

## 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

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

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**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.

**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

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### EXTRACTS FROM POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2023

"Dear brothers and sisters! Illness is part of our human condition. Yet, if illness is experienced in isolation and abandonment, unaccompanied by care and compassion, it can become inhumane. When we go on a journey with others, it is not unusual for someone to feel sick, to have to stop because of fatigue or of some mishap along the way. It is precisely in such moments that we see *how* we are walking together: whether we are truly companions on the journey, or merely individuals on the same path, looking after our own interests and leaving others to "make do". For this reason, on the thirty-first World Day of the Sick, as the whole Church journeys along the synodal path, I invite all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness... Experiences of bewilderment, sickness, and weakness are part of the human journey. Far from excluding us from God's people, they bring us to the centre of the Lord's attention, for he is our Father and does not want to lose even one of his children along the way. Let us learn from him, then, how to be a community that truly walks together, capable of resisting the throwaway culture."

*The Holy Father invites us to read anew the parable of the Good Samaritan:* "The fact that the man, beaten and robbed, is *abandoned* on the side of the road represents the condition in which all too many of our brothers and sisters are left at a time when they most need help... Here it is especially important to recognize the condition of loneliness and abandonment. This kind of cruelty can be overcome more easily than

any other injustice, because – as the parable tells us – it only takes a moment of our attention, of being moved to compassion within us, in order to eliminate it. Two travellers, considered pious and religious, see the wounded man, yet fail to stop. The third passer-by, however, a Samaritan, a scorned foreigner, is moved with compassion and takes care of that stranger on the road, treating him as a brother. In doing so, without even thinking about it, he makes a difference, he makes the world more fraternal.

Brothers and sisters, we are rarely prepared for illness. Oftentimes, we fail even to admit that we are getting older. Our vulnerability frightens us and the pervasive culture of efficiency pushes us to sweep it under the carpet, leaving no room for our human frailty... This is how loneliness sets in, and we can become poisoned by a bitter sense of injustice, as if God himself had abandoned us. Indeed, we may find it hard to remain at peace with the Lord when our relationship with others and with ourselves is damaged. It is crucial, then, even in the midst of illness, that the whole Church measure herself against the Gospel example of the Good Samaritan, in order that she may become a true “field hospital”, for her mission is manifested in acts of care... We are all fragile and vulnerable, and need that compassion which knows how to pause, approach, heal, and raise up.”

“The conclusion of the parable of the Good Samaritan suggests how the exercise of fraternity, which began as a face-to-face encounter, can be expanded into organized care. The elements of the inn, the innkeeper, the money and the promise to remain informed of the situation (cf. *Lk 10:34-35*) all point to the commitment of healthcare and social workers, family members and volunteers, through whom good stands up in the face of evil every day, in every part of the world... The Samaritan calls the innkeeper to “take care of him” (*Lk 10:35*). Jesus addresses the same call to each of us. He exhorts us to “go and do likewise” (*Lk 10:37*). As I noted in [Fratelli Tutti](#), “The parable shows us how a community can be rebuilt by men and women who identify with the vulnerability of others, who reject the creation of a society of exclusion, and act instead as neighbours, lifting up and rehabilitating the fallen for the sake of the common good” (#67). Indeed, “we were created for a fulfillment that can only be found in love. We cannot be indifferent to suffering” (#68). Sick people... are at the centre of God’s people, and the Church advances together with them as a sign of a humanity in which everyone is precious and no one should be discarded or left behind. To the intercession of Mary, Health of the Sick, I entrust all of you who are ill; you who care for them in your families, or through your work, research and

volunteer service; and those of you who are committed to weaving personal, ecclesial, and civic bonds of fraternity. To all, I impart my heartfelt blessing.”

**MASS FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK – SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023:** World Day of the Sick will be celebrated next Saturday morning in our Parish Church on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes with 10am Mass with the Anointing of the Sick as part of the celebration. All are welcome.

**REFLECTION AND TRAINING FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
1st session: 8pm – 9.30pm Tuesday 7 February; 2nd session: 11.30am to 1pm, Saturday 18th February, both in the Parish Centre Please let Mary know if you can attend - parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie or 01 640 9601.

**DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK 2023** A date for your diary: the 2023 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, which will be led by Archbishop Farrell, will take place on Saturday, April 29. Please email [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie) if you have any queries.

**ACCORD COLLECTION** The annual collection for Accord Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses **next weekend, February 11th and 12th**. Accord Dublin offers Marriage Preparation courses - both online and for small groups; Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships; and a Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools. Accord Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.

**BUILDING HOPE THROUGH GOD’S WORD** Saturday, February 11, 10am to 1pm at St Paul’s Centre for Mission & Ministry, Arran Quay. A morning workshop for those leading Adult Faith Sharing Groups and Children’s Liturgy. To register please email: [peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie) indicating your area of interest.

**SPRING GATHERING** We hope to have a weekly Spring Gathering in Our Lady’s Parish Centre beside our Church, after 10.30am Mass. Volunteers are needed to help with this initiative. Please contact the Parish Office.

**EMMANUEL 2023** Booking is open now for Emmanuel 2023 Concerts of liturgical music led by secondary school students from all over the Diocese at the Helix. Join us on any of the three nights -February 28/March 1/March 2 at 7.30pm.. Book now at 01 700 7000 or [www.helix.ie](http://www.helix.ie).

**ANAM CARA:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 7.15 pm Hilton Hotel, Malahide Road: evening for bereaved parents - [anamcara.ie](http://anamcara.ie)