

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 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.

Third Sunday of Easter 23rd April 2023

EMMAUS: The Gospel of the Third Sunday of Easter... presents the episode of the disciples of Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35), an account that never ceases to astonish and move us. This episode shows the effects that the Risen Jesus works in two disciples: conversion from despair to hope; conversion from sorrow to joy; and also conversion to community life. Sometimes, when we speak of conversion we think solely of its demanding aspect of detachment and renunciation. Christian conversion, on the contrary, is also and above all about joy, hope and love. It is always the work of the Risen Christ, the Lord of life who has obtained this grace for us through his Passion and communicates it to us by virtue of his Resurrection...

The two disciples of Emmaus after the crucifixion of Jesus were going home immersed in doubt, sadness and disappointment. This happens when today's disciples drift away from the Jerusalem of the Crucified and Risen One, no longer believing in the power and in the living presence of the Lord. The problem of evil, sorrow and suffering, the problem of injustice and abuse, fear of others, of strangers and foreigners who come to our lands and seem to attack what we are, prompt Christians today to say sadly: *we (had) hoped* that the Lord would deliver us from evil, from sorrow, from suffering, from fear, from injustice.

It is thus necessary for each and every one of us to let ourselves be taught by Jesus, as the two disciples of Emmaus were: first of all by listening to and loving the word of God read in the light of the Paschal Mystery, so that it may warm our hearts and illumine our minds helping us to interpret the events of life and give them meaning. Then it is necessary to sit at table with the Lord, to share the banquet with him, so that his humble presence in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood may restore to us the gaze of faith, in order to see everything and everyone with God's eyes, in the light of his love. Staying with Jesus who has stayed with us,

assimilating his lifestyle, choosing with him the logic of communion with each other, of solidarity and of sharing. The Eucharist is the maximum expression of the gift which Jesus makes of himself and is a constant invitation to live our lives in the Eucharistic logic, as a gift to God and to others.

The Gospel also mentions that after recognizing Jesus in the breaking of the bread, the two disciples “rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem” (Lk 24:33). They felt the need to return to Jerusalem and to tell of their extraordinary experience: the encounter with the Risen Lord. A great effort must be made so that every Christian... may be transformed into a witness, ready to proclaim vigorously and joyfully the event of Christ’s death and Resurrection... In Jesus you will find the strength to open yourselves to others and to make yourselves, after his example, a gift for the whole of humanity... Be confident: the Risen Lord is walking with you, yesterday, today and for ever. Amen. *[Pope Benedict XVI 2011]*

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Good Shepherd Sunday, April 30, is our annual Day of Prayer for Vocations to priesthood and the religious life. Have you recently considered taking the risk to follow in the footsteps of Jesus in that way? If so, you are invited to the National Seminary, St Patrick’s College, Maynooth, on Tuesday April 25 to attend a special conference on evangelisation and vocations in Ireland today. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro Prefect of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Evangelisation, will be the keynote speaker. Please register directly at www.vocations.ie, or contact the Rev Eric Cooney secretary of the National Vocations Office at eric.cooney@iecon.ie. There is no charge for attending but places are limited. On the following Sunday, 6th May, the Lay Ministry Collection will replace the usual Share collection at our Masses. This goes to support the development of a variety of lay ministries in our Diocese, providing more trained women and men to work alongside our priests and deacons.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK – SATURDAY 29TH APRIL

The 2023 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell, takes place next Saturday, April 29th. Should you wish to travel, a bus is being organised from: Navan Rd Parish Tel 8380265 or info@navanroadparish.com. Or Mulhuddart Parish 8205480 mulhudoffice@gmail.com Contact them as soon as possible.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Monica Ward whose funeral took place in our parish church this week.

Please keep her family and friends in your prayers and all who are carrying the burden of grief.

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

TABLE QUIZ IN AID OF THE VICTIMS OF THE TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKES. Castleknock and District Lions Club are holding a table quiz next Friday 28th April at 8pm in Castleknock Tennis Club, Old Navan Road, in aid of the victims of the Turkey and Syria Earthquakes. €60 per table, lots of spot prizes. Contact (086) 6089629 for tickets.

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.

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 t-shirt, sponsor cards, etc.

Special Monthly Mass this coming Friday 28th April in St Patrick’s Church, Corduff at 7.30pm. Our guest speaker, a 27 year old, Joy Byrne, who suffered mental health issues and ended up in psychiatric care self-harming and with suicidal thoughts. She heard a girl giving her testimony at the youth festival in Medjugorje. She joined Cenaclo and will tell of her path back to health. A Grace filled story not to be missed.