

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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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 Gaelige 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.

CORPUS CHRISTI 11TH JUNE 2023

Today, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, *Corpus Christi*, is being celebrated. In the second Reading of today's liturgy, Saint Paul reawakens our faith in this mystery of communion (cf. 1 Cor 10:16-17). He highlights two effects of the shared chalice and the broken bread: the *mystical* effect and the *communal* effect.

First, the Apostle states: "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break is it not a participation in the body of Christ?" (v. 16). These words express the *mystical* effect, or we might say the spiritual effect of the Eucharist: it relates to the union with Christ, who in the bread and the wine offers himself for the salvation of all. Jesus is present in the sacrament of the Eucharist to be our nourishment, to be assimilated and to become in us that renewing force that gives once again the energy and gives once more the desire to set out again after every pause or after every fall. But this requires our consent, our willingness to let ourselves, our way of thinking and acting, be transformed. Otherwise the Eucharistic celebrations in which we participate are reduced to empty and formal rituals. Often some go to Mass because they have to go, as if it were a social event, respectful but social. However, the mystery is something else. It is Jesus who is present and comes to nourish us.

The second effect is the *communal* one, and is expressed by Saint Paul in these words: "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body" (v. 17). It is the mutual communion of those who participate in the Eucharist, to the point of becoming one body among them, in the same way that the bread that is broken and distributed is one. We are a community nourished by the body and blood of Christ. Communion with the body of Christ is an effective sign of unity, of communion, of sharing. One cannot participate in the Eucharist without committing oneself to mutual fraternity, which is sincere. But the Lord knows well that our

human strength alone is not enough for this. On the contrary, He knows that among His disciples there will always be the temptation of rivalry, envy, prejudice, division... We are all aware of these things. For this reason too He left us the Sacrament of His real, tangible and permanent Presence, so that, in remaining united to him, we may always receive the gift of fraternal love. "Abide in my love" (Jn 15:9), Jesus said; and this is possible thanks to the Eucharist. To abide in friendship, in love. This twofold fruit of the Eucharist: first, union with Christ and second, communion between those who are nourished by him, generates and continually renews the Christian community. It is the Church that makes the Eucharist, but it is more fundamental that *the Eucharist makes the Church*, and allows her to be her mission, even before she accomplishes it. This is the mystery of communion, of the Eucharist: receiving Jesus so He may transform us from within, and receiving Jesus so that He may create unity in us and not division. May the Blessed Virgin help us to always welcome with wonder and gratitude the great gift that Jesus gave us by leaving us the Sacrament of His Body and His Blood. *Pope Francis*

THANK YOU! Heartfelt thanks to all who made last Sunday evening's Taizé Prayer to end Ecumenical Bible Week so beautiful and uplifting: members of our parish Taizé Prayer team, the Family Mass Group, Folk Group and others who put great effort into learning the chants and leading them, our wonderful young participants who led prayers and readings so well; and those who provided the welcome and tremendous hospitality afterwards. It was a taste of the joy of heaven on earth.

ROAD CLOSURES IN CASTLEKNOCK ON SUNDAY 18TH JUNE 2023

Fingal County Council will 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 access 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 which begins at 11am. 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.

MULHUDDART CEMETERY MASS Today, Sunday 11th June, at 3pm.

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.

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, Hartstown. Volunteers currently distribute food parcels to around sixty households in Dublin 15. Demand is increasing all the time. The volunteers work alongside St. V de Paul, Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living and Empower. A group in our parish are assisting these volunteers. If you would like to support this 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, Tinned Fruit, Chocolate Spread, Tea/Coffee, Biscuits, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Noodles, Crackers, Chopped Tomatoes, School Lunch Items, Sauce, Beans, Peas, Sweet Corn, Jam/Marmalade, Cereal Bars. The boxes will be in the Church only on Saturdays and Sundays commencing on 10th June,

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

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.