

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 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 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 LENT 10 MARCH 2024

JESUS: SON OF MAN, SON OF GOD, OUR LIGHT. In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus presents himself first of all as the Son of man (vv. 14-15). The text alludes to the account of the bronze serpent (cf. Num 21:4-9), which, by God's will, was mounted by Moses in the desert when the people were attacked by poisonous snakes; whoever had been bitten and looked at the bronze serpent was healed. Similarly, Jesus was lifted up on the cross and those who believe in him are healed of sin and live. The second aspect is that of the Son of God (Jn 3:16-18). God the Father loves humanity to the point of "giving" his Son: he gave him in the Incarnation and he gave him in handing him over to death. The purpose of God's gift is the eternal life of every person: in fact, God sends his Son into the world not to condemn it, but so that the world might be saved through Jesus. Jesus' mission is a mission of salvation, for everyone.

The third name that Jesus gives himself is "light" (vv. 19-21). The Gospel says: "the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light" (v. 19). The coming of Jesus into the world leads to a choice: whoever chooses darkness will face a judgment of condemnation; whoever chooses light will have a judgment of salvation. The judgement is always the consequence of the free choice of each person: whoever practices evil seeks the darkness; evil always hides, it covers itself. Whoever seeks the truth, that is, who practices what is good, comes to the light, illuminates the paths of life. Whoever walks in the light, whoever approaches the light, cannot but do good works. The light leads us to do good works. This is what we are called to do with greater dedication during Lent: to welcome the light into our

conscience, to open our hearts to God's infinite love, to his mercy full of tenderness and goodness, to his forgiveness. Do not forget that God always forgives, always, if we humbly ask for forgiveness. It is enough just to ask for forgiveness, and he forgives. In this way we will find true joy and will be able to rejoice in God's forgiveness, which regenerates and gives life. *Pope Francis*

LÁ FÉILE PÁDRAIG - SUNDAY 17TH MARCH The Solemnity of our National Patron Saint falls on a Sunday this year. By special permission granted to the Irish Bishops, we will celebrate the feast of St Patrick next Sunday instead of the Fifth Sunday of Lent and our usual Sunday Mass schedule applies: Saturday 16th - 6pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 17th - 10am (mainly 'as Gaeilge'), 12 noon.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD The new rota for Ministers of the Word, for March to May, is on the website. Copies are available in the Sacristy.

ETERNAL REST: Pray for the light of heaven to embrace the soul of Rita McGowan (née Fitzsimons) who died recently and whose funeral took place in our Church last Friday. May the Holy Spirit console and sustain all who mourn.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION: REVERENCE IN THE HEART is the title of a leaflet available across our Parish Partnership. It's intention is to help us all reflect on how we receive the Eucharist and welcome how Christ comes to be the heart of our life.

LENTEN EARLY MORNING AND EVENING MASSES During Lent there is 7am Mass Monday to Friday in St Philip the Apostle Church, Mountview. As usual, there is also Evening Mass available across our Deanery, at 7.30 in our parish on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 7.30pm on Monday nights in Blanchardstown parish, Wednesdays in Mulhuddart parish and on Fridays in Corduff.

TRÓCAIRE IRELAND APPEAL FOR GAZA. Coffee Morning, Cake Sale and Monster Raffle after 10am and 12noon Masses in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock on St Patrick's Day. Please come and support these devastated people. Let us show them that we care. Please bake or make a donation. Contact: Ellen Troy 0860610686

CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM - FAITH CAMP Saturday, March 16th, from 2:00pm to 4:30pm in the Parish Centre. book: <https://form.jotform.com/232152033665348>

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

LECTIO DIVINA - WEDNESDAYS, 10.30 TO 11AM Spiritual reading and contemplation of the Gospel of the following Sunday - an opportunity to listen to, share and pray the Living Word. Wednesday 13th March from 10.30 to 11.00am in our parish centre. For information, contact Marian on 087 2958363.

CHROÍ MHÁIRE FOODBANK - DUBLIN There is **no** collection this weekend. Food collection will resume in a few weeks. Thank you.

CHURCH OF IRELAND PARISHES OF CASTLEKNOCK AND MULHUDDART WITH CLONSILLA - DAFFODIL DAY COFFEE MORNING In aid of the Irish Cancer Society, St Brigid's Church of Ireland Castleknock Parish Centre, Castleknock Road, Friday 22nd March, 9am to 1pm. Please come along and support this event.

YOUNG ADULT CAMINO 2024 - JUNE 26TH TO JULY 3RD Details on parish website and on church noticeboard.
Booking: <https://forms.office.com/e/1GBviSd72R/>

DIOCESAN KNOCK PILGRIMAGE: Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead our annual Diocesan pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, April 27th

Anam Cara: Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 20th March at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924

NORTHSIDE HOME CARE SERVICES - MEALS ON WHEELS is a service that delivers meals Monday to Friday to clients in their homes. 01 805 8574

CASTLEKNOCK TIDY TOWNS - VOLUNTEER ROLE - SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE MANAGER. To apply, please email your details to castleknocktidytowns@gmail.com. Closing date 31st March 2024.