

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.

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. They are also looking for a Gardening Volunteer for a couple of hours per week between June to September at their service in Buckingham Street, Dublin 1.



OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PARISHES OF
ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE, LAUREL LODGE
AND ST MOCHTA'S PORTERSTOWN.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
11TH MAY 2025

MAKE ONESELF SMALL SO THAT CHRIST MAY BE KNOWN AND GLORIFIED
Extracts from Pope Leo 14th's Mass with the Cardinals on Friday 9th May 2025: 'I want to repeat the words from the Responsorial Psalm: "I will sing a new song to the Lord, because he has done marvels."... I invite you to recognize the marvels that the Lord has done, the blessings that the Lord continues to pour out on all of us through the Ministry of Peter. You have called me to carry that cross, and to be blessed with that mission, and I know I can rely on each and every one of you to walk with me, as we continue as a Church, as a community of friends of Jesus, as believers to announce the Good News, to announce the Gospel.... (to) the world that has been entrusted to us, a world in which, as Pope Francis taught us so many times, we are called to bear witness to our joyful faith in Jesus the Saviour. Therefore, it is essential that we too repeat, with Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Mt 16:16).

It is essential to do this, first of all, in our personal relationship with the Lord, in our commitment to a daily journey of conversion. Then, to do so as a Church, experiencing together our fidelity to the Lord and bringing the Good News to all (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, 1)... As I begin my mission as Bishop of Rome and, according to the well-known expression of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, (I) am called to preside in charity over the universal Church. Saint Ignatius, who was led in chains to this city, the place of his impending sacrifice, wrote to the Christians there: "Then I will truly be a disciple of Jesus Christ, when the world no longer sees my body".

Ignatius was speaking about being devoured by wild beasts in the arena – and so it happened – but his words apply more generally to an indispensable commitment for all those in the Church who exercise a ministry of authority. It is to move aside so that Christ may remain, to make oneself small so that he may be known and glorified (cf. *Jn* 3:30), to spend oneself to the utmost so that all may have the opportunity to know and love him. May God grant me this

grace, today and always, through the loving intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church.' *Pray for our new Holy Father! May God be glorified in his ministry.*

VOCATIONS SUNDAY – THIS WEEKEND, SUNDAY 11TH MAY

“A vocation is a precious gift that God sows in our heart, a call to leave ourselves behind and embark on a journey of love and service.” – *Pope Francis, of happy memory.* As we journey through the Jubilee Year of Hope, we are invited to reflect on how God continues to call each of us to bring light and hope to the world. We give thanks that, in the Archdiocese of Dublin, there are currently three seminarians, as well as a greater number discerning the priesthood. Their “yes” to God’s call is a sign of great hope for our Church and our communities. Let us pray for them, and for all those considering a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, or lay ministry that they may hear and respond to God’s call. May this Good Shepherd Sunday be a moment of encouragement and support for vocations to flourish among us.

LAY MINISTRY SUNDAY – NEXT WEEKEND, MAY 17TH AND 18TH A special Collection to support Lay Ministry in the Archdiocese. This will replace the usual Share collection, and the amount raised by next weekend’s second collection will be allocated exclusively to promote Lay Ministry in our Diocese.

THE GIFT: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE. Continuing Wednesday 14th 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.

LECTIO DIVINA Prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Wednesday 14th May from 10.30 to 11am in Our Lady’s Parish Centre, Castleknock.

CASTLEKNOCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE - 26TH ANNUAL PLANT SALE AND RAFFLE

This year’s Plant Sale will take place this 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.

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 this 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.

ROSARY TIMES - OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH - REMINDER

The Rosary is said in our church on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after 10am Mass, on Tuesday after 7.30pm Mass, and twice on Thursday - at 12 noon and after 7.30pm Mass, as part of Adoration between 8 and 9pm. **Everyone is welcome to join our devotion to Our Lady, especially in the month of May, and pray for peace in our world and an end to war.**

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO – LAUREL LODGE PARISH - CHURCH CAR PARK

Let us gather and pray during the month of May to honour Our Lady, and pray for her intentions, for world peace, and for our own personal intentions. St Thomas the Apostle church, Laurel Lodge, 5.30pm daily in front of the statue of Our Lady in the church car park.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX'S CANONISATION

Celebrations will be held next Saturday 17th May in Avila Carmelite Centre, Bloomfield Avenue, Morehampton Road, Donnybrook, D04 YF66, 2.30 - 5pm. The Relics of St Therese and her Parents St Louis & St Zelig Martin will be on show along with a unique exhibition of historical items from the life of St Therese and the Martin Family. Entry is free.

VENERABLE MATT TALBOT CENTENARY WEEKEND SERVICES - For your diary: Friday June 6th to Sunday June 8th. Details to follow soon.

CASTLEKNOCK TIDY TOWNS FUND-RAISING COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 24th May in Castleknock C of I 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.