

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

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Parish Newsletter – Notices may be emailed to ourladysparish@gmail.com Written notices may be handed in to the Parish Office. 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 online way to donate to our parish or to contribute to Dues. You can also contribute to the usual weekend 1st and/or 2nd collections, towards our parish running costs and also to our Third World Partnership (TWP) project.

THE HALLOW APP: "Pray with millions around the world alongside Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie, Sr. Miriam, Fr. Mike, and more on Hallow, the #1 prayer app in the world." Many are finding elements of this American Church prayer app a useful spiritual companion.



OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

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

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
20TH AUGUST 2023

Ten things to keep in mind as we pray

1. **All God can do is give Love.** - 1 John 4:8 'God is love.'
2. **God excludes nothing human, no human situation, from His Love.** - John 12:32 'And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all people to myself.'
3. **Just because prayer is 'difficult' or 'dry' does not mean it is not good. It's still God's time.** - Hebrews 13:8 'Jesus Christ is the same today as he was yesterday and as he will be for ever.'
4. **Know that God is accepting you and welcoming you. God's desire is always to bestow Himself.** - John 6:37 'Everyone whom the Father gives me will come to me; I will certainly not reject anyone who comes to me.'
5. **If we want to find God, it is impossible that God will fail to communicate Himself - God has already been seeking you.** - Matthew 7:11 'How much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!' Hebrews 13:5 'God himself has said: I shall not fail you or desert you.'
6. **Christ Jesus has buried your past in the tomb with Him and He is going to take care of your future.** - Romans 6:3 'When we were baptised into Christ Jesus, were baptised into his death' & John 14:3 'And after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you to myself, so that you may be with me where I am.'
7. **In the pain of loneliness, open yourself to God's company, His pressing nearness.** - Matthew 1:23 [Jesus is:] 'Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us"'. [Jesus' first work is to be with us, to be our companion.] & Luke 10:9 'The kingdom of God is very near to you' and Luke 17:21 'The kingdom of God is in the midst of you.'

8. Silence in prayer can feel like nothing, but in that silence God is preparing you to meet Him, to be a bearer of His joy and peace. - 1 Kings 19:8-13 [*Elijah knows God in silence*] & Galatians 5:22 'the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness...'

9. Lord Jesus Christ, interior light, let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me. Lord Jesus Christ, interior light, let my heart always welcome your love. *Words of St Augustine, which invite us to welcome the brightness and truth of what Christ says to us and to let it shine through our doubts and darkness.*

10. Often, prayer goes beyond words and tends towards the comfortable silence of those who love each other. *When St Thérèse of Lisieux was asked what words she said in prayer on her sick bed, she replied: 'I say nothing. I love Him.'*

Lourdes Associate Fund Collection: The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from the 7th and 12th of September. There are several 'stalwarts' of this wonderful faith event from our own parish. We will be bringing over 100 sick pilgrims to Our Lady's Shrine this year where countless people have experienced God's grace and healing. For many years, parishioners were invited to help contribute to the cost of bringing a sick pilgrim to Lourdes through the *Lourdes Associate Fund*. At present, we ask each sick pilgrim to contribute €590 towards the cost of his or her travel and stay. We never refuse an application on the grounds of not being able to afford this. The actual cost per sick pilgrim is over €1,000, factoring in the expense of necessary medical equipment and supplies.

On the weekend of 2nd/3rd September we will have a Lourdes Associate Membership collection outside the church after Mass to give you an opportunity to contribute to the cost of bringing sick pilgrims on our Diocesan Pilgrimage. If anyone would like their intentions brought to the Grotto at Lourdes, please leave them in to the sacristy in an envelope marked for Fr Damian's attention. Your intentions will be remembered at the Masses we celebrate there. Thank you on behalf of our sick pilgrims in anticipation of your support of our Diocesan Pilgrimage.

Eternal Rest: Please pray for the soul of our parishioner Brian Mullan whose funeral took place this week. May the Holy Spirit console and strengthen all who mourn.

DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS

Starting this September, the Office of Mission and Ministry will be offering a **Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis**. This is a modular course over seven full Saturdays in St Paul's Church, Arran Quay, Dublin 7.

Part One of the course explores Foundations in Catechesis with four modules:

- Module One: The Vocation of the Catechist – Called to Share Faith
- Module Two: Catechesis and the RCIA
- Module Three: Catechesis, Method and Content
- Module Four: Catechesis, Prayer and Liturgy

Part Two of the course explores Catechesis in Practice with three modules:

- Module Five: Accompanying Families for Baptism
- Module Six: Accompanying Families for Holy Communion
- Module Seven: Accompanying Families for Confirmation

On completion of the course participants will receive the Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis. Assessment will be done through journaling.

To register or for more information please contact

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Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel

- Having met with rejection from the Pharisees Jesus goes to Gentile territory and encounters unexpected faith in the Canaanite woman. His mission had previously been to his own people. This adds a new dimension to his mission. Have you had occasions when a chance encounter set your life off in a new direction?
- The initial reaction of Jesus to the woman was one of rejection but her persistence won a response from him. When have you found that persistence was needed to gain what you sought? What did that experience teach you?
- In our days of widespread migration welcoming the stranger can be a challenge. We are more comfortable with our own. What difference has it made, to you and to others, when you were able to offer a friendly welcoming face to a stranger?
- Who are the 'Canaanite women' who call out for attention today – people in Church or State whose needs are not being attended to?

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