

## 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 [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.

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

**REMAIN IN MY LOVE** What is this love in which Jesus tells us to abide to have his joy? It is the love that originates *in the Father*, because “God is love” (1 Jn 4:8). This love of God, of the Father, flows like a river in his Son Jesus and through him comes to us, his creatures. Indeed, he says: “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you” (Jn 15:9). The love Jesus gives us is the same with which the Father loves him: pure unconditional love, freely given love. It cannot be bought, it is free. By giving it to us, Jesus treats us like friends – with this love –, letting us know the Father; and he involves us in his same mission for the life of the world.

And then, we can ask ourselves the question, how do we abide in this love? Jesus says: “If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love” (v. 10). Jesus summarized his commandments in a single one, this: “that you love one another as I have loved you” (v. 12). To love *as* Jesus Christ means to offer yourself in service, at the service of your brothers and sisters, as he did in washing the feet of the disciples. It also means going outside of ourselves, detaching ourselves from our own human certainties, from earthly comforts, in order to open ourselves up to others, especially those in greater need. It means making ourselves available, as we are and with what we have. This means to love not in word but in deeds.

To love like Christ means saying ‘no’ to other ‘loves’ that the world offers us: love of money – those who love money do not love as Jesus loves –, love of success, of vanity, of power... These deceptive paths of “love” distance us from the Lord’s love and lead us to become more and more selfish, narcissistic and overbearing. And being overbearing leads to a degeneration of love, to the abuse of others, to making our loved

ones suffer. I am thinking of the unhealthy love that turns into violence – and how many women are victims of violence these days. This is not love. To love as the Lord loves us means to appreciate the people beside us, to respect their freedom, to love them as they are, not as we want them to be; as they are, gratuitously. Ultimately, Jesus asks us to abide in his love, to dwell in his love, not in our ideas, not in our own self-worship. Those who dwell in self-worship live in the mirror: always looking at themselves. He asks us to overcome the ambition to control and manage others. Not controlling, serving them. Opening our heart to others, this is love, to be trusting, giving ourselves to others. *Pope Francis*

#### **SYCAMORE FAITH DEVELOPMENT- THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED.**

**Course Information Meeting, St Mochta's Pastoral Centre, Monday 13th May, 7.30pm** Sycamore is an informal course about our Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion. There is no pressure, no commitment. There is a real sense of community, a spirit of friendship and some great conversation. Everyone is welcome!

**ETERNAL REST:** Pray for the light of heaven to embrace the soul of our parishioner PJ Fogarty whose funeral took place this week. May the Holy Spirit console and sustain all who mourn.

**OUR PARISH PARTNERSHIP LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** Sunday 25th to Thursday 29th August 2024, €735 per person sharing, €895 for a single room. Deposit - €250 per person. Price includes full board including lunch on day 5 staying in the 4\* Hotel Padoue. Fr Paul Ward will be the spiritual director. Please contact the Parish Office for a booking form.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30 to 11.00am in our parish centre. For further information, contact Marian on 087 2958363.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ciara Greville and Eoin Dowling who were married in our church on Friday. We wish them every joy and blessing in their married life together.

#### **TABLE QUIZ - CASTLEKNOCK AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB**

**Next 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 [castleknocklions@gmail.com](mailto:castleknocklions@gmail.com) or Brian 086 608 9629, or Robert 087 790 8520 to book.

#### **CCC CASTLEKNOCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE PLANT SALE**

**Next week** - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 10am to 5pm. Plants, baskets, window boxes. BBQ, coffee shop and cake sale. Monster raffle. All welcome.

#### **ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY - KNOCK - JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>:**

For more information and to see a list of buses going from around Ireland please visit [www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com](http://www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com)

#### **CASTLEKNOCK TIDY TOWNS - POLY TUNNEL**

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?**

For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage ring Mary at 021 454 6691 or email [mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie](mailto:mary.morrish@mscmissions.ie)

**ANAM CARA:** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 15th May 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

**JESUIT YOUNG ADULT RETREAT:** 28-30 June, Gonzaga College.

Further information: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/all-things-new-2024-tickets-845799919327?aff=oddtcreator>