

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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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.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - CORPUS CHRISTI 2ND JUNE 2024

CORPUS CHRISTI The Gospel presents us the narrative of the Last Supper (Mk 14:12-16, 22-26). The words and gestures of the Lord touch our hearts: He takes the bread in his hands, pronounces the blessing, breaks it and offers it to the disciples, saying: "Take; this is my body" (v. 22). And thus, with simplicity, Jesus gives us the greatest sacrament. His is a humble gesture of giving, a gesture of sharing. At the culmination of his life, he does not distribute an abundance of bread to feed the multitudes, but breaks himself apart at the Passover supper with the disciples. In this way Jesus shows us that the aim of life lies in self-giving, that the greatest thing is to serve. And today once more we find the greatness of God in a piece of Bread, in a fragility that overflows with love, that overflows with sharing. *Fragility* is precisely the word I would like to underscore. Jesus becomes fragile like the bread that is broken and crumbled. But his strength lies precisely therein, in his fragility. *In the Eucharist fragility is strength*: the strength of the love that becomes small so it can be welcomed and not feared; the strength of the love that is broken and shared so as to nourish and give life; the strength of the love that is split apart so as to join all of us in unity.

When we receive the Eucharist, Jesus... knows us; he knows we are sinners; and he knows we make many mistakes, but he does not give up on joining his life to ours. He knows that we need it, because the Eucharist is not the reward of saints, no, it is *the Bread of sinners*. This is why he exhorts us: "Do not be afraid! *Take and eat*".

Each time we receive the Bread of Life, Jesus comes to give new meaning to our fragilities. He reminds us that in his eyes we are more precious than we think. He tells us he is pleased if we share our fragilities with

him. He repeats to us that his mercy is not afraid of our miseries... And above all he heals us from those fragilities that we cannot heal on our own, with love. What fragilities? That of feeling resentment toward those who have done us harm – we cannot heal from this on our own; that of distancing ourselves from others and closing off within ourselves – we cannot heal from that on our own; that of feeling sorry for ourselves and complaining without finding peace; from this too, we cannot heal on our own. It is He who heals us with his presence, with his bread, with the Eucharist. The Eucharist is an effective medicine for these closures. The Bread of Life, in fact, heals rigidity and transforms it into docility. The Eucharist heals because it unites with Jesus: it makes us assimilate his way of living, his ability to break himself apart and give himself to brothers and sisters, to respond to evil with good. He gives us the courage to go outside of ourselves and bend down with love toward the fragility of others. As God does with us. *Pope Francis*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL RAFFLE Tickets are now on sale for the Gigantic Raffle in support of the Mary's Meals charity, which provides daily meals and education to 2.5 million children in the very poorest parts of the world. Tickets are €5 each and a book of 5 for €20. Perhaps you could take several books of tickets to sell among friends or work colleagues? Contact Margaret at 086 8392518 or Dan at 086 2412470. The large planters at the front of our Church have been filled with new plants. Thanks to Mags and her team of volunteers who did all the digging and planting. The next step is to paint the planters. Those willing to help with the painting can contact Dan at 086 2412470.

LAUREL LODGE From Sunday 7th July there will be **just two Masses on Sunday** mornings in St Thomas the Apostle; the 9.30 and the 11am. We need to be able to give our priests time to go on retreat and to take some well-earned holiday time. The parish team are looking at the future of Laurel Lodge Mass Schedule in the context of our Parish Partnership to see what is possible and sustainable into the future.

TWO NEW BISHOPS FOR DUBLIN Congratulations to Bishop Donal Roche who was ordained to serve as an Auxiliary Bishop for Dublin last Sunday in a joyful and prayerful ceremony in Westland Row Church. The liturgy also featured a welcome for Bishop Paul Dempsey, formerly Bishop of Achonry, as an Auxiliary Bishop for Dublin with particular concern for our area of the Diocese. Keep them both in your prayer. The whole ceremony can be viewed online at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djEpK_gqe1Q

PARISH CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION 16TH JUNE Due to Fr Damian's heavy involvement in the Episcopal Ordination ceremony for the Archdiocese last Sunday it was not possible to organize a Corpus Christi Procession for this weekend. With many people also going away for the bank holiday weekend, we

plan to have ours around the green adjacent to the Church at the end of the 10am Mass on Sunday 16th June to which we will invite all the children who have recently received their First Holy Communion and Confirmation and their families.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD – NEW ROTA The new rota for Ministers of the Word covering June to August is on the Parish website and copies are available for collection in the Sacristy.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: A Midsummer Parish Gathering will take place in our Parish Centre on Friday 28th June at 7.30pm to which all are welcome. More details next week.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE – Our Parish Partnership Pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine in France travels from 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. Please contact the Parish Office for a booking form.

LOUGH DERG – FRIDAY 5TH TO SUNDAY 7TH JULY Last year a group of parishioners headed off to do the three-day pilgrimage and had a wonderful experience. If you are interested in going this year, please leave your name and contact no. in the Sacristy after any Mass or in Porterstown Parish Office during office hours. You may also contact Ellen on 087 9668356. We will depart from St. Mochta's Church Courtyard at 8am on Friday 5th.

ADORATION–FIRST FRIDAY : This Friday 7th After 10 Mass to 5 PM

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 Spiritual reading, prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday - an opportunity to listen to and share the Living Word. Wednesday 5th June from 10.30 to 11am in our parish centre. For further info, contact Marian on 087 2958363.

MOBILE PHONES: Please do your best to remember to turn off your mobile phone (or turn it to totally silent) whenever you are in church out of respect for God's house and the prayer of others around you.

Parish Centre Activities: Tai Chi classes starting 11 June.
www.taichiclassesdublin.com