

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.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
14th May 2023

NOVENA OF PRAYER

Archbishop Farrell has announced a nine-day period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin which is to begin on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. As Dr Farrell said at the Holy Thursday Chrism Mass in the Pro-Cathedral:

“In our diocese, the Building Hope initiative involves people and priests creating a joint mission – a mission together – in which new pastoral areas will comprise a number of parishes in partnership. This necessarily involves a ‘letting go’ of the past and an embrace of what is to come.

For this pastoral initiative to be successful, there needs to be a shared appreciation of the rationale, and a shared conviction of the necessity to embrace change... Rather than viewing change as a negative, the real challenge is to see change as an opportunity for creative ways to sustain a viable and vibrant future for the faith communities of our Diocese... Let us not be under any illusion as to the demand and depth of that change. In fact, it might be more accurate to call it a conversion.”

Here's the prayer we are all invited to say from **May 21st** [The Ascension of the Lord] to **May 29th** [Feast of Our Lady, Mother of the Church]:

NOVENA PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin

Come, Holy Spirit, revive and renew us.

Come, Holy Spirit, inspire and enthuse us.

Come, Holy Spirit, unbind and release us.

Open our eyes to see God's grace around us.

Open our ears to hear God's voice within us.

Open our hearts to welcome God among us.

Send us out with joy to live the Gospel.

Send us out with peace to act as one.

Send us out with love to build up hope.

Pin it up on your fridge or slip it into your prayer book. There are some prayer cards with this text available at the back of the church. We are distributing them to our Confirmation candidates to involve their intercession in this initiative.

DIOCESAN APPOINTMENTS

On 11th May, Archbishop Farrell released the Dublin Diocesan Appointments list for 2023. In relation to our Parish partnership of Castleknock, Laurel Lodge and Porterstown, it simply says: "Very Rev. Damian McNeice appointed Parish Priest Porterstown in addition to Parish Priest Castleknock and Laurel Lodge."

On hearing the news, I was reminded of a line in J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings when Bilbo Baggins says: "I feel... sort of stretched, like butter scraped over too much bread." It is perhaps timely for us to consider what the worship and prayer life of our Parish Partnership may look like in the very near future.

Please continue to pray for vocations, that we may be blessed with more servants of the Gospel. Pray too that the Holy Spirit may be our helper and guide in discerning what form the Lord wishes for our Christian communities to take in the Dublin of the future.

CONGRATULATIONS to the children from St Brigid's School who received their First Holy Communion on 13th May. May blessings galore flow from this day for them and their families. Let's keep them and those currently preparing for their First Communion and Confirmation in the communion of prayer.

ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 2023

The annual Ecumenical Bible Week takes place from Pentecost to Trinity Sunday.

A varied and interesting programme is planned for 2023, the tenth year in which EBW has been running, details of which can be found on their website: bibleweek.ie

The theme for 2023 is *Planting seeds of hope together – in a post-Covid reality*. Christian life is based on hope. EBW 2023 will explore how this hope can be sown and passed on by people of different traditions working together in our current context. This project enjoys the support of the two Archbishops of Dublin and the National Bible Society of Ireland. The concluding event of EBW2023 will take place in our church at 7pm on Trinity Sunday 4th June with a Taizé prayer at which the Abbey Presbyterian Minister, Rev Alan Boal, will preach.

OPEN HEARTS TAIZÉ PRAYER

This Friday 19th May at 7pm. Come and join this meditative prayer with the songs of the ecumenical monastic community of Taizé. It is proving to be particularly popular with the young, and the young at heart! All are welcome.

MULHUDDART CEMETERY MASS: 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.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE FROM ST MOCHTA'S PARISH, PORTERSTOWN

Thursday 22nd June 2023, Spiritual Director Fr. Paul Ward. Please contact St Mochta's Parish Office – 01 821 3218, secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie