

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19th February 2023

TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE COLLECTION

Our Archbishop, Dr Dermot Farrell has given approval for a Diocesan Collection to be taken up in support of the people of Turkey and Syria affected by the devastating earthquakes of Monday 5th February last. This Turkey/Syria Collection will take place next weekend, the 25/26 February, at Masses for the First Sunday of Lent, and will replace the usual SHARE collection.

All the monies donated at this collection will be channelled through Trócaire, who are working with their partners in the affected areas. They have the capability to ensure that any funds raised in Ireland will be managed appropriately to meet the needs of those most badly affected. You can also donate online at trocaire.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR DENIS!

Our own Fr Denis, a pillar of the Church community among us for over 21 years, reaches the blessed age of 80 on 22nd February next. In honour of this, there will be an extra party atmosphere after the 10am Mass this Sunday in our Parish Centre with goodies provided by our Parish Hospitality Group after the Family Mass celebrated by Fr Denis and concelebrated by his brother Fr Paddy. All are welcome. *Ad multos annos*, Fr Denis. God grant you many years more of health and joy in Him and service among us.

HOLY COMMUNION AND RETURNING TO 'NORMAL.'

A number of differing opinions are being expressed in our community about whether we are 'back to normal' with all practices in our Church life. Thank God we no longer have restrictions on the numbers of people attending. We are able to sing our praises of God. Once again, we have holy water in the fonts. We pass the baskets for the collections. Archbishop Farrell has encouraged us to open up as much as possible. Yet it is clear that it's not yet safe enough to return to the tradition of shaking hands at the Sign of Peace. Nor are we at the point when it is safe to offer the Precious Blood by sharing the chalice. Covid 19 and other respiratory viruses are still a reality among us. At time of writing, around 2,200 cases were notified nationally this past week. There are currently 169 people in hospital with Covid, of whom 21 are in ICU, with 27 deaths with Covid notified. 87 deaths with Covid were notified in the previous week.

There are many who deeply love to be able to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, one of the ancient traditions in our Church, as is receiving on the hand (as attested to by several of early Church greats, for example: St Cyril of Jerusalem [d. 386] in his Catechetical Lecture no. 23). Because of the pandemic, and the much greater risk of spreading infection when distributing Holy Communion on the tongue rather than on the hand, those who wish to receive the Eucharist on the tongue have had to forego their preference for a considerable period of time now and are eager in awaiting its return. There are also a significant number of people with underlying medical conditions and vulnerabilities who attend our church daily. We want to make our worship as safe as possible for them and everyone.

In order to gradually reintroduce the possibility of Holy Communion being received on the tongue, may I ask those who wish to receive this way if they would be so good as to approach the priest at the end of the procession of those coming forward for Holy Communion so as to minimise the risk of infection for others, mindful of the Lord's words: "Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first." [Matthew 19:30] I would very much appreciate your patience and thoughtful consideration of others expressed in this way.

Fr Damian

ASH WEDNESDAY - 22ND FEBRUARY

The blessing and distribution of blessed ashes will take place at our 10am Wednesday Mass. There is a weekday 7.30pm Mass on Wednesdays in our Deanery in St Luke's Church, Mulhuddart.

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 different continents around the world to meet with Pope Francis in Rome to share their own amazing stories. Afterwards, over a cuppa, there will be 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 souls of Joan Kelly, whose funeral took place during the week, and of Edward Commins whose funeral takes place next Monday at 11am . May the Lord grant them eternal rest and console all those who mourn.

SPRING GATHERING - STARTING ASH WEDNESDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY

Following on from the success of our Autumn Gathering, we are starting a weekly Spring Gathering in Our Lady's Parish Centre beside our Church, after 10.30am Mass on Wednesday 22nd February and continuing through Lent. Would you like to Volunteer for this initiative? Please contact the Parish Office.

TURKEY/SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Thank you to all for the massive response to the appeal for aid to victims for the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. The officials at the Turkish Embassy asked us to convey their gratitude and acknowledgement of support. In excess of 270 boxes of clothes, blankets etc have been delivered by your parish team. A huge thank you to those who donated and the entire parish team involved.

TAIZE PRAYER This Friday 24th at 7. All welcome!

LIMERICK HURLER: HIS BATTLE WITH ADDICTION

Ciaran Carey a Limerick hurler will tell his story at a special mass in St Patrick's Church Corduff on this Friday 24th February at 7.30 . If you or a loved one is affected by addiction come along to the mass on that night

PARISH CENTRE ACTIVITIES

Castleknock ICA Lecture *The Rich History of Weaving in the Liberties* with Cathy Scuffil, Dublin City Council Historian in Residence. Parish Centre, this Monday 20 February, 8 p.m.

Tai Chi Classes starting Tuesday 28 February. Information at: www.taichiclassesdublin.com