

## 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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**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 [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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024**

### 24 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

*"I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land." Psalm 84(85):9-10*

Next Friday, on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, our Parish Partnership will have **24 hour Eucharistic Adoration and Prayer for Peace** based in **St Mochta's Church, Porterstown**. It is an opportunity to present to the Lord our own deep need, and the world's need, for God's gift of peace. Starting with 10am Mass in St Mochta's for the Feast day, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will continue there all day and all through the night, and finish with Benediction at 10am on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Heating will be on throughout and you can bring a cushion for extra comfort. (Some of these hours will have led reflections. Keep an eye our website for further details.)

**SIGN UP!** We are looking for people to sign up from our parish to this mighty prayer event. Each of our three parishes is taking care of 8 hours out of the 24. We require a minimum of 3 people present for the entirety of each hour, ideally a mix of male and female. Please only sign up if you can definitely be there. Castleknock Parish has been asked to cover the following hours: **11am to 12 noon, 2-3pm, 5-6pm, 8-9pm, 11-12 midnight, 2-3am, 5-6am and 8-9am**. The Sign-up Sheet with these hours assigned to Castleknock Parish is on the table at the back of our church.

**WHAT ARE WE TO DO LORD?** As Pope Francis said last Thursday, at the end of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity: "Together, as brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray with St Paul and say: *"What are we to*

*do, Lord?"* [cf Acts 22:10]. In asking that question, we already have an answer, because the first answer is prayer. Prayer for unity is the primary responsibility in our journey together. And it is a sacred responsibility, because it means being in communion with the Lord, who prayed above all to the Father for unity. Let us also continue to pray for an end to wars, especially in Ukraine and in the Holy Land... May love of neighbour replace the violence that assails their country. *"What am I to do, Lord?"* The Lord, Paul tells us, said: "Get up and go" (Acts 22:10). *Get up*, Jesus says to each of us and to our efforts on behalf of unity. So let us get up in the name of Christ from our tired routine and set out anew, for he wills it, and he wills it "so that the world may believe" (John 17:21). Let us pray, then, and let us keep moving forward, for that is what God desires of us. This is what he wants from us."

**JOURNEYING IN PRAYER WITH THE DESERT MOTHERS AND FATHERS.** Fr Pat O'Donoghue, together with the Redemptoristine sisters and the Dublin Diocesan Resource Group choir, will lead an evening of prayer and reflection on Monday 29 January in the **Monastery of St Alphonsus, D09 HN53**, starting at 8pm - join them there or online [www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com).

**THE SYNOD, A WORD TO THE WORLD: FR TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE OP**  
**St Mary's Church, Haddington Road, Dublin 4, Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.**

A wonderful opportunity to hear Fr Radcliffe, the well-known theologian and spiritual author. At the request of Pope Francis he led the three day preparatory retreat for participants in the Synod on Synodality in Rome, as well as delivering weekly spiritual reflections to them, last October. He is the author of many books and articles in the popular field of practical Christianity, the most recent being *Why Go To Church* (2009), *Alive in God* (2019) and *Questioning God* (with Lukasz Popko, 2023). He was Master of the Dominican Order from 1992 till 2001. All are welcome, admission is free but a small contribution to cover coffee and other expenses would be welcome.

**ETERNAL REST** - to our parishioners recently gone to the Lord: George Kearns and Micheál Gargan whose funerals took place this past week and Dermot Downing and Seán Stanley, whose funerals will take place

this coming Monday. *Receive their souls and present them to God the Most High.* May the Lord console and sustain all who mourn them.

**CHILDREN'S ROSARY, 4PM SATURDAYS** The children's rosary is recited every Saturday in the church at 4pm. Looking forward to seeing our young children then. All are welcome!

**LECTIO DIVINA - WEDNESDAYS, 10.30 TO 11AM**

Spiritual reading, prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday - an opportunity to listen, share and pray the Living Word. Please come on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January from 10.30 to 11am in our parish centre. For information, contact Marian on 087 2958363.

**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.

**CHROÍ MHÁIRE FOODBANK - DUBLIN 15** Thank you all those parishioners who kindly donated non-perishable food items for the Foodbank last weekend. All the donated food was delivered last Monday. We will continue collecting donations this weekend Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th January. Thank you, Martin (086 1591188)

**KNOCK PILGRIMAGE - SAVE THE DATE**

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead our annual pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, April 27, from 11.45am onwards.

**YOUNG ADULT CAMINO 2024 - JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> TO JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>**-See Parish Website

**ST BRIGID'S DAY CELEBRATIONS:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at Blanchardstown Community Centre. Details at: <https://x.com/Fingalcoco/status/1748681418891235658?s=20>

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION:** after all masses this weekend