

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 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

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 (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.

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2 MARCH 2025

DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the holy season of Lent when we make time to turn everything within ourselves back towards the harmony that exists in God. Ash Wednesday is just one of two mandatory days of fasting and abstinence for us each year, the other being Good Friday. We fast from meat and alcohol. We can have one full meal that day and two smaller meals. These fasts from food are not expected of the elderly, of children or those with medical conditions. Blessed Ashes shall be distributed during our 10am morning Mass. An evening Mass on Wednesday is available in St Luke's Church, Mulhuddart at 7.30pm. Envelopes with small amounts of blessed ashes shall be available in our church all day after Mass so that this sacrament may be brought to the infirm and housebound.

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS: It is with joy that we welcome 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.

ETERNAL REST: Please pray for the souls of Paddy Cullen, Dr Michael Carmody and Maureen Barry-Melly whose funerals took place during February, and for Ted Desmond whose funeral will take place next Tuesday. May the Lord grant them eternal rest, and may the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all those who mourn.

PARISH PARTNERSHIP PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK JOINING THE DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE - SATURDAY 26TH APRIL. The pilgrimage includes workshops, outdoor walks, the Sacrament of the Sick and our pilgrimage Mass, which will be celebrated by Archbishop Farrell. 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 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. 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!

CHILDREN'S MEDITATION. Meditation for Children (sit, listen, share and sing-time) will start on **Wednesday 12th March** from 2:35pm-3pm in the church. This will continue every second Wednesday of each month at the same time. All children, parents, grandparents, minders, etc., are welcome. Any info needed, contact Ellen Troy 086 0610686.

LENT FOR CHILDREN - GETTING READY FOR EASTER: 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 7th 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.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - Next **Friday 7th March** in our church, from 10.30am to 5pm. All are welcome. There is also our usual weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour on Thursday evenings after 7.30pm Mass.

TAIZÉ PRAYER – MARCH 14TH Our next meditative Taizé prayer will take place in our church at 7pm on Friday 14th March. All are welcome, with an extra warm welcome for our Confirmation Candidates, the young and the young at heart.

SYCAMORE in St Mochta's parish centre, Porterstown. Sycamore meeting this **Monday 3rd March** in St Mochta's parish centre, starting at 7.30pm with refreshments. Video talks and discussions about Faith matters. Please phone Marian on 087 295 8363.

LECTIO DIVINA Spiritual reading, prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Next **Wednesday 5th March** from 10.30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD – ROTA: March to May: parish website and Sacristy.

PERMANENT DIACONATE. Do you have an interest in learning about the permanent diaconate? Rev. Deacon Eric Cooney (Monkstown parish) will talk about his experience and the diaconate vocation on **Thursday 13th March, 7.30pm – 9pm**, Knights of St. Columbanus, Ely House, 8 Ely Place, Dublin 2. All are welcome.

CHARITY QUIZ - Kavanagh's Pub, Laurel Lodge **this Monday 3rd 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. There are over 1200 students enrolled in the schools. €40 per table of 4. Contact Fran Leahy (Volunteer in Riwoto) at 0879473333 for further information.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC – CARPENTERSTOWN, SUNDAY 9TH MARCH
Support your upcoming Local Blood Drive! Castleknock Community College, **Sunday 9th March**, 12 noon to 3.30pm. Check your eligibility at www.giveblood.ie, or 1800 731 137

DUBLIN FLEADH 2025 10TH – 11TH MAY, DUBLIN 15 – EVENTS IN THE LEAD UP TO THE FLEADH

* The Wren's Nest, Strawberry Beds, Open Session, **Friday 7th March**, 8.30pm
* To celebrate International Women's Day, Dublin Fleadh 2025, Slí Dhála CCÉ and friends present 'Beyond Brigid': An evening of music, song, dance and spoken word. **Sunday 9th March**, 7pm at St Brigid's Church, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. Admission free. Booking essential
at dublinfleadhevents2025@gmail.com or text 087 245 4143.

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE – A JOURNEY WITH POPE FRANCIS. Pilgrimage is an important component of a Jubilee year. Many travel abroad for pilgrimage, but a pilgrimage can also take place with the abundant Christian locations we have within our own Diocese. 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. Details: <https://dublindiocese.ie/jubilee2025> and leaflets at back of church

HELPING HANDS IN HOSPITAL – CASTLEKNOCK LOCALISE'S ERASMUS+ PROJECT: focused on showing solidarity with children in Temple Street Hospital. The group has created care packs for young patients and donated toys to bring comfort during their stay. visit www.localise.ie