

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

Fr. Damian McNeice – Phone: 089 445 3987

Fr. Denis O'Connor CSsR –Phone: 01-8214003

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

Phone: 01-6409601 Email: parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie

Church Sacristy – Phone: 01-8214652

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.

TAIZE READINGS APP: available for free download for your smartphone from the App Store and Google Play, featuring a simple passage from Scripture and a reflection of Brother Roger of Taizé for each day of the year.



OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

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

Easter Sunday

9th April 2023

HAPPY EASTER!

Happy Easter! [as it is said in Greek:] "*Cristòs anèsti!* - *Alethòs anèsti!*", "Christ is risen! - He is risen indeed!" He is among us! This week we can continue to exchange Easter greetings, as though it were one single day. It is the great day which the Lord has made. The dominant sentiment that shines forth from the Gospel accounts of the Resurrection is joy full of wonder, a great wonder! Joy that comes from within! And in the Liturgy we relive the state of mind of the disciples over the news which the women had brought: 'Jesus is Risen! We have seen him!'

Let us allow this experience which is inscribed in the Gospel also to be imprinted in our hearts and shine forth from our lives. Let us allow the joyous wonder of Easter Sunday to shine forth in our thoughts, glances, behaviour, gestures and words.... If only we were so luminous! But this is not just cosmetic! It comes from within, from a heart immersed in the source of this joy, like that of Mary of Magdala, who wept over the loss of her Lord and could hardly believe her eyes seeing him Risen.

Whoever experiences this becomes a witness of the Resurrection, for in a certain sense he himself has risen, she herself has risen. He or she is then capable of carrying a "ray" of light of the Risen One into various situations: to those that are happy, making them more beautiful by preserving them from egoism; to those that are sad, bringing serenity and hope. Over the course of this week it will do us good to take up the book of the Gospels and read those chapters which speak about Jesus' Resurrection. It will really do us good! Take up the Book, look for the chapter and read it. It will also benefit us this week to think about the joy of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Just as her pain was intimate enough to pierce her soul, so too her joy was also intimate and deep, and the

disciples were able to draw from it. Having passed through the experience of the death and Resurrection of her Son, seen in faith as the supreme expression of God's love, Mary's heart became a font of peace, consolation, hope and mercy. All of the prerogatives of our Mother derive from this, from her participation Jesus' Paschal Mystery. From Friday until Sunday morning she did not lose hope: we contemplated the sorrowful Mother but, at the same time, the Mother full of hope. She, who is the Mother of all of the disciples, the Mother of the Church, is the Mother of hope. *Pope Francis*

OUR SINCERE THANKS...

We owe a great debt of gratitude to all who made our Holy Week, Triduum and Easter Celebrations so full and beautiful: those who distributed Easter Cards, those who made everything ready for each celebration, who did all the background preparations in the sacristy and in the church building, our Ministers of the Word, of Holy Communion, Collectors, wonderful Choirs, Stations dramatists, tomb builders, willing volunteers, the visiting priests at our Penitential Service and of course our own Fr Denis ... Thank you for giving glory to God. Peace and Joy be yours.

Fr Damian

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 Sunday 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 from across our Blanchardstown Deanery. All are welcome.

THIRD WORLD PARTNERSHIP (TWP) – OUR LINK WITH A PARISH IN METCHA BORRODO, ETHIOPIA We have been supporting this Ethiopian parish including its school and students since 2008. Over the Covid epidemic you have helped us build toilets, showers and a water tower. Our partners in Ethiopia have asked us to help them to replace the final two dilapidated classrooms in the school. With severe inflation in Ethiopia since we last built classrooms, the cost of this building has been set at over €79000. We have €35000 towards this from donations to date.

If any parishioners know of any source of funds including employers and company funds, or are willing to support us by running marathons or any other way, please contact the TWP at TWP@castleknockparish.ie, or use the DONATE button on the parish website, or phone Stephanie at (086) 821 1141.

CGA ANNUAL OUTING TO GLENDALOUGH 13TH APRIL

Our Castleknock Parish Catholic Grandparents Association Annual Outing takes place this **Thursday 13th April**. This year they are visiting Glendalough via Kilmacurragh. Departing from Our Lady Mother of the Church car park at 10am, tea, coffee and a treat for children on arrival at Kilmacurragh (approx. 11am) with a guided tour of this special garden. Then on to Glendalough with its Round Tower, Monastic settlement, beautiful views and ancient history. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Robert McCabe. **Cost:** Adults 20 euro, Child 10 euro, optional refreshments on return. For further information and booking please contact John at 086 2346147 or Kay at 087 2552964 as soon as possible.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK – SATURDAY 29TH APRIL

Led by Archbishop Farrell. A bus is being organised from: - Navan Road Parish - info@navanroadparish.com, or 01 8380265
- Mulhuddart Parish - mulhudoffice@gmail.com, or 01 8205480

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FROM ST MOCHTA'S PARISH, PORTERSTOWN
Thursday 22nd June 2023. Please contact St Mochta's Parish Office – 01 821 3218, secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Continue on Tuesdays at 8pm in St Brigid's Church Blanchardstown extension. featuring Fr Pat Collins CM. All are welcome.

CASTLEKNOCK TIDY TOWNS – AGM Wednesday 12th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome

ANAM CARA: Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 19th April at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924.

PARISH CENTRE ACTIVITIES

Tai Chi 6 week term starting 11th April, Tuesday, 8.15-9.45pm.