

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. 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.

CASTLEKNOCK TIDY TOWNS TABLE QUIZ, WED 18TH OCTOBER 8PM

PLACE: Myos, Castleknock. **Cost:** €50 per table of 4, to be booked and paid for in advance - text James on 087 225 3572. Winning team first prize - €200, cash prizes for 2nd and 3rd places; raffle and spot prizes.



OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1ST OCTOBER 2023

A LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP FARRELL ON THE SYNOD

My dear Sisters and Brothers: On Wednesday next, lay women and men, members of religious orders, priests and bishops from around the world will gather in communion with Pope Francis to pray, reflect and discuss what a synodal Church looks like.

A body has many parts and for the body to function well, to be energy filled, all the parts must play their part, and play in harmony (1 Cor 4:31). This historic month-long event gives me hope, because I am convinced that it can make a difference to our mission worldwide, and here in the Dublin Diocese. I am writing to you to ask you to join with me in giving some time and space in your thoughts and prayer to the dialogue taking place in Rome throughout the coming month. This Synod process is underpinned by the belief that Our God is not remote, but is involved in our affairs, has hopes and dreams for us as individuals, as parishes and as a diocese. God is pursuing His plan for the universe, but He desires and needs our cooperation – we are his eyes, ears, tongue, hands and feet. We must therefore constantly try to detect His voice, listen and pursue His will, as the Gospel Acclamation in today's Liturgy reminds us: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord." (John 10:27).

Traditionally, we have left the task of discerning what God wants to those in leadership roles. In our time, however, Pope Francis is reminding us that listening to the voice of God could be hugely enriched if all of God's people, not just those in leadership, took part. "The synod," Pope Francis said on the day before its official opening, "offers us the opportunity to become a listening church, to break out of our

routine and pause from our pastoral concerns in order to stop and listen” (October 9, 2021). Those who struggle with co-responsibility of the entire People of God in the mission of the Church should remember the words with which St John Henry Newman responded to those who questioned him about the role of the laity: “The Church would seem foolish without them.” Synodality has existed since the time of the early church, but which fell into disuse; it was revived by Pope Saint Paul VI as a way of gathering together a variety of voices from across the church. Later, the model was promoted by Pope Saint John Paul II, who convened many synods during his pontificate.

Synodality is an attempt to harness the energy of all the members of God’s people, to involve them in discerning what God’s wants from us and in contributing to the enactment of what He desires. Your response when invited to participate in the Synod process last year was most encouraging. I hope we can build on that involvement; a first step is to engage with what is about to happen, namely this Synod as an important instrument for listening to the People of God. This can be done, by praying daily for the success of the process, by informing ourselves about what is happening in the process and by embracing its fruits as they emerge.

In the words of Pope Francis, “we ask the Holy Spirit first of all for the gift of listening: to listen to God, that with him we may hear the cry of the people; to listen to the people until breathing in the will to which God calls us”. To keep abreast with the Synod, your parish will offer a newsletter every Sunday highlighting the main issues. This newsletter will also give several links to other sources of useful information. I look forward to your support for the Synod on Synodality: Communion, Participation, and Mission. + **Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin.**

Fr Damian adds: pocket sized copies of the Synod Prayer are available for everyone in the Church. It's a beautiful one asking the Holy Spirit to be at home in our hearts. Please take a copy and pray it every day this month for the Synod. I ask our Rosary Prayers – please make the Synod in Rome part of your intention for this month.

LECTIO DIVINA Spiritual reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday - an opportunity to listen, share, discuss and pray the Living Word. Please come on Wednesday 4th October from 10.45am to 11.15am in our parish centre. For information, contact Marian on 087 2958363.

ST BRIGID’S NS, CASTLEKNOCK, JUNIOR INFANTS’ ENROLMENT SEPTEMBER 2024

Enrolment for junior infants for September 2024 in St. Brigid's National School, Castleknock will commence on Monday 9th October. Please see the school website <https://m.saintbrigids.ie> for further details. Places will be allocated in accordance with the school's Enrolment Policy.

ST VINCENT’S, CASTLEKNOCK COLLEGE - 2024 APPLICATIONS

Applications for First Year 2024 will be accepted from 4th October 2023 until closing date on 25th October 2023. Any application received to the College after this date, even for brothers, will be returned to you automatically.

LOURDES ASSOCIATE FUND Our parish collection to raise funds to send sick pilgrims to Our Lady’s Shrine at Lourdes on our Diocesan Pilgrimage raised €3,000. Thank you for your kindness. Your intentions were lifted up at Mass at the Grotto on the feast of Our Lady’s Birthday.

ETERNAL REST: Please pray for the soul of Áine Lynch whose funeral took place in our Church this week. May the Lord sustain all who mourn.

COFFEE AFTERNOON - ST FRANCIS HOSPICE, BLANCHARDSTOWN

A huge thanks to everyone who supported CARA's coffee afternoon on Thursday 21st September in Our Lady’s Parish Centre, Castleknock. €5,700 was raised - a fantastic amount. Thanks also to everyone who helped with the organising - the home baking was exceptional.

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 email pathways@dublindiocese.ie Web: www.missionministry.ie

THIRD WORLD PARTNERSHIP (TWP) – 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.