

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 10.00am and before 6.00pm 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.

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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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.

SACREDSPACE.IE a daily prayer website offering a meditation on the Gospel, available in 21 languages, including Gaelge 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.

TRINITY SUNDAY 4TH JUNE 2023

GOD LOVES, GOD GIVES, THAT WE MIGHT LIVE.

On this feast of the Most Holy Trinity, today's Gospel "sets the stage" for Nicodemus, who, while playing an important role in the religious and civil community of the time, has not ceased seeking God. He did not think: "I have arrived"; he did not cease seeking God; and now he has perceived the echo of His voice in Jesus. In the night-time dialogue with the Nazarene, Nicodemus finally understood that he had *already* been sought and awaited by God, that he was personally loved by Him. God always seeks us first, awaits us first, loves us first. He is like the flower of the almond tree; thus says the Prophet: "It blooms first" (cf. Jer 1:11-12). In fact Jesus speaks to him in this way: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). What is this eternal life? It is the immeasurable and freely given love of the Father which Jesus gave on the Cross, offering his life for our salvation. And this love with the action of the Holy Spirit has shone a new light on the earth and into every human heart that welcomes him; a light that reveals the dark corners, the hardships that impede us from bearing the good fruits of charity and of mercy. May the Virgin Mary help us to enter ever deeper, with our whole being, into the Trinitarian Communion, so as to live and witness to the love that gives meaning to our existence. *Pope Francis*

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

ROAD CLOSURES IN CASTLEKNOCK ON SUNDAY 18TH JUNE 2023

Fingal County Council have given notice that it intends to temporarily close a number of roads in our area on Sunday 18th June to facilitate the Castleknock 5k and Castleknock Village Festival. Like last year, this will affect those from certain parts of our parish trying to get to our Sunday morning Masses. Tower Road, White's Road and College Road will be closed from 10.30am to 12 noon to facilitate the Castleknock 5k run. The R806 Castleknock Road from the junction at College Road (Myos) to the junction with Auburn Avenue will be closed from 10am to 6pm.

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.

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 01-821-3218, email secretary@stmochtasparish.ie or contact Ellen on 087-966-8356. This is a great opportunity for you to undertake this wonderful pilgrimage to Lough Derg in Co Donegal.

MULHUDDART CEMETERY MASS Sunday 11th June at 3pm.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Gerry O'Connor whose funeral took place in our parish church this week. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers, and all who are carrying the burden of grief.

CHROÍ MHÁIRE FOODBANK This food bank was set up in 2022 in memory of the late Mary McDonnell and is based at St. Ciaran's church in Hartstown. Volunteers currently distribute food parcels to approximately sixty households in Dublin 15. The demand is increasing all the time. The volunteers work alongside St. Vincent de Paul and Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living and Empower. A group in our parish are assisting these volunteers. If you would like to support the foodbank and the volunteers in their important work please leave any of the following non-perishable food items in the boxes in the church porch: Cereal/Porridge, Meal Sauces for Curry, Sweet and Sour, Korma, etc, Tinned Fruit/Ambrosia, Chocolate Spread, Tea/Coffee, Biscuits, Soup, Miwadi, Pasta, Rice, Noodles, Crackers, Chopped Tomatoes,

School Lunch Items, Pasta Sauce, Beans, Peas, Sweet Corn, etc, Jam/Marmalade, Cereal Bars.

PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AND MINISTRY PROGRAMME

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course. run by the Dublin Archdiocese, on Thursday evenings in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Upper Drumcondra Rd, Dublin,9. September to May (7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m). Application is now open. Early application advised. Contact: Pathways Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie. Web: www.missionministry.ie

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 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 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, visit 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, or use the DONATE button on the parish website, or phone Stephanie at (086) 821 1141.

A WEE NOTE: FEEL FREE TO SAY THE NOVENA PRAYER EVERY DAY TO THE "HOLY SPIRIT".