

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.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
17TH DECEMBER 2023

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING OF THE BABY JESUS CRIB FIGURES

God, our Father you so loved humankind
that you sent us your only Son Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary,
to save us and lead us back to you.

We pray that with your Blessing these images of Jesus,
who is about to come among us,
may be a sign of your presence and love in our homes.

Good Father, give your Blessing to us too,
to our parents, to our families and to our friends.

Open our hearts, so that we may be able
to receive Jesus in joy, always do what he asks
and see him in all those who are in need of our love.

We ask you this in the name of Jesus,
your beloved Son who comes to give the world peace.
He lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

THANK YOU! Our sincere thanks to all who made our Parish Carol Service on Friday night such a lovely event: our Folk Group, our Family Mass Group with the Children's Liturgy Team and our Parish Choir, those who read, signed, those who prepared our crib and tree. We were all helped to enter the joy of the coming of the Lord. It was enriching to be joined by our friends from St Brigid's Church of Ireland: the Rev Colin McConaghie and Rev. Natasha Quinn-Thomas. We look forward to having them with us again soon when our parish hosts the Inaugural Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on 18th January 2024 when we will be joined by our own Archbishop, Dr Dermot Farrell, the Church of Ireland Archbishop of Dublin, Dr Michael Jackson, and many other Christian leaders from the greater Dublin area.

SVDP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION Our local Society of St Vincent de Paul wish to thank you, our Massgoers, for your fabulous response to their Christmas appeal which took place at Masses on 9th and 10th this month. The amount raised was €14,995. This will really help the St Michael's Conference to continue supporting families in need in Ballymun, Santry and locally.

LECTIO DIVINA Spiritual reading and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday - an opportunity to listen, share, discuss and pray the Living Word. Join us on Wednesday 20th December from 10.30 to 11.00am in our parish centre. For information, contact Marian on 087 2958363.

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY:

- **Monday 18th December 7.30pm** - Our Advent Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Masses as usual on Sunday 24th December – the 4th Sunday of Advent
- **Christmas Eve:** 6pm, Family Mass; 9pm Night Mass
- **Christmas Day:** Mass at 10am and 12 noon

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 our young children then.

ETERNAL REST: Please pray for the soul of Cornelius (Conn) Elworthy, whose funeral took place in our Church on Friday. May the Lord sustain all who mourn, especially over these holy feast days.

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.

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, 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, 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.

CHROÍ MHÁIRE FOODBANK We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those parishioners who kindly donated non-perishable food items for the foodbank over the last months. The collection of food will resume in the New Year. May we wish you and all parishioners a Joyful Christmas and a Blessed New Year. Thank you, Martin 086 1591188

MOUNT SACKVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL – 160 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

In 2024 Mount Sackville will proudly celebrate 160 years of education in Ireland. The school was founded by the Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny in Chapelizod, Dublin in 1864. As part of the celebrations, we invite past pupils and staff to share your stories, photographs or any archival materials of your time here or your association with the school. You may contribute items: By email: memories@mountsackville.ie,

- By post: Mary Delaney, Mount Sackville Secondary School, Chapelizod, Dublin 20, D20WP68;
- In person: Please present the material to the school reception in a sealed envelope with your name and address to ensure you have the original material returned safely.

CASTLEKNOCK TIDY TOWNS

We wish to fill three volunteer roles, Secretary, Events Manager, and Social Media and Website Manager. This is a great opportunity to put proven skills to use for your local community. These are not paid positions. To apply, please email your details to castleknocktidytowns@gmail.com and indicate in the subject line the role for which you wish to be considered. Closing date 31st December 2023.

Christmas GOAL Charity Mile

Join fellow-parishioners and friends for a run/walk/jog in aid of GOAL'S humanitarian and development work in developing countries on **Christmas Day at the Pope's Cross, Phoenix Park**, any time from **10.30 to 12 noon**.