

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 10am and before 6pm 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.

Other Evening Weekday Masses 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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Our Lady's Parish Centre – Phone: 01-8209907

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.

HALLOW APP: pray during Lent as we journey to Easter with this Catholic Prayer app for both iPhone and Android which is proving to be a huge hit around the world. Simply visit **hallow.com**



OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PARISHES OF
ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE, LAUREL LODGE
AND ST MOCHTA'S PORTERSTOWN.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

26th March 2023

THE RAISING OF LAZARUS: Today's readings tell us of the God of life, who conquers death, the last of the miraculous signs which Jesus performs before his Paschal Mystery, at the tomb of his friend, Lazarus. Everything appears to have ended there: the tomb is sealed by a great stone; there is only weeping and desolation. Even Jesus is shaken by the dramatic mystery of the loss of a dear one: "He was deeply moved in spirit and troubled" (Jn 11:33). Then "Jesus wept" (v. 35) and went to the tomb, the Gospel says, "deeply moved again" (v. 38). This is God's heart: far from evil but close to those who are suffering. He does not make evil disappear magically, Christ endures the suffering; he makes it his own and transforms it. Even while suffering himself, Jesus asks that people believe steadfastly. He does not close himself within his weeping but, moved, he makes his way to the tomb. He prays with trust and says, "Father, I thank you" (v. 41). Jesus proclaims: "*I am* the Resurrection and the life; the one who believes in me, though they die, yet shall they live", (v. 25). It is for this reason that he says decisively, "Take away the stone" (v. 39) and he calls to Lazarus, "Come out" (v. 43). We hear directed to each one of us Jesus' words to Lazarus: "Come out". Come out from the gridlock of hopeless sadness; unwrap the bandages of fear that impede the journey, the bands of the weaknesses and anxieties that constrain you; reaffirm that God unties the knots. By following Jesus, we learn not to knot our lives around problems which become tangled. There will always be problems, and when we solve one, another one duly arrives. We can however, find *a new stability*, and this stability is Jesus himself. This stability is called Jesus, who is the Resurrection and the Life. With him, joy abides in our hearts, hope is reborn, suffering is transformed into peace, fear into trust, hardship into an offering of love. And even

though burdens will not disappear, there will always be his uplifting hand, his encouraging Word saying to all of us, to each of us: "Come out! Come to me!" He tells all of us: "Do not be afraid."

Today, just like then, Jesus says to us to: "take away the stone". However burdensome the past, great the sin, weighty the shame, let us never bar the Lord's entrance. Let us, before him, remove that stone which prevents him from entering. This is the favourable time to remove our sin, our attachment to worldly vanity, the pride that blocks our souls, so much hostility among us. *Adapted from an Angelus message of Pope Francis*

OUR HOLY WEEK SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION: MONDAY 3RD APRIL AT 7.30PM Prepare for the holy feast of Easter by Spring-cleaning the soul!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS In our Deanery this year, Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated with a special programme of events at St Philip the Apostle Church, Mountview, on 16th April. Commencing at 2pm with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament; Reading from the Diary of St Faustina, Blessing of the Divine Image, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 3pm, Confessions 2pm to 3pm. Holy Mass will follow the Divine Mercy Chaplet. This is being supported by priests across our Blanchardstown Deanery. All are welcome.

PLEASE PRAY for the happy repose of the soul of Olive McNally whose funeral took place in our church this past week. May the Lord comfort and sustain all who mourn.

FATIMA 1ST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS commencing next Saturday 1st April, on the first Saturday of the month after our 10am Mass, the Rosary will feature an extra short meditation before each decade.

TABLE QUIZ IN AID OF EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN SYRIA

A Table Quiz will take place on Thursday 30th March at 8pm in Castleknock Tennis Club. Entry Fee €50 per table of 4, prizes, raffle and spot prizes. The proceeds are in support of a project in Aleppo, Syria which is providing humanitarian aid for victims of the recent earthquake. To reserve a table, phone 087 7818935 or 086 8392518

SPRING GATHERING We have a weekly Spring Gathering in Our Lady's Parish Centre beside our Church, after 10 am Mass on Wednesdays during Lent. All are welcome.

Society of St Vincent de Paul monthly collection takes place after all Masses this weekend, Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th March.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS Pope Francis has asked for "Life in the Spirit" Seminars to take place more often. Blanchardstown Charismatic Prayer Group is taking up this call. Every Tuesday at 8pm in St Brigid's Church extension for the next 5 weeks with talks and discussion featuring videos with Fr Pat Collins CM. All are welcome.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FROM ST MOCHTA'S PARISH, PORTERSTOWN Thursday 22nd June 2023, Spiritual Director Fr. Paul Ward, full religious programme, direct return flights, 5 nights full board at Hotel La Solitude, €899 pps, single room supplement of €35 per night. Please contact St Mochta's Parish Office – 01 821 3218, secretary@stmochtasparish.ie

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK The 2023 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, which will be led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell, will take place on Saturday April 29th. Should you like to go on this pilgrimage, a bus is being organised from:

- Mulhuddart Parish - mulhudoffice@gmail.com, or 01 8205480

- Navan Road Parish - info@navanroadparish.com, or 01 8380265

ST FRANCIS HOSPICE - SPRING MEMORIAL WALK

Walk your own 5K anytime, anyplace in the months of March and April to raise funds for the Hospice, registration fee €25. Call 01 832 7535 for a t-shirt, sponsor cards, etc.

PRIVACY POLICY ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

Please note the Parish Privacy Notice is currently under review and a new version will be published very soon. If you have any questions or require further information, please email Noelle Dowling: dataprotection@dublindiocese.ie

Scoil Bhríde Cailíní – PART-TIME CARETAKER SOUGHT in Scoil Bhríde Cailíní, Blanchardstown, 20-25.5 hours per week. Morning and evening. Hours flexible. Please contact Scoil Bhríde Cailíní on 01-8201717 or office@scoilbhridecailini.ie for more details.

FR JAMIE TWOHIG, a young Pallotine priest will talk about his story and why he became a priest at a special mass next Friday March 31st at 7.30 in St Patrick's Church, Corduff. All are welcome. Cup of tea afterwards.

A JOURNEY IN SONG FROM JERUSALEM TO CALVARY

Part 2 of the "The Passion of Jesus" with the talented Vox Hiberniae takes place in St Patrick's Church Corduff this Sunday, March 26th 4-5pm. All are welcome.