#### **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 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 – Phone: 089 445 3987 Fr. Denis O'Connor CSsR – Phone: 01 821 4003

**Parish Office** – Monday to Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Phone: 01 640 9601 Email: <a href="mailto:parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie">parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie</a>

Church Sacristy - Phone: 01 821 4652

Our Lady's Parish Centre – Phone: 01 820 9907 Parish Website – <u>www.castleknockparish.ie</u>

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.

## 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 <u>knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie</u> if you have any queries.



# OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

# 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

# "Our span is seventy years, or eighty for those who are strong."

In a reflection on the shortness of our life, Psalm 90 tells us that 'our span is seventy years, or eighty for those who are strong'. Our own Fr Denis, a pillar of the Church community among us for over 21 years, reaches the blessed age of 'those who are strong' on 22<sup>nd</sup> February next. This year, it happens to fall on Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence! So we hope to have a little party atmosphere a few days earlier after the 10am Mass on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February to mark this auspicious occasion with goodies provided by our Parish Hospitality Group after the Family Mass is led for us by Fr Denis. All are welcome. Fr Denis, as they say: *ad multos annos*! God give you many years more of health and joy in Him.

#### **ACCORD COLLECTION**

The annual collection for Accord Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses this 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, currently online or by phone; and a Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools. Accord Dublin needs your support this year more than ever. Please give generous support to this Diocesan Agency of ours if you can.

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO MARY

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of God's holy people, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father

and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings

and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

FREE SCREENING OF "THE LETTER", ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH CENTRE, MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY, 7.30 - 9.30 PM. Also showing in Blanchardstown Parish Church extension on Friday the 24th of February at 7.30. You are warmly invited to attend a free screening of the film 'The Letter'. The film highlights the plight of our planet by inviting a small group of people from around the world to meet with Pope Francis in Rome to share their own amazing stories, Afterwards, over a cuppa, we will take some time together to reflect on the film and discuss how we might like to take action in our parishes.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Michael Joyce whose funeral took place this weekend. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and console those who mourn.

SPRING GATHERING – STARTS ASH WEDNESDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY A weekly Spring Gathering will take place in Our Lady's Parish Centre beside our Church, after 10.30am Mass on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and continuing through Lent. Would you like to Volunteer for this initiative? Please contact the Parish Office.

# URGENT APPEAL FOR SUPPORT OF THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUATE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA

Donations of sleeping bags and blankets are urgently required. Please place in a cardboard box and identify the contents. Drop off in the church porch or in the parish centre. Collections will commence immediately, delivery to the Turkish embassy will be co-ordinated from the parish. Contact Teresa at 086 831 1268 for more information.

#### **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  $2^{nd}$ , March  $1^{st}$  &  $2^{nd}$  at 7.30pm. Bring your music group with you for an inspirational night like you never experienced before. Book now at 01 700 7000 or <a href="https://www.helix.ie">www.helix.ie</a>.

#### THE PARISH 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, we would love to hear from you!! We would also welcome tenors and basses, however the alto line is full. If interested, please email Fran at <a href="mailto:frances.stokerphelan@gmail.com">frances.stokerphelan@gmail.com</a>

#### ST FRANCIS HOSPICE - BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

Our bereavement service is a confidential one-to-one listening service held on a Tuesday evening in St. Francis Hospice, Raheny & 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 info, please contact Kate Diamond on 01 8327535 or email bereavement@sfh.ie

**SILVER RING** found on a path opposite Castleknock Green during snowy weather before Christmas. Phone 0861591188 to reclaim.