

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

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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.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
7th May 2023

Prepare for your place in the Father's House

This Sunday we hear the Gospel passage of St John (14:1-6). "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself...that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going".

Jesus' words, Pope Francis says, "are very beautiful. At a time of taking leave, Jesus speaks to his disciples from his heart. He knows they are sad, for they realize that things are not going well". So now Jesus encourages them, cheers them, reassures them and unfolds before them a horizon of hope. "Let not your hearts be troubled".

"I am going to prepare a place for you". "What is this preparation?" Pope Francis asked. "How is it done? What is this place like? What does preparing the place mean? Renting a room in heaven?" Preparing a place means preparing "our capacities for enjoying, for seeing, for hearing and for understanding the beauty of what awaits us, of that homeland for which we are bound".

Pope Francis prayed "that the Lord give us this strong hope" and also "the courage to greet the homeland from afar". And lastly, "may he give us the humility to let ourselves be prepared, that is, to let the Lord prepare the definitive dwelling place in our heart, in our sight and in our hearing".

LAY MINISTRY SUNDAY

Our Second Collection today helps to build up Lay Ministry in our Diocese, helping provide formation and training.

What is Ministry?

1. Ministry can be defined as 'serving one another'.
2. Jesus is our model and exemplar: 'The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve.' (Mk 10:45)
3. Ministry is a share in Christ's self-offering and self-giving.
4. Ministry is not just something practical (a job, a role) but a spirituality (a service, a vocation).
5. The Active participation of the People of God: lay people, clergy and religious together is and will be essential to the life, leadership and decision-making of our Parish.

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@stmochtasparrish.ie

LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE from St Mochta's Parish, Porterstown

Friday, 7th July to Sunday 9th July, departing from St. Mochta's Church Courtyard at 8am. If you are interested in going, please phone St. Mochta's Parish on 01 8213218, email secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie or contact Ellen on 087 9668356.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Mary Brady, Colette Foynes and Conor Downing whose funerals took place in our parish church this week. Please keep their family and friends in your prayers, and all who are carrying the burden of grief.

Mulhuddart Cemetery Mass takes place on Sunday 11th June at 3pm.

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.

CCC - Annual Plant Sale - 7th May, 10am to 5pm

The Parents Association of Castleknock Community College are hosting their annual Plant Sale & Raffle this Sunday 7th May from 10am to 5pm. Summer bedding plants in pots and trays, hanging baskets, window boxes, patio tubs, pots, compost and garden accessories will be on sale. Extras include a raffle with amazing prizes, coffee & tea shop and a BBQ. All welcome.

WHO IS SHE? CONFERENCE

Who is She?, a day-long conference for Our Lady, takes place on Saturday, May 13th. Come to the historic DCU All Hallows campus for insightful talks, prayer, Mass, good food and great company. What can we learn from early Irish Christians' Marian devotion? And how can we love Jesus as His mother loved Him? To find out, come join us on May 13, from 9.30 to 4.30 in DCU All Hallows. Cost €30. For more information or to book contact mariaassumptadublin@gmail.com.

PRIVACY POLICY ON THE PARISH WEBSITE A new Parish Privacy Notice has been published on our parish website - www.castleknockparish.ie. If you have any questions or require further information, please email Noelle Dowling at dataprotection@dublindiocese.ie.

COLOUR SPLASH LAB - Summer Camp

Our Lady's Parish Centre from 3rd - 6th July, 10am - 1pm, ages 5-11. Arts & Crafts including pottery, sewing, print making, mix media, games and much more. Contact Vanessa at 089 45 72 572 or vmodely13@gmail.com for more information.