

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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Our Lady's Parish Centre - Phone: 01-8209907

Parish Website - www.castleknockparish.ie

Parish Newsletter - Notices may be emailed to 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 28TH APRIL 2024

LAY MINISTRY SUNDAY - a letter from Archbishop Farrell

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I am continually inspired by the spirit of faith and care that animates our Catholic community, even as we face the reality of so few vocations to the priesthood. This is a time of listening, discernment and renewed pastoral action for all of us in the Church, clergy and lay people. The vitality of our Church increasingly relies on our lay people to step into leadership and service roles with courage and love.

In the past year, we can point to green shoots emerging through efforts associated with our *Building Hope* initiative. The Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis, provided by the Office of Mission and Ministry, is a good example. Announced last May, it has been a real success. This in-demand programme examines the vocation and mission of the participants inspired to share their faith with others. Thanks to your support, it gives them the tools to assist others on their faith journey. In particular, it helps them 'accompany families' sensitively and practically as they initiate young people into the life of the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and the reception of Holy Communion.

Other creative programmes supporting lay people to nurture their adult faith, and engage with young people include, *Servant Leadership, Pathways, Lay Funeral Leadership, Confirmation Connect* and the Laudato Si' Awards, as well as the *Just Lent* campaign which focused on Christian social justice during Lent. These programmes help us to stop and 'abide' with Jesus to realise God's loving presence with us.

In light of all these significant initiatives, I ask for your generous support for the Lay Ministry Collection. Your contributions are vital in sustaining

and expanding these initiatives, ensuring our Church remains a vibrant beacon of hope and faith in the world. As we heard in today's gospel: **'It is to the glory of the Father that you should bear much fruit.'** (John 15: 8). May the Lord bless you generously and help you find ways to bear fruit for Him and each other in abundance.

There can be a new beginning for each of us as we allow our sense of Christian faith, hope and love to grow within us. But that is only the first step. We are called at Baptism, all of us, to speak joyfully of the presence of the risen Christ to us and of the difference the Holy Spirit makes in our lives: 'We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.' (1 John 3: 24). I invite you to consider your role in the mission handed on to us by Jesus. Together, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can forge a path of hope and renewal for our Archdiocese. + *Dermot Farrell*

SCOIL MHUIRE, MOUNT SACKVILLE - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the girls from Scoil Mhuire, Mount Sackville who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. May blessings galore flow from this day for them and their families. Let's keep them and those currently preparing for their First Communion and Confirmation in the communion of prayer.

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 1st May from 10.30 to 11.00am in our parish centre. For further information, contact Marian on 087 2958363.

EASTER DUES - Our sincere thanks to those who have handed in contributions to the Easter Dues. As with all the other dues we receive at Christmas and Summer, and what is collected at our first collection at Mass, these monies are sent directly to the central Diocesan Common Fund. It is from this that priests working in our Diocese receive their monthly stipend. It also ensures the care of sick and retired priests of the Archdiocese of Dublin. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

TABLE QUIZ - CASTLEKNOCK AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Friday 10th May, 8pm, Castleknock Tennis Club. €60 per table of 4. In aid of UNICEF Gaza and two local Dublin 15 Charities. Prizes for the first three tables, lots of spot prizes sponsored by local businesses. Contact Brian 086 608 9629, or Robert 087 790 8520 to book, or email castleknocklions@gmail.com

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL monthly collection takes place after all Masses this weekend, Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th April.

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY - KNOCK - JUNE 1ST

The All Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on Saturday, June 1st in Knock. The day begins with a Marian Conference at 9.30 am in St John's Centre. Speakers include: Fr Michael Donnelly, Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM, and Fr Joseph Maria Deane CFR. Then there will be an opportunity to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland from 1130 am in St John's Centre. A well-renowned speaker from Miami called Mother Adela Galindo will deliver the keynote Rosary talk at 1 pm in the Basilica. Then there will be the Stations of the Cross outside at 2 pm, followed by the Rosary Procession. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant of the 3 pm Concelebrated Mass which will include Anointing of the Sick. Confessions are available throughout the day, and there will be rosary and scapular-making workshops in the marquee. For more information and to see a list of buses going from around Ireland please visit www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com

CASTLEKNOCK TIDY TOWNS - POLY TUNNEL

Castleknock Lawn Tennis Club has very kindly agreed to allow us to locate a poly tunnel within their grounds. We are VERY excited to get going on this project but we need your help. Based on preliminary quotes, the project will cost in the region of €7,500. Fingal County Council have agreed to provide some funding but we are still short of money for the poly tunnel and ancillaries such as the internal shelving, seed trays, water storage containers and a shed to locate our tools and equipment. This greenhouse will be used to propagate pollinator-friendly annual and perennial plants from seeds and cuttings. The ground around the poly tunnel will also be used to grow immature trees in pots, prior to planting them out in Castleknock in a few years. All funds raised in this campaign will go towards the poly tunnel project costs or will be used on further CTT environmental projects within Castleknock.

CTT's Accounts are independently reviewed annually. Please be part of a sustainable, environmentally-focused Castleknock and contribute with your donation today! <https://gofund.me/69778978>

HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED OF WALKING THE CAMINO?

Join the MSC Missions (Missionaries of the Sacred Heart) as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of the Camino Ingles walking from Ferrol to Santiago in Northern Spain. The temperature in this part of northern Spain in July is perfect for walking, like a balmy summer day in Ireland. For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage ring Mary at 021 454 6691 or email mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie

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