

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 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.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD 12 JANUARY 2025

BAPTISM: John Chrysostom in Constantinople in the late 4th century wrote that in Baptism God lavishes upon us an "excess of his grace." It comes like fire in our souls, transfiguring the ore of us into gold, "burning up the 'image of the earthy', and producing 'the image of the heavenly,' fresh coined, bright and glittering, as from the furnace-mould."

Ambrose of Milan, writing around the same time, says: "you dared not lift up your face towards heaven, you turned your eyes towards the earth, and suddenly you received the grace of Christ ... Lift up, therefore, your eyes to the Father, who has begotten you through baptism, to the Father who has redeemed you through the Son, and say, 'Our Father!' What once within us imprisoned our gaze downwards in shame upon the dust and dirt of the earth melts because of our being baptised, releasing our eyes heavenwards to cry out 'Abba, Father'."

Reflection

Christ has buried your past
in the tomb with him
so that you can rise
in God womb of love
to new life
- begin again -
rise ever more
in Divine Yes to you.
God is taking care of your future.
It is an eternal one.
It has already begun.

You are soaked in it Christian,
dripping with it.

WPCU: The Inaugural Service for the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which our parish hosted for the greater Dublin area last year, will take place this coming **Saturday 18th January at 8pm in Abbey Presbyterian Church**, Parnell Square north (beside the Gardens of Remembrance). It would be fitting if a large contingent of people from our parish support this event, at which leaders from over 14 Christian denominations gather to pray. Our Church of Ireland friends in St Brigid's, led by Rev Colm McConaghie, are being encouraged to attend too. Bishop Donal Roche, Auxiliary Bishop of our Diocese, will be the homilist.

ETERNAL REST: Please pray for the souls of our parishioners Denis Collins and Malachy J. Scott whose funerals took place in our parish during the past week. May the Lord grant them eternal rest, and may the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all those who mourn.

SYCAMORE - RETURN DATE MONDAY 13TH JANUARY Sycamore returns to St Mochta's parish centre, Porterstown this Monday 13th January 2025 at 7.30pm. A series of talks and informal discussions on Christian faith, based on the Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Presenter is Fr Stephen Wang, esteemed speaker and author. Course running in union with parish partnership of St Mochta's, St Thomas the Apostle and Our Lady Mother of the Church. Please join us, starting with refreshments at 7.30pm. Newcomers are very welcome.

JUBILEE YEAR - PILGRIMS OF HOPE - Pope Francis has, opened the Jubilee Year 2025 - a year in which God's holiness can transform us. See the Jubilee website for further information:

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va>

LECTIO DIVINA - WEDNESDAYS, 10.30 TO 11AM Spiritual reading, prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Next Wednesday 15th January from 10.30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock.

DIVINE MERCY Meetings will resume next Tuesday 14th January at 6.30pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock. All welcome.

PORTERSTOWN, LAUREL LODGE AND CASTLEKNOCK PARISHES - PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Departing Tuesday, 19th August 2025 for 4 nights staying in the 4* Hotel Padoue. Spiritual Director, Fr. Paul. If you are interested in travelling, please leave your name and contact no. in the Sacristy in Porterstown after any Mass or email secretary@stmochtasparish.ie. A deposit of €200 will secure your place.

BREAKTHROUGH CANCER RESEARCH Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino de Santiago? Breakthrough Cancer Research are taking on the 'Portuguese Way' from 13th - 20th of June 2025. Starting in the charming town of Baiona, experience camaraderie and reflection as you walk toward Santiago de Compostela, creating lasting memories on this historic pilgrimage. You can enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guide and help Make More Survivors. For more information, please contact edel@breakcancer.ie or phone 021 422 66 55.

CHRISTMAS DUES: Sincere thanks to all who have returned their Christmas Dues. All these contributions, as do Easter and Summer Dues, go directly to the central Diocesan Common Fund administered by the Diocesan Finance Secretariat out of which your priests are paid their monthly stipend, and the sick and retired priests of our Diocese are cared for.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock - Saturday, April 26th. A bus will be going from our parish to Our Lady's Shrine in Knock where Archbishop Farrell will lead all present in the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick, Holy Mass and Eucharistic Procession. Further details soon.