

## 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

**Fr. Damian McNeice** – Phone: 089 445 3987

**Fr. Denis O'Connor CSsR** –Phone: 01-8214003

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

Phone: 01-6409601 Email: [parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie](mailto:parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie)

**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, as well as 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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT FEAST OF ST PATRICK, BISHOP & MISSIONARY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024

### FROM THE CONFESSIONS OF ST PATRICK:

'My name is Patrick. I am a sinner, a simple country person, and the least of all believers. I am looked down upon by many. My father was Calpornius. He was a deacon; his father was Potitus, a priest, who lived at Bannavem Taburniae. His home was near there, and that is where I was taken prisoner. I was about sixteen at the time. At that time, I did not know the true God. I was taken into captivity in Ireland, along with thousands of others. [...] It was among foreigners that it was seen how little I was.

It was there in captivity, a foreigner in Ireland, that the Lord opened up my awareness of my lack of faith. [...] So I turned with all my heart to the Lord my God, and he looked down on my lowliness and had mercy on my youthful ignorance. He guarded me before I knew him, and before I came to wisdom and could distinguish between good and evil. He protected me and consoled me as a father does for his son....

After I arrived in Ireland, I tended sheep every day, and I prayed frequently during the day. More and more the love of God increased, and my sense of awe before God. Faith grew, and my spirit was moved, so that in one day I would pray up to one hundred times, and at night perhaps the same. I even remained in the woods and on the mountain, and I would rise to pray before dawn in snow and ice and rain. I never felt the worse for it, and I never felt lazy – as I realise now, the spirit was burning in me at that time...

One night – I do not know, God knows, whether it was within me or beside me – I heard authoritative words which I could hear but not understand, until at the end of the speech it became clear: "The one who gave his life for you, he it is who speaks in you"; and I awoke full of joy...'

**ST PATRICK'S CREED:** 'There is no other God, nor will there ever be, nor was there ever, except God the Father. He is the one who was not begotten, the one without a beginning, the one from whom all beginnings come, the one who holds all things in being – this is our teaching.

And his son, Jesus Christ, whom we testify has always been, since before the beginning of this age, with the father in a spiritual way. He was begotten in an indescribable way before every beginning. Everything we can see, and everything beyond our sight, was made through him.

He became a human being; and, having overcome death, was welcomed to the heavens to the Father. The Father gave him all power over every being, both heavenly and earthly and beneath the earth. Let every tongue confess that Jesus Christ, in whom we believe and whom we await to come back to us in the near future, is Lord and God. He is judge of the living and of the dead; he rewards every person according to their deeds.

He has generously poured on us the Holy Spirit, the gift and promise of immortality, who makes believers and those who listen to be children of God and co-heirs with Christ. This is the one we acknowledge and adore – one God in a trinity of the sacred name. AMEN.' [You can read the Confession of Patrick and his letter to Coroticus on [www.confessio.ie](http://www.confessio.ie) The full text is also available there in Irish, Italian, Portuguese and German]

**ST PATRICK: FROM A SLAVE TO A SERVANT OF GOD** - an Ecumenical celebration of our Patron Saint in word, song and music in St Patrick's Cathedral, St Patrick's Close, Dublin 8. 6pm Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Organised by the Dublin Council of Churches. Entrance free. Leave extra time to find parking as roads gradually open after the City Parade.

**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. Come and support these devastated people. Contact: Ellen Troy 0860610686

**MASS AND TESTIMONY – ST PATRICK'S CORDUFF** A young man Kalem Hogan from Kilkenny will give his testimony of his struggle with addiction and his faith journey on Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> in St Patrick's Church, Corduff. Confession from 7pm, Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome and refreshments afterwards in the pastoral centre.

**HOLY WEEK PENITENTIAL SERVICE** - Our parish celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of March at 7.30pm.

**RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION: REVERENCE IN THE HEART** is the title of a leaflet available across our Parish Partnership. Its 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.

**CHURCH OF IRELAND PARISHES DAFFODIL DAY COFFEE MORNING** In aid of the Irish Cancer Society, St Brigid's Church of Ireland Castleknock Parish Centre, Castleknock Road, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 9am to 1pm.

**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.

**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!

**DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATIONS** on the afternoon of Divine Mercy Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April will be hosted once again by our friends in the parish of St Philip the Apostle in Mountview. More details to follow.

**LECTIO DIVINA - WEDNESDAYS, 10.30 TO 11AM** - Spiritual reading, prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday - an opportunity to listen to, share and discuss the Living Word. Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30 to 11.00am in our parish centre. For information, contact Marian on 087 2958363.

**CASTLEKNOCK TIDY TOWNS – SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE MANAGER** Castleknock Tidy Towns is seeking someone for the volunteer role of Social Media and Website Manager. This is a great opportunity to put proven skills to use for your local community. This is not a paid position. To apply, please email your details to [castleknocktidytowns@gmail.com](mailto:castleknocktidytowns@gmail.com). Closing date 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**NORTHSIDE HOME CARE SERVICES - MEALS ON WHEELS** is a service that delivers meals Monday to Friday to clients in their homes. Would you like us to deliver a meal to a family member or neighbour that could benefit from a nutritious meal for €5.50 per day? Contact Ad or Catherine 01 805 8574

**ANAM CARA NORTH DUBLIN**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

**TAI CHI IN OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE**

7-week introductory term starting 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024, Tuesday, 8.15-9.45pm. Beginners welcome. Adult class for mixed age levels. Slow and gentle exercise regime. For more info, please visit our website [www.taichiclassesdublin.com](http://www.taichiclassesdublin.com) or contact Nicole & Declan Mills per Ph. 086 397 5979