

## 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.

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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, 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.

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

### THE RISEN CHRIST: THE HOPE THAT DOES NOT DISAPPOINT

Today, throughout the world, the Church's proclamation resounds: "Jesus, who was crucified, has risen as he said. Alleluia!" The Easter message does not offer us a mirage or reveal a magic formula. It does not point to an escape from the difficult situation we are experiencing. The Easter message speaks concisely of the event that gives us the hope that does not disappoint: "Jesus who was crucified has risen". It speaks to us not about angels or ghosts, but about a man, a man of flesh and bone, with a face and a name: Jesus. The Gospel testifies that this Jesus, crucified under Pontius Pilate for claiming he was the Christ, the Son of God, rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, just as he had foretold to his disciples. The crucified Jesus, none other, has risen from the dead. God the Father raised Jesus, his Son, because he fully accomplished his saving will. Jesus took upon himself our weakness, our infirmities, even our death. He endured our sufferings and bore the weight of our sins. Because of this, God the Father exalted him and now Jesus Christ lives forever; he is the Lord. The witnesses report an important detail: the risen Jesus bears the marks of the wounds in his hands, feet and side. These wounds are the everlasting seal of his love for us. All those who experience a painful trial in body or spirit can find refuge in these wounds and, through them, receive the grace of the hope that does not disappoint. May the light of the risen Jesus be a source of rebirth for migrants fleeing from war and extreme poverty. Let us recognize in their faces the marred and suffering face of the Lord as he walked the path to Calvary. May they never lack concrete signs of solidarity and human fraternity, a pledge of the victory of life over death that we celebrate on this day. I thank the nations that generously receive people who are suffering and seeking

refuge. Amid the many hardships we are enduring, let us never forget that we have been healed by the wounds of Christ (cf. *1 Pet* 2:24). In the light of the Risen Lord, our sufferings are now transfigured. Where there was death, now there is life. Where there was mourning, now there is consolation. In embracing the cross, Jesus bestowed meaning on our sufferings and now we pray that the benefits of that healing will spread throughout the world. A good, happy and serene Easter to all of you! *Pope Francis Regina Caeli 2021*

**OUR SINCERE THANKS.** We owe an immense debt of gratitude to all who made our Holy Week, Triduum and Easter Celebrations so full and beautiful: those who distributed Easter Cards, those who made everything necessary ready for each celebration, those who put huge effort and attention to detail into the background preparations in the sacristy and in the church building, our Ministers of the Word and of Holy Communion, Collectors, our wonderful Choirs, child Stations dramatists, tomb builders, willing volunteers, the visiting priests at our Penitential Service and of course our own Fr Denis ... Thank you for giving glory to God and for helping us all to benefit from the life giving grace that flows to us through the Liturgy. May the peace breathed by the Risen Christ upon the disciples in the Upper Room anchor you and fill you with joy. *Fr Damian*

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS, ST PHILIP THE APOSTLE, MOUNTVIEW. SUNDAY** (Please note change of date) **7TH APRIL 2024, 2PM TO 4:30PM.** Including Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, Veneration of Divine Mercy Image, 3pm prayer, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and concluding with Mass at 3.30pm. Confession from 2pm.

**ETERNAL REST:** Pray for the light of heaven to embrace the souls of Malachy Quinn and Hillary Keely who died recently and whose funerals took place in our Church this past week. May the Holy Spirit console and sustain all who mourn them.

**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, prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday - an opportunity to listen to and share the Living Word. Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 10.30 to 11.00am in our parish centre. For information, contact Marian on 087 2958363.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK.** Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead our annual pilgrimage to Knock on Sat, April 27<sup>th</sup>, from 11.45am

onwards. This year we are celebrating 145 years since the apparition in 1879. A series of workshops with interesting and thought-provoking speakers is being planned.

### **Catholic Grandparents Association : Annual Pilgrimage.**

The Catholic Grandparents Association will hold their annual pilgrimage this year on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April and will follow in the footsteps of St. Patrick. It will be led by Fr. Robert McCabe (Historian) and 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 anyone of the following: Donal 087 246 196. Kay 087 255 2964. John 086 234 6147.

**Fund Raiser for Gaza:** The recent Cake Sale and "Paint for Palestine" function that we hosted in the Parish Centre on St Patrick's Day was a resounding success. We raised over €6000. We had great fun with local musicians and local artists who generously donated their beautiful creations. The cakes were delicious too! Thanks to all those great people who were involved in organising the event and to those who attended and donated so generously. We have made the lives of some people in Gaza a little easier we hope. Ellen Troy 086-061-0686.

**CHARITY QUIZ.** There will be a charity quiz in Kavanagh's Pub, Laurel Lodge on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. All proceeds will go directly to support the Kiltegan Fathers Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools in Riwoto, South Sudan, where there are over 1300 students enrolled. €40 per table of 4. Contact Fran Leahy at 0879473333 for further information.

**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.

### **The Pope's Monthly Intention --- April 2024.**

*For the Role of Women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.*