available for sale at Masses this weekend. Consider placing the figure of the Christ Child in the centre of your Dinner table on Christmas Day to help remind us that He is the reason for the season.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 11th December: Bambinelli Sunday, all Masses, with a particular welcome for families at our 10am Sunday Mass.

Sunday 18th December: Our Parish Carol Service at 6pm.

Monday 19th December: 10am - Mass with Anointing of the Sick. All parishioners who are carrying a burden of sickness or infirmity are welcome to this Mass during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered.

Monday 19th December: 7.30pm Our Parish Advent Penitential Service. A wonderful opportunity to open our hearts wide to God's forgiveness in preparation for the holy days of Christmas.

Our **Parish Christmas Card and Calendar** with details of Christmas arrangements are now ready for distribution in the coming days. It also contains a Christmas Dues envelope. All Christmas Dues contributions go to the Diocesan Common Fund out of which your priests are paid their monthly stipend and the

sick and retired priests of our Diocese are cared for.

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 ongoing increases in the cost of living. The demands of Christmas put even more pressure on those already finding it hard to make ends meet.

This Christmas, Crosscare are asking for help for the Food Poverty Service, where they support 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 in the coming months. 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, you can donate online at www.crosscare.ie or call 01 8360011 or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 Saint Mary's Place North, Dublin D07 Y768

LADY MARY (*by Thomas Merton*) Lady Mary, you whose "yes" opened the door to our salvation, show us how we can say "yes" without reservations. Teach us to wait, as we hang in the balance of the past and the possible. Let us make loving choices as you did, agreeing freely to God's plan for us. Mother us as we make our way to your Son. Amen.

PARISH ALPHA NEWS AND DATES

Alpha: a series of talks and discussions exploring our Christian faith and the meaning of life in a friendly, inclusive environment. The final night of Alpha is on this Monday 12th December in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock. Booking is not required. Please email alphacastleknock@gmail.com with any questions. Thanks to all who have supported and participated.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Dan Keaveney whose funeral took place in our parish church this week. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY GROUP: The Children's Rosary group meet every Saturday at 4pm. All children (with parents/ guardians) are welcome. The children pray for all the parishioners and their families, and hope that as many children as possible can join them. Contact Mary O'Donnell on [087 2454143](tel:0872454143) for more information.

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VESPERS AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL. Advent Vespers at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral takes place on Tuesdays at 5:30pm with St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Girls' Choir and Fridays at 5:30pm with the Palestrina Choir. If you're in town doing some shopping, it might be a beautiful way to end your day.

THE LOYOLA INSTITUTE - POST-GRADUATE DEGREES

The Loyola Institute provides an opportunity to study theology within a thriving and prestigious academic setting. For further information please see our website: www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute or contact Helen McMahon by email on Loyola@tcd.ie or on 01 896 4790.

THE CHOSEN, SEASON 1, ON NETFLIX

The first multi-season series about the life of Christ, and the highest crowd-funded TV series or film project of all time. 'The Chosen' portrays Jesus through the eyes of those who met him.