

## 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

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

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

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

**Parish Newsletter** – Notices may be emailed to [ourladysparish@gmail.com](mailto: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.



## OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024

### LISTENING

At the heart of every dialogue is listening. Moses said to the People of God: "Shema Yisrael" – "Hear, O my people" – (Deuteronomy 6:4) and these words gave the name to their daily prayer. Centuries later, the rule of Saint Benedict of Nursia begins "Listen carefully".

Listening is an act of love. Listening is at the heart of any relationship of trust. Without listening, little can grow or develop. No relationship can function without it. When we listen to the other selflessly, we give them the space to be. We enable them to express what they need to express, sometimes even what cannot be said through words.

And at the heart of listening is silence. The Bible offers us many examples of this. Elijah meets God in the gentle breeze of silence, rather than in the earthquake, wind and fire (1 Kings 19:11-13). Mary, the sister of Martha, sits at the feet of Jesus and listens to him (Luke 10:39). "You have opened my ear", says an old biblical prayer (Psalm 40:6).

Today we often have the impression that whoever shouts loudest succeeds. Violence seems to be on the increase in so many places that we no longer know where to turn. But God is never the author of violence and never imposes. "Let me hear what the Lord will speak, for God will speak peace to his people" (Psalm 85:8).

Is not the way forward to try to listen and to understand the other? Far from making us docile or stopping us from speaking out in the face of injustice, a “listening heart” (1 Kings 3:9) enables us to make courageous and creative decisions, rooted in the depths of our inner convictions, where God is closer to us than we dare to hope...*Br Matthew, Prior of Taizé, Letter for 2024. www.taize.fr/en*

#### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024**

Our parish has the honour this year of hosting the Inaugural Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for the entire Dublin area this Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 8pm when we will be joined by our own Archbishop, Dr Dermot Farrell, the Church of Ireland Archbishop of Dublin, Dr Michael Jackson, Rev Alan Boal, chair of the Dublin Council of Churches, and many other Christian leaders from the greater Dublin area.

On this occasion we will enter into the dynamism of Christ’s prayer on the night before he died that all his disciples would be one [cf. John 17:21]. All are welcome. That night our **evening Mass will take place at the earlier time of 6.30 pm** and there will be **no Holy Hour**, with thanks in anticipation for your understanding. There is of course a Holy Hour in our parish partnership the night before, Wednesday, from 8 to 9pm in St Thomas’, Laurel Lodge, to which all are welcome, as well as one in St Mochta’s, Porterstown every Sunday evening from 7 to 8pm.

**ETERNAL REST:** Please pray for the soul of Paschal O’Sullivan who died recently and whose funeral will take place in our Church next Tuesday at 11am. May the Holy Spirit console and sustain all who mourn.

**CHRISTMAS DUES:** Sincere thanks to all who have returned their Christmas Dues. All these contributions, as do Easter and Summer Dues, go directly to the central Diocesan Common Fund administered by the Diocesan Finance Secretariat out of which your priests are paid their monthly stipend and the sick and retired priests of our Diocese are cared for.

**CROÍ MUIRE FOODBANK:** We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those who kindly donated non-perishable food items for the foodbank over the last months. The collection of food will resume over the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January. May we wish you and all parishioners a Blessed New Year. Thank you, Martin. 086 1591188

**Lectio Divina:** Our spiritual reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday, an opportunity to listen, share, discuss and pray the Living Word, is held every Wednesday from 10.30 to 11.00am. For information, contact Marian on 087 295 8363.

**Children’s Rosary,** 4pm Saturdays: The children’s rosary has resumed, at 4pm every Saturday in our Church. We are looking forward to seeing our young children next Saturday. All are welcome.

**Knock:** Escorted Pilgrimage to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024. €799.00pps. Price includes 5 nights’ in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch/Snack on 2 days. Afternoon Tea at Ashford Castle. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Cong. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 094 9006426 or 087 1890 236 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

**Testimony:** On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January a wonderful priest Fr. John Walsh from Limerick will give his testimony during the 7.30 mass in St Patrick’s Church Corduff, Blanchardstown. Fr. John has worked as a chaplain in Limerick prison for many years and now works in a disadvantaged area in Limerick. His testimony is well worth hearing. Refreshments will be served after the Mass.

#### **Notes:**

- (i) Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock - - - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell.**
- (ii) Young Adult Camino 2024 - - - June 26<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**“You are a Child of God, You are wonderfully made, dearly loved and precious in His sight.” Psalm 139.**