

## CHURCH SERVICES

### THE EUCHARIST

<b>Sunday:</b>	Saturday	6.00pm
	Sunday	10.00am and 12.00 noon
<b>Weekdays:</b>	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday	10.00am
	Tuesday, Thursday	7.30pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** After 10.00am and before 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and on request.

**Baptism:** Normally on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 1.00pm. Enquiries to the parish office.

**Marriage:** By arrangement with one of the Priests.

### Evening Weekday Mass availability 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 Office** – Monday to Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

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**Church Sacristy** – Phone: 01-8214652

**Our Lady's Parish Centre** – Phone: 01-8209907

**Parish Website** – [www.castleknockparish.ie](http://www.castleknockparish.ie)

**Parish Newsletter** – Notices may be emailed to [ourladysparish@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**SACREDSPACE.IE** a daily prayer website offering a meditation on the Gospel, available in 21 languages, including Gaeilge of course, also available as a free App for your mobile phone.



## OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

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

### PENTECOST SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**SET THE WORLD ON FIRE** 'Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, in memory of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the first Christian community. Today's Gospel (cf. *Jn* 20:19-23) takes us back to the evening of Easter and shows us the Risen Jesus who appears in the Upper Room, where the disciples have taken refuge. They were afraid. He "stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!'" (v. 19). These first words pronounced by the Risen One – "Peace be with you" – are to be considered as more than a greeting: they express forgiveness, the forgiveness granted to the disciples who, to tell the truth, had abandoned him. They are words of reconciliation and forgiveness. And when we wish peace to others, we too are granting forgiveness, and asking for forgiveness as well. Jesus offers his peace precisely to these disciples who are afraid, who find it hard to believe what they have seen, that is, the empty tomb, and they underestimate the witness of Mary of Magdala and of the other women. Jesus forgives; he always forgives, and offers his peace to his friends. Do not forget: Jesus never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness.

By forgiving and gathering his disciples around him, Jesus makes them a Church, *his* Church, which is a community reconciled and ready for mission... The encounter with the Risen Lord upends the lives of the Apostles and transforms them into courageous witnesses. Indeed, immediately afterwards he says, "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you" (v. 21). These words help us understand that the Apostles are sent to continue the same mission that the Father entrusted to Jesus. "I send you": it is not time to stay locked up, nor to regret: to regret the 'good times', those times spent with the Master. The joy of the Resurrection is great, but it is an expansive joy, which should not be kept to oneself: it is to be given...

And precisely to inspire mission, Jesus gives his Spirit to the Apostles. The Gospel states: “he breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’” (v. 22). The Holy Spirit is fire that burns away sins and creates new men and women; he is the fire of love with which the disciples can ‘set the world on fire’, that tender love that favours the little ones, the poor, the excluded... In the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation we received the Holy Spirit with his gifts: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of God. This last gift — fear of God — is the very opposite of the fear that first paralyzed the disciples: it is love for the Lord; it is the certainty of his mercy and his goodness; it is the confidence that we are able to move in the direction he indicates, without ever lacking his presence and support. The feast of Pentecost renews the awareness that the life-giving presence of the Holy Spirit abides in us. He also gives us the courage to go outside the protective walls of our “Upper Rooms”, of our little groups, without easing into a quiet life or withdrawing into sterile habits. Let us now raise our thoughts to Mary: when the Holy Spirit came, she was there, with the Apostles, a protagonist with the first Community that experienced the wonders of Pentecost, and let us pray that she obtain for the Church the ardent missionary spirit.’ *Pope Francis*

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD** The new rota for Ministers of the Word, covering June to August, is available in the Sacristy and is also on the parish website.

**ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 2023** The concluding event of EBW2023 will take place in our church at 7pm on Trinity Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June with a Taizé prayer at which the Abbey Presbyterian Minister, Rev Alan Boal, will preach. All are welcome.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the children from Castleknock National School and Castleknock Educate Together who received their First Holy Communion on 27<sup>th</sup> May. May many blessings flow from this day for them and their families. Let’s keep them and those currently preparing for Confirmation in the communion of prayer.

**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](mailto:secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie) or contact Ellen on 087 9668356.

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

#### **CASTLEKNOCK TIDY TOWNS - SEEKING YOUR HELP**

Castleknock's entry for the 2023 SuperValu TidyTown 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 well - thank you.

We are always inviting people to volunteer with us, to join the Saturday Clean-Ups. We operate on a 'Take part, when you can' policy so you don't have to attend every week, just when it suits you. We meet at Myos car park every Saturday morning at 10am. We return to Myos again at 12 noon for a welcome cuppa and a chat. Email us at [castleknocktidytowns@gmail.com](mailto:castleknocktidytowns@gmail.com) to connect, and then just turn up. We provide high vis bibs, gloves and all the equipment needed. We'd be delighted to have you onboard. For further information, and to see photographs of our work in Castleknock, please visit [www.castleknocktidytowns.com](http://www.castleknocktidytowns.com)

#### **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](mailto:TWP@castleknockparish.ie), or use the DONATE button on the parish website, or phone Stephanie at (086) 821 1141.

#### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION**

Society of St Vincent de Paul monthly collection will take place after all Masses this weekend, Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th May.