

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

Fr. Damian McNeice – Phone: 089 445 3987

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

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Church Sacristy – Phone: 01-8214652

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

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.

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.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10TH DECEMBER 2023

ADVENT CONVERSION – TODAY I AM BEGINNING AGAIN

"Christian life itself can only be understood in terms of continually renewed conversion. Conversion attests that Christianity is perennially young: a Christian is one who continues to say, 'Today I am beginning again.' Its source is faith in the resurrection of Christ. No fall, no sin has the last word in Christian life, and our faith in the resurrection makes us able to believe more strongly in God's mercy than in the evidence of our own weakness, and to set out again on the path of faith, following Christ. Gregory of Nyssa writes that in Christian life we go forward '*from beginning to beginning, across beginnings that never end.*' Yes, conversion is always essential for the church and for each Christian, because we are always called to recognize the idols that appear in our midst and to renew our struggle against them, in order to show that it is God who is Lord of our lives and of reality.

Enzo Bianchi, "Words of Spirituality", SPCK 2012

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL COLLECTION:

The annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas collection takes place at all our Masses this weekend, in place of the usual Share collection. Your support for their fine work is greatly appreciated. As Raphael advised in the Book of Tobit 12:9 "Almsgiving saves from death and purges away every sin."

IMPORTANT ADVENT DATES IN OUR PARISH:

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

CHILD SAFEGUARDING & PROTECTION There is a new Child Safeguarding Policy in the Archdiocese of Dublin which has been updated so as to take into account recent changes in legislation. Copies are available at the back of our church for reading and also upon request from the Child Safeguarding & Protection Service, Archdiocese of Dublin. A digital copy is also accessible on our parish website
<https://www.castleknockparish.ie/our-parish/safeguarding/> - please click on the Dublin Diocese link on this page, or see <http://csps.dublindiocese.ie/policies>

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. 8pm to 9pm Thursdays in Our Lady Mother of the Church

LECTIO DIVINA Spiritual reading and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday - an opportunity to listen, share and pray the Living Word. Wednesday 13th December 10.30 to 11.00am in our parish centre. For further information, contact Marian on 087 2958363.

CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY APPEAL Crosscare, our Archdiocesan social care agency, is seeking our support for its Christmas Food Poverty Appeal at this challenging time for many families and individuals. 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.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY, 4PM SATURDAYS The children's rosary will take a break for the Christmas period, and will resume at 4pm on Saturday January 6th. Looking forward to seeing all our young children then.

LAUREL LODGE PARISH CAROL SERVICE: Monday 11th December 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS WARMTH CONCERT: Sunday 17th December at 4pm in St. Mochta's Church featuring their Church Choir and Mary Flynn and Friends. Tickets €10 per adult/Family Ticket €20 which includes refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards.

CHROÍ MHÁIRE FOODBANK We will be collecting again this weekend, 9th and 10th of December, to assist some families in Dublin 15 who face additional challenges over Christmas time. Thank you, Martin 0861591188

Faith Camp: The Advent Faith Camp last weekend was an outstanding success, with 43 very happy and committed children and many of their parents. If you would like to help with future camps please contact Ellen Troy 086 0610686

Anam Cara North Dublin Parent Evening: for bereaved parents. Wednesday 20th December at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide