

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 our Third World Partnership (TWP) project.

LECTIO DIVINA: Spiritual reading and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Join us on Wednesdays from 10.30 to 11.00am in our parish centre. For information, contact Marian on 087 2958363.



OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

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

1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT 2023
3RD DECEMBER 2023

ADVENT: GOD GIVES US HIS TIME: Today, with the First Sunday in Advent, we begin a new liturgical year. This season invites us to reflect on the dimension of time, which always exerts great fascination over us... We all say that we do not have enough time, because the pace of daily life has become frenetic for everyone. In this regard too, the Church has 'good news' to bring: God gives us *his time*. We always have little time; especially for the Lord, we do not know how or, sometimes, we do not want to find it. Well, *God has time for us!* This is the first thing that the beginning of a liturgical year makes us rediscover with ever new amazement. Yes, God gives us his time, because he entered history with his Word and his works of salvation to open it to eternity, to make it become a covenantal history. In this prospective, already in itself, time is a fundamental sign of God's love: a gift that mankind, as with everything else, is able to make the most of or, on the contrary, to waste; to take in its significance or to neglect... The liturgical season of [Advent](#) celebrates the coming of God in its two moments: it first invites us to reawaken our expectation of Christ's glorious return, then, as Christmas approaches, it calls us to welcome the Word made man for our salvation. Yet the Lord comes into our lives continually. How timely then, is Jesus' call, which on this First Sunday is powerfully proposed to us: "Watch!" (Mk 13: 33, 35, 37). The icon of Advent is the Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus. Let us invoke her so that she may help us also to become an extension of humanity for the Lord who comes.'
Pope Benedict XVI

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL COLLECTION: This SVdP annual collection will take place next weekend, 9th and 10th December, in place of the usual Share collection. Your support is greatly appreciated.

LECTIO DIVINA: Spiritual reading and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday - an opportunity to listen, share and pray the Living Word. Join us on Wednesday 6th December from 10.30 to 11.00am in our parish centre. For information, contact Marian on 087 2958363.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY: The children's rosary is recited every Saturday in our church at 4pm. All are welcome!

NEW ROTA FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD: The new rota for Ministers of the Word, covering December to February, is on the parish website. Copies are available in the Sacristy.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Friday December 8th. Vigil Mass 7.30pm on Thursday 7th and 10am on Friday 8th. 7.30pm Mass on 8th available in St Patrick's Parish Corduff.

OPEN HEARTS TAIZÉ PRAYER: Our December Taizé evening is on next Friday 8th December at 7pm. All are welcome, with a particular open heart for our Confirmation candidates.

ADVENT DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY:

- **Mass with the Anointing of the Sick – Friday 15th December 10.00am.**
- **Our Parish Carol Service – Friday 15th December 7.00pm, with a reflection by our neighbouring ministers from St Brigid's Church of Ireland.**
- **Bambinelli' Sunday – 17th December, 10am and 12 noon Masses, bring the baby Jesus figure from your crib at home to Mass for Blessing.**
- **Our Advent Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday 18th December at 7.30pm.**

TWP THANK YOU! Heartfelt thanks from our Third World Partnership Team who raised €2,030 last week at their cake sale. Well done to all concerned.

CHROÍ MHÁIRE FOODBANK: Our sincere thanks to all those who kindly donated non-perishable food items for the Foodbank over the last months. We will resume collecting this weekend the 2nd and 3rd of December to assist families in Dublin 15 who face particular difficulties in the run up to Christmas. Thank you, Martin (086 1591188)

ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT: The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a **FREE OF CHARGE** online retreat 'Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Advent' Visit their website: prioryinstitute.com or see

<https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2023-advent-retreat> to register and find out more.

CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY APPEAL Crosscare, our Archdiocesan social care agency, is seeking support for its Christmas Food Poverty Appeal at this challenging time for many families and individuals. This year, they have worked with almost 1,000 families and their children, not just giving them essential food and supplies but advising them and guiding them out of food poverty in the long term, giving a hand up, not just a handout. They have revamped the Community Café in Portland Row in Dublin's North East Inner city, where this year they delivered over 5,000 nutritious meals. Any donation received will help the Food Poverty team help others move forward in life and enjoy the independence of supporting themselves. Donate online at www.crosscare.ie, call 01 8360011, or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 St Mary's Place North, D07 Y768, Dublin.

IMOGEN STUART EXHIBITION: The German born artist Imogen Stuart was deeply involved in the design of many of the key elements of our lovely parish Church: the altar and ambo, the front doors, the cross, the candle holders with their angels' wings motif, the tapestry above the tabernacle. Indeed she is best known for her many ecclesiastical commissions. The Coach House Gallery, in Dublin Castle, is currently hosting an exhibition of her work until 18th February 2024. 60 of her small and medium scale works are on display dating from 1947 to the present day.

TIMES OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION in our Parish Partnership are as follows:

- **Sundays 7pm to 8pm in St Mochta's, Porterstown.**
- **Wednesdays 8pm to 9pm in St Thomas', Laurel Lodge.**
- **Thursdays 8pm to 9pm in Our Lady Mother of the Church.**
- **Please continue to pray before the Lord for an end to war and the breaking out of peace.**

Vigil in Knock: Annual night vigil in Knock, in honour of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady. Bus leaves Church Ave, Blanchardstown on Thursday, 7th December at 4.00pm. Booking: Call Michael 086-865-0708. Intentions: For peace at home and worldwide.