

## 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

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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 [ourladyparish@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyparish@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.

**PALM SUNDAY  
24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**

## OUR HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES 2024

### Wednesday - 27<sup>th</sup> March

7.30pm Holy Week Penitential Service

### THE TRIDUUM

### HOLY THURSDAY - 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

5.00pm Family Mass,

7.30pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose and finishing at 9.20pm with Night Prayer.

### GOOD FRIDAY - 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

*A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE*

10.00am Ecumenical Walk of Witness: Laurel Lodge Church to our Church to St. Brigid's Church of Ireland;

12.00noon Stations of the Cross for Children.

3.00pm SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION.

8.00pm Stations of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY - 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

10.00am Morning Prayer;

9.00pm THE EASTER VIGIL OF THE HOLY NIGHT

### EASTER SUNDAY - 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

10.00am MASS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION;

12.00noon MASS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

**AMAZING LOVE:** During this Holy Week, let us lift our eyes to the cross, in order to receive the grace of amazement. As Saint Francis of Assisi contemplated the crucified Lord, he was amazed that his friars did not weep. What about us? Can we still be moved by God's love? Have we lost the ability to be amazed by him? Maybe our faith has grown dull from habit. Maybe we remain trapped in our regrets and allow ourselves to be crippled by our disappointments. Maybe we have lost all our trust or even feel worthless. But perhaps, behind all these "maybes", lies the fact that we are not open to the gift of the Spirit who gives us the grace of amazement.

Let us gaze upon Jesus on the cross and say to him: "Lord, how much you love me! How precious I am to you!" Let us be amazed by Jesus so that we can start living again, for the grandeur of life lies not in possessions and promotions, but in realizing that we are loved. This is the grandeur of life: discovering that we are loved. And the grandeur of life lies precisely in the beauty of love. In the crucified Jesus, we see God humiliated, the Almighty dismissed and discarded. And with the grace of amazement we come to realize that in welcoming the dismissed and discarded, in drawing close to those ill-treated by life, we are loving Jesus. For that is where he is: in the least of our brothers and sisters, in the rejected and discarded, in those whom our self-righteous culture condemns.

Today's Gospel shows us, immediately after the death of Jesus, a splendid icon of amazement. It is the scene of the centurion who, upon seeing that Jesus had died, said: "Truly this man was the Son of God!" (Mk 15:39). He was amazed by love. How did he see Jesus die? He saw him die in love, and this amazed him. Jesus suffered immensely, but he never stopped loving. This is what it is to be amazed before God, who can fill even death with love. In that gratuitous and unprecedented love, the pagan centurion found God. His words – *Truly this man was the Son of God!* – "seal" the Passion narrative. The Gospels tell us that many others before him had admired Jesus for his miracles and prodigious works, and had acknowledged that he was the Son of God. Yet Christ silenced them, because they risked remaining purely on the level of worldly admiration at the idea of a God to be adored and feared for his power and might. Now it can no longer be so, for at the foot of the cross there can be no mistake: God has revealed himself and reigns only with the disarmed and disarming power of love. *Pope Francis*

#### **GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS - FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 12 NOON**

Starting at the Wellington Monument at noon, our Archbishop, Dr. Dermot Farrell, will lead the procession, delivering meditations at five points along the route, with music by the choir of Communion and Liberation, concluding at the Papal Cross at approximately 2pm.

#### **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!

#### **CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE**

##### **THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

The Catholic Grandparents Association will hold their annual pilgrimage this year on Thursday 4th April, and will follow in the footsteps of St. Patrick. It will be led by Fr. Robert McCabe (historian), and the sites to be visited include Tara, Slane and along the Boyne Valley to Monasterboice. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Robert during the pilgrimage. Grandparents, grandchildren, parents and children are all welcome to join us on this exciting, informative and historical pilgrimage.

There will be comfort breaks and meal options during the course of the day. Coach will depart from Castleknock Church carpark (large carpark on the Auburn Avenue side) at 9.30am. Cost per adult is €20 for coach travel. Children travel free. Booking essential. For booking and further details, please contact any of the following:

Donal 087 246 1916; Kay 087 255 2964; John 086 234 6147.

#### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS - 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

##### **ST PHILIP THE APOSTLE, MOUNTVIEW**

- 3.00 pm Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 3.05 pm Short Introductory Talk
- 3.10 pm Blessing of the Image
- 3.15 pm Veneration of the Image
- 3.20 pm A reading from St Faustina's Diary
- 3.40 pm Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
- 4.15 pm Benediction and Reposing of the Blessed Sacrament
- 4.30 pm Holy Mass.

Confessions will be heard from 3pm

#### **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 27<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 and a dessert for €5.50 per day? Contact Ad or Catherine 01 805 8574 for more information.