

## 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 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

Fr. Damian McNeice - Phone: 089 445 3987

Fr. Denis O'Connor CSsR - Phone: 01-8214003

Parish Office - Monday to Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m..

Phone: 01-6409601 Email: [parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie](mailto:parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie)

Church Sacristy - Phone: 01-8214652

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

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

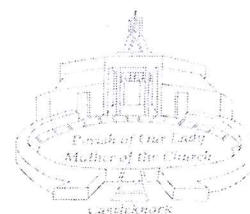
Parish Newsletter - Notices may be emailed to

[ourladyparish@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyparish@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 18<sup>TH</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

### NEWSLETTER NOTICES - 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

**SILENCE:** "Silence is essential in the life of the believer. Indeed, it lies at the beginning and end of Christ's earthly existence. The Word, the Word of the Father, became 'silence' in the manger and on the cross, on the night of the Nativity and on the night of his Passion... brothers and sisters, in common prayer we ask to learn again to be silent: to listen to the voice of the Father, the call of Jesus and the groaning of the Spirit. Let us ask that the Synod be a *kairós* [God's now] of fraternity, a place where the Holy Spirit will purify the Church from gossip, ideologies and polarization. As we approach the important anniversary of the great Council of Nicaea, let us ask that we may know how, like the Magi, to worship in unity and in silence the mystery of God made man, certain that the closer we are to Christ, the more united we will be among ourselves." *Pope Francis, Together 2023 Prayer, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023*

**LOVE IS A VERB:** St Paul wrote: "There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them" [1 Corinthians 12: 4-6]. Paul goes on to describe how all these acts of service and sharing of our gifts builds up the body of Christ, all energized by faith, hope and - the greatest of these - love. "Always be thankful," he goes on to say in Colossians 3:15. So it is very appropriate for myself and Fr Denis to take the opportunity this weekend to thank the myriad of our parishioners who give so generously of themselves and their gifts voluntarily in the building up of the many vital aspects of our community life. The local Body of Christ that gathers here in Our Lady Mother of the Church would be so much the poorer without this giving of yourselves. We are so grateful to you and for you, our parish volunteers. We are truly indebted to you. We see in the life of Christ that love is a verb, a dynamism that comes to serve others. May Our Lady, whose response to this



coming of Christ was to say: 'let me be a servant of this word you speak,' protect you and bring your prayers and needs before her Son. *Fr Damian*

**ADSUMUS SANCTE SPIRITUS:** The authorship of this prayer is attributed to St Isidore of Seville who lived circa 560 to 636. The first words of the Latin original, *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, mean: "We stand before You, Holy Spirit." It has been historically used at Synods and major Church gatherings for many hundreds of years. Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with this prayer. It invites the Holy Spirit to live, breathe and work within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. Please pray it for the entire month of October in communion with those participating in the Synod in Rome. The text is available on a little card which you can take home with you.

**OPEN HEARTS TAIZÉ PRAYER:** Come and join this meditative, chanted prayer led by our young people this coming Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. All are welcome. A busload of our young people took part in the very beautiful "Together 2023" Ecumenical Taizé Prayer in Christchurch Cathedral on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September last at which our Family Mass Group were in fine voice as part of a massed choir of forty people. This moment of prayer was one of over 220 worldwide mirroring the Taizé prayer taking place at that very time in St Peter's Square, Rome, entrusting the work of the Synod to the Holy Spirit.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> October from 10.45 to 11.15am in our parish centre. For information, contact Marian on 087 2958363.

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

**ST BRIGID'S NS, CASTLEKNOCK, JUNIOR INFANTS' ENROLMENT, SEPT 2024** Enrolment for junior infants for September 2024 in St. Brigid's National School, Castleknock will commence next Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2023. 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. MOCHTA'S PARISH GOLF CLASSIC, FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER Luttrellstown Castle Resort

1: Enter a Team (4 Ball) for the 12 o'clock 'Shotgun' Start (€500), includes dinner

2: Sponsor a T-Box or a Golf Hole on the Day - €100

3: Attend the dinner and join in the Parish Social Celebration - €50

4: Make a donation to the Golf Classic, at your discretion.

Individual golfers are also welcome. All the proceeds are going to support Porterstown Parish Finances. For further enquiries contact: Rita Tighe 087 2868065, Eileen Ring 086 8041342 or Fr. Paul 085 8594049.

**ST VINCENT'S, CASTLEKNOCK COLLEGE** Applications for First Year 2024 will be accepted until the strict closing date of Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**SCOIL OILIBHÉIR, GAELSCOIL, COOLMINE - OPEN NIGHT** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm - 8.30 pm. This is an opportunity for families considering applying for a place in Scoil Oilibhéir for their children for next year to come in to see the school, meet some staff and experience the school community and culture.

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## 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 7-9.30 p.m. Applications now open. Contact the Pathways Director: Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie). Web: [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie)

## SUMMARY:-

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