

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.

**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
4TH MAY 2025**

JESUS WANTS OUR HEARTS TO RISE TOO: At the end of this (Sunday's Gospel), Jesus asks Peter, three times, the question: "Do you love me?" (vv. 15-16). The Risen Lord asks us too today: *Do you love me?* Because at Easter, Jesus wants our hearts to rise too; because faith is not a question of knowledge, but of love. *Do you love me?* Jesus asks you, me, us, who have empty nets and are often afraid to start again; to you, me and all of us who do not have the courage to dive in and have perhaps lost our momentum. *Do you love me?* Jesus asks. From then on, Peter stopped fishing forever and dedicated himself to the service of God and to his brothers and sisters, to the point of giving his life here, where we are now. And what about us, do we want to love Jesus? May Our Lady, who readily said "yes" to the Lord, help us to rediscover the impulse to do good. *Pope Francis RIP.*

BOOK OF CONDOLENCES - A book of condolences for our late Holy Father Pope Francis has been opened at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1. It can be signed on weekdays from 10am to 3pm.

THE GIFT: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE. Starting on Wednesday 7th May at 8pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock. A series of six interactive videos to help people of all ages encounter the Holy Spirit. Running with our partnership parishes of St Mochta's and St Thomas the Apostle. Teachings rooted in the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, with reflections on the Holy Spirit from Pope Francis. All are welcome. Enquiries Marian 087 295 8363, Aengus 087 216 1199

VENERABLE MATT TALBOT CENTENARY - WEEKEND SERVICES

Date for your diary: Friday June 6th to Sunday June 8th. Details to follow soon.

CASTLEKNOCK COLLEGE SCHOOL - KENYA FUNDRAISER

Twelve students from Castleknock College are raising funds for the Vincentian Lay Missionaries School Immersion Programme to work in Matisi, Kenya. All funds raised go directly to Matisi School and Street Boys Programme run by the Daughters of Charity, providing essential education and support to young people in rural Kenya. Boys from Castleknock College will speak very briefly at all Masses this weekend on this.

SCOIL MHUIRE – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children from Scoil Mhuire, Mount Sackville who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday. May blessings galore flow for them and their families. Let's keep them and those currently preparing for their First Communion and Confirmation in the communion of prayer.

LECTIO DIVINA Prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Wednesday 7th May from 10.30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock.

PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

The Family Meditation continues from 2.35pm till 3pm in our church on the second Wednesday of each month, so we look forward to welcoming you on Wednesday 14th May.

Children's Rosary - the Rosary is recited every Saturday in our church at 4pm. Looking forward to seeing our young children joining us, and all are welcome.

TAIZÉ PRAYER – MAY 9TH Our meditative Taizé prayer will take place in our church at 7pm next Friday 9th May. All are welcome, with an extra warm welcome for our Confirmation Candidates, the young and the young at heart.

ROSARY RALLY – SATURDAY 10TH MAY, 4PM – IRELAND NEEDS FATIMA

Millennium Park Gate, Blakestown Roundabout, Blanchardstown. Join us in a Rosary Rally (one of over 560 in the country!)

CASTLEKNOCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE - 26TH ANNUAL PLANT SALE AND RAFFLE

This year's Plant Sale will take place next weekend, on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th May, from 10am to 5pm on the college grounds. It is one of the highlights of the year for the school and local community, and all proceeds go directly towards enhancing student life and resources at Castleknock Community College.

The sale features a fantastic selection of:

- Summer bedding plants, potted plants, hanging baskets
- Compost, fruit & vegetable plants, pots, tubs, and garden accessories
- A coffee & tea shop, BBQ, and delicious homemade cakes
- A Monster Raffle with amazing prizes

Funds raised in previous years have helped fund the school musical, update computer labs, and refurbish the school library and is vital for supporting the over 1,350 students in the college.

CASTLEKNOCK TIDY TOWNS FUND-RAISING COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 24th May in Castleknock CofI Parish Centre, Castleknock Rd., 10am - 12.30pm. We were very grateful for your generous support last year and hope to see you again this year for a cuppa, cake and a chat while enjoying a bit of D15 traditional music.

CRY OF THE EARTH: Latest: Fingal County Council are supporting our project and creating a biodiversity-rich corner on the church edge of Auburn Avenue green. A variety of sensory plants and grasses recently planted there will enhance pollinators' food supply and generate habitats for many species of insects and other creatures. Pupils from St Brigid's are involved in planting. We will increase planting too behind the courtyard cement pots, and create a haven for birds, bees, and insects. Fingal CC will plant shrubs and bushes to fill in any gaps. We request your support in creating this area for biodiversity where nature can grow and flourish.

FAMILY CARERS Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you, or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

BARNARDOS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Barnardos are looking for volunteers for specific events, such as Riverdance-aton, Gaiety Theatre, 19th June; Barnardos Giving Day, Liffey Valley, 19th September. Please email lisa.tobin@barnardos.ie to register your interest. See church notice board for details.

RALLY FOR LIFE

Monday May 5th at 2pm. Starting at Newman University Church, St Stephen's Green, and marching to the Dail. Send a clear message to the Government to establish positive alternatives to our huge abortion numbers. The increase in the number of Pro-Life candidates elected to the new Dail and Seanad is a really promising development.

BEREAVEMENT

"Saint Francis Grief Café" aims to create a safe place for people, who have been bereaved, to come and chat over a cup of tea/coffee with others who are also grieving. Please feel welcome to attend. Our Grief Café will run on the First Friday of every month from 10.00am to 11.30am in **St Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown**. Please contact us on bereavement@sfh.ie or 01 832 7535 if you have any query or would like to attend.

Tai Chi 7-week (6 classes) introductory term starting 13th May 2025, Tuesday, 8.15-9.45pm. Beginners welcome. Adult class for mixed age levels. Slow and gentle exercise regime. For more information and to sign up, visit our website www.taichiclassesdublin.com or contact Nicole & Declan Mills at 086 397 5979 or email taichiclassesdublin@posteo.ie