

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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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.

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 IN ORDINARY TIME

22nd January 2023

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

On this Sunday last year Pope Francis said: "Dear brothers and sisters, on this Sunday of the Word of God, I would like to thank the preachers and proclaimers of the Gospel who remain faithful to the Word that rouses the heart... Let us pray for them, that they may live... the sweet power of his Spirit that makes the Scriptures come alive. The Word of God is indeed living and active (cf. *Heb 4:12*); it changes us, it enters into our affairs, it illuminates our daily lives, it comforts and brings order. Let us remember: the Word of God transforms an ordinary day into *the today in which God speaks to us*. So, let us pick up the Gospel and choose a small passage to read and re-read each day. Keep the Gospel in your pocket or in your bag, to read it on your travels, at any time, and to read it calmly. In time, we will discover that these words are made especially for us, for our life. They will help us welcome each day with a better, more serene outlook because when the Gospel enters into today's world, it fills it with God."

The Holy Father also made the suggestion that we could perhaps focus on the Gospel which is proclaimed most in this Liturgical Year, which this year is Matthew's Gospel. "Why not also read it personally, all of it, one small passage each day? Let us familiarize ourselves with the Gospel. It will bring us the newness and joy of God... And may Our Lady obtain for us the perseverance to nourish ourselves with the Gospel every day." In 2008, Pope Benedict XVI wrote: "The Word of God alone can profoundly change man's heart so it is important that individual believers and communities enter into ever increasing intimacy with his Word... In taking part in the Eucharistic celebration we are always

aware of the close connection that exists between the proclamation of the Word of God and the Eucharistic sacrifice: it is the Mystery itself that is offered for our contemplation. This is why the Church, as the Second Vatican Council highlights, "has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she venerated the Body of the Lord".

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

There is a free copy of St Paul's Missal 2023 for all our parish Ministers of the Word available in the sacristy to help them prayerfully prepare their proclaiming God's Word among us. Drop in after Mass to collect it.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday, 22 January marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2023. During this week we think of the unique contribution that Catholic schools make to their communities. This year's theme is '**Catholic Schools: Walking Together in Faith and Love**'. Our Catholic schools will celebrate moments of prayer on this theme. St Brigid's N.S. are inviting grandparents into school recognizing how important they are walking alongside the children and are planning to celebrate the feast of their patron saint on 1st February next with all their pupils.

CATHOLICISM - 10-PART FILM PRESENTATION

"Catholicism" - Bishop Robert Barron's highly acclaimed 10-part film presentation on the Catholic faith begins next Monday 23rd January for ten Mondays in our Parish Centre. Each evening starts at 7:30pm with a brief introduction followed by a film presentation and then group discussions focused on the film's content. The evening will finish about 9:15pm. Unfortunately, as spaces were limited, all spaces are now booked.

THE PARISH CHOIR (12 NOON MASS CHOIR) ARE CALLING OUT FOR SOPRANOS!

If you are a soprano (you have a high singing voice), you enjoy singing and can hold a tune, our parish choir would love to hear from you! Tenors and basses are also welcome, however the alto line is full at present. They rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 8pm -9:30pm, and on Sunday mornings from 11:20 until they sing at our 12 noon Mass. If interested, please email Fran at: frances.stokerphelan@gmail.com

SPRING GATHERING

Following on from the success of our Autumn Gathering 'cuppa and a chat', we hope to have a weekly Spring Gathering starting on Wednesday 1st February in Our Lady's Parish Centre beside our Church, after 10am Mass. Volunteers are needed to help with this initiative. Please contact the Parish Office if you'd like to help.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Finbar Fleming, a parish centre employee of many years, and Margaret Desmond whose funerals took place this past week. May the Lord grant them eternal rest and console those who mourn.

ST. BRIGID'S NATIONAL SCHOOL CASTLEKNOCK - ENROLMENT FOR JUNIOR INFANTS, SEPTEMBER 2023

Enrolment for junior infants for September 2023 in St. Brigid's National School, Castleknock commenced on Monday 9th January. Please see the school website <https://m.saintbrigids.ie/> for further details. Places will be allocated in accordance with the school's Enrolment Policy.

ST FRANCIS HOSPICE RECRUITING BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS.

Our bereavement service is a confidential one-to-one listening service held on a Tuesday evening in St. Francis Hospice, Raheny, and St Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown. We are recruiting volunteers for each Hospice. Our bereavement volunteers provide a confidential space for bereaved adults to share their grief experiences and their challenges of living with loss, in a safe, supportive environment. For more information, please contact Kate Diamond on 01 8327535 or email bereavement@sfh.ie

SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION?

Have you or anyone you know, been suffering with an addiction ? If yes, come along to St Patrick's Church Corduff where we have a mass on the last Friday of the month at 7.30. Our next Mass is on Friday 27th January at 7.30 where a guest speaker, local man, Darragh Kelehan, will talk about his struggles with alcohol , cocaine and heroin addiction and how he made a full recovery and now enjoys his life to the full. At our February mass on the 24th, we will have the Limerick hurler Ciaran Carey who will talk about his struggles with alcohol. There will be someone available after each of the masses to chat about where help is available ! There will also a cup of tea. You are all very welcome.