

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

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Church Sacristy – Phone: 01-8214652

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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 THE 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, and 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.



OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1ST JANUARY 2023

A BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR:

May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant you grace, pour out his blessing in abundance, and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.

May he give you integrity in the faith, endurance in hope, and perseverance in charity with holy patience to the end.

May God order your days and your deeds in his peace, grant your prayers in this and in every place, and lead you happily to eternal life. **Amen**

"ALWAYS BE THANKFUL..."

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to our Christmas liturgies over the past two weeks: those who decorated the Church, set up our crib with it's Bethlehem light, those who keep God's house clean and worthy for worship. Thank you to all who ministered to us: our Ministers of the Word and of Holy Communion, all involved in Music Ministry which so enriches our prayer, our Collectors, those in the sacristy who prepare everything necessary for each liturgy and all the behind the scenes work done in our parish office. Thanks to all whose open and humble hearts graciously bless our parish and make our church truly a house of prayer.

We are most grateful to all who contributed to the Christmas Dues Offering which goes directly to the Diocesan Common

Fund for the support of the Clergy of the Diocese including our sick and retired priests. On behalf of myself and Fr Denis, may the Lord bless you and anchor you with peace of heart in all circumstances throughout 2023.

Fr Damian

“NO ONE CAN BE SAVED ALONE.”

Pope Francis' message for World day of Prayer for Peace 2023 invites us to reflect on the impact the global pandemic had on all of us:

What then is being asked of us? First of all, to let our hearts be changed by our experience of the crisis, to let God, at this time in history, transform our customary criteria for viewing the world around us. We can no longer think exclusively of carving out space for our personal or national interests; instead, we must think in terms of the common good, recognizing that we belong to a greater community, and opening our minds and hearts to universal human fraternity. We cannot continue to focus simply on preserving ourselves; rather, the time has come for all of us to endeavour to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common. In order to do this, and to live better lives after the Covid-19 emergency, we cannot ignore one fundamental fact, namely that the many moral, social, political and economic crises we are experiencing are all interconnected, and what we see as isolated problems are actually causes and effects of one another. Consequently, we are called to confront the challenges of our world in a spirit of responsibility and compassion. We must revisit the issue of ensuring public health for all. We must promote actions that enhance peace and put an end to the conflicts and wars that continue to spawn poverty and death. We urgently need to join in caring for our common home and in implementing clear and effective measures to combat climate change. We need to battle the virus of inequality and to ensure

food and dignified labour for all, supporting those who lack even a minimum wage and find themselves in great difficulty. The scandal of entire peoples starving remains an open wound. We also need to develop suitable policies for welcoming and integrating migrants and those whom our societies discard. Only by responding generously to these situations, with an altruism inspired by God's infinite and merciful love, will we be able to build a new world and contribute to the extension of his kingdom, which is a kingdom of love, justice and peace. In sharing these reflections, it is my hope that in the coming New Year we can journey together, valuing the lessons that history has to teach us. I offer my best wishes to Heads of State and Government, to Heads of International Organizations, and to the leaders of the different religions. To all men and women of good will I express my prayerful trust that, as artisans of peace, they may work, day by day, to make this a good year! May Mary Immaculate, Mother of Jesus and Queen of Peace, intercede for us and for the whole world.”

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION

The amount raised from the Annual St Vincent de Paul collection in our parish on the 10th and 11th of December was €21,510. St Michael's conference wishes to thank everybody who contributed so generously. The amount raised will help them continue to help families who are in need in both the Castleknock and Ballymun areas during 2023.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Margaret Boyle whose funeral took place in our parish church this week. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers. Pray also for the souls of Fr Tony Power of the Dublin Diocese and Fr Bob Whiteside who was well known to anyone who attended All Hallows College, Drumcondra, in the 1980's and 90's.