

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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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.

Ascension Sunday

21st May 2023

NOVENA OF PRAYER

Archbishop Farrell has invited us all to participate in a nine-day period of prayer for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin which begins today on the Feast of the Ascension. 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 today 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. Let every household take home a prayer card with this text which is available at the back of the church and pray it together.

POPE FRANCIS ON WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

"As Christians, we know that the destiny of peace is decided by conversion of hearts, since the virus of war comes from within the human heart. From the heart come the right words to dispel the shadows of a closed and divided world and to build a civilization which is better than the one we have received. Each of us is asked to engage in this effort, but it is one that especially appeals to the sense of responsibility of those working in the field of communications so that they may carry out their profession as a mission. May the Lord Jesus, the pure Word poured out from the heart of the Father, help us to make our communication clear, open and heartfelt. May the Lord Jesus, the Word made flesh, help us listen to the beating of hearts, to rediscover ourselves as brothers and sisters, and to disarm the hostility that divides. May the Lord Jesus, the Word of truth and love, help us speak the truth in charity, so that we may feel like protectors of one another."

CONGRATULATIONS to the children from St Brigid's School who received their First Holy Communion on 20th May. May many blessings flow from this day for them and their families. Let's keep them and those others 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.

Details of the week can be found on their website: bibleweek.ie

The theme for 2023 is *Planting seeds of hope together — in a post-Covid reality*. 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.

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

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.

MULHUDDART CEMETERY MASS: Sunday 11th June at 3pm.

SPECIAL MASS CORDUFF: A special mass will take place on Friday 26th May 2023 in St Patrick's Church Corduff at 7.30 pm . Fr Adrian Crowley will give his testimony during the mass . There will be adoration from 7-7.30 and confessions available during that time. Refreshments will be in the Pastoral Centre after the mass .

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Ann McNicholas 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.

CASTLEKNOCK TIDY TOWNS - SEEKING YOUR HELP

Castleknock's entry for the 2023 SuperValu Tidy Towns National competition has recently been submitted. We are asking that local residents help us out where they can by having the area outside where they live kept free of litter and looking good. We meet at Myo's car park, every Saturday morning at 10am. Contact: www.castleknocktidytowns.com

PARISH CENTRE ACTIVITIES

Tai Chi 6-week term starting 13th June, Tuesday, 8.15-9.45pm.