

## 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

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**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 (as an alternative to contributing to the basket 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.

**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**23 FEBRUARY 2025**

**SHARE THE GOOD NEWS:** It is with joy that we can announce that, from 21<sup>st</sup> February, Archbishop Dermot Farrell has appointed Fr Francis 'Femi' Oladiipo as a Curate in our partnership Parishes of Castleknock/Laurel Lodge and Porterstown. Fr Francis is from Oyo Diocese in the South West of Nigeria. He has plenty of experience of Dublin having studied here for some years and worked previously in the parishes of Mourne Road and Lucan South. We thank God for the gifts and energy he will bring among us and thank Archbishop Farrell for this great blessing upon our community.

**LOVING YOUR ENEMIES:** Is it possible for a person to come to love his or her enemies? If it depended only on us, it would be impossible. But let us recall that, when the Lord asks for something, he wishes to give it. The Lord never asks for something he has not already given us first. When he tells me to love my enemies, he wants to give me the capacity to do so. Without that ability, we would not be able, but he tells you to "love your enemy" and gives you the capacity to love. Saint Augustine prayed in this way - listen to this beautiful prayer: Lord, "give what You command, and command what You will" (Confessions, X, 29.40), because you have already given it to me. What should we ask of him? What is God happy to give us? The strength to love, which is not a thing, but rather the Holy Spirit. The strength to love is the Holy Spirit, and with the Spirit of Jesus, we can respond to evil with good, we can love those who do us harm. This is what Christians do. How sad it is when persons and peoples who are proud to be Christians see others as enemies and think about waging war against each other! It is very sad.

And we, do we try to live following Jesus' invitations? Let us think about someone who has wronged us. Each one of you, think of a person. It is common for us to be hurt by someone; think of that person. Perhaps there is some resentment within. So, let us set the image of Jesus alongside this resentment: meek during his trial, after the slap. And then let us ask the Holy Spirit to act in our heart. Finally, let us pray for that person: praying for those who have done

us harm (cf. Lk 6:28). When someone has wronged us, we immediately go and tell others and we feel we are victims. Let us stop, and pray to the Lord for that person, that he might help him or her, and so this feeling of resentment will be dispelled. Praying for those who have wronged us is the first step to transforming evil into good. May the Virgin Mary help us be workers of peace towards everyone, especially those who are hostile to us and whom we do not like. *Pope Francis*

**ACCORD ANNUAL COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:** Thank you for your generosity to the annual collection for ACCORD Dublin, our Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, last weekend - €2,450 was raised from our parish.

**REPAIR OF GLASS AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH:** Thank you for your patience on Friday while the cracked glass at the front of our church was replaced at a cost of €2,150.

**PARISH PARTNERSHIP PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK JOINING THE DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE - SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.** A bus will be going from our parish partnership of Castleknock, Laurel Lodge and Porterstown, collecting at each parish. There will be stops for light refreshments in The Radisson Blu, Athlone, on the way to Knock and also on the way back. The price per person is €50, including these refreshments. To register your interest, please email your name, telephone number and the number of people going to [parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie](mailto:parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie). All age groups are very welcome; our Diocese is encouraging young people in particular to come along - why not make it your first visit to Knock Shrine!

**SYCAMORE** in St Mochta's parish centre, Porterstown. There **will not** be a meeting this Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. The Sycamore retreat day is on next Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March, starting at 9.30am with refreshments, all welcome to join in. Video talks, discussions, reflection; Spiritual Director, Fr Adrian Crowley. The afternoon closes with Mass at **3pm**. Please phone Marian on 087 295 8363.

**CHILDREN'S MEDITATION:** Meditation for Children will start on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 2:35pm-3pm in the church. This will continue every second Wednesday of each month at the same time. All children and parents, minders, etc are welcome. contact Ellen Troy 086 0610686.

**LENT FOR CHILDREN:** From the beginning of Lent, be sure to pick up your Lenten calendar from the table at the back of the church. This is full of ideas for the family for every day of Lent. In preparation for Easter, from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, the children are invited to meet in the church each of the Fridays of Lent from 6-7pm. We will use this time to prepare for the Easter ceremonies in song, sign, drama, art and altar serving training. The Christmas Celebrations were

very much enriched by the participation of families, and we thank you for your important part in this. Any more info required, contact Ellen Troy 086 0610686.

**MASS IN ST PATRICK'S CORDUFF:** There will be a mass in St. Patrick's, Corduff, next Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. A young nurse, Karen Ludden, will give the story of her faith journey! There will be a cup of tea afterwards - all are welcome.

**LECTIO DIVINA** Spiritual reading, prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Next Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February from 10.30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock.

**CHARITY QUIZ:** Kavanagh's Pub, Laurel Lodge on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 8pm. All proceeds will go directly to support the Kiltegan Fathers' work in the Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools as well as a new Vocational Skills Training Centre in Riwoto, South Sudan. €40 per table of 4. Contact Fran Leahy (Volunteer in Riwoto) at 0879473333 for further information.

**PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE - A JOURNEY WITH POPE** An exhibition 'Pockets of Hope' has been set up in the four Jubilee Churches in our Archdiocese: St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough Street; Our Lady of Lourdes, Sean McDermott Street; Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, City Quay; and St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row. There is a further display in St. Kevin's Parish Church, Glendalough. You are invited to journey the pilgrim path of Pockets of Hope in Dublin city and reflect on the message of Hope this Jubilee Year. All details are on the 'Jubilee 2025' page- <https://dublindiocese.ie/jubilee2025> , and in the leaflets at the back of our church.

**CHURCH PARKING:** The standard and safety of parking close by our Church has worsened in recent months. Please **do not park on the areas marked by double yellow lines** in the vicinity of our Church. The yellow lines are there to make sure emergency vehicles can access our parish buildings if needed, to allow a safe flow of traffic and to ensure the safety of pedestrians. Please respect them.

**MOBILE PHONES:** Please be respectful of others and of the prayerfulness in our Church by ensuring that your mobile phone is either switched off or on silent when entering God's house.

**DIGITAL TRAINING FOR OLDER PEOPLE, LAUREL LODGE COMMUNITY CENTRE** Age Action is hosting free Digital Training for Older People in Castleknock Community Centre, Laurel Lodge on Fridays from 10:15 - 12:15. Please call the Getting Started team on 01 475 6989 to sign up.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY COLLECTION :** this weekend after all masses