

## 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

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**Parish Office** – Monday to Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

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**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.

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**18 MAY 2025**

**LAY MINISTRY SUNDAY - THIS WEEKEND, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AND 18<sup>TH</sup>** - a special Collection to support the development of Lay Ministry in our Archdiocese. This replaces the usual Share collection, and the amount raised by this weekend's second collection will be allocated exclusively to promote Lay Ministry in our Diocese.

*Archbishop Dermot Farrell's writes to us:* 'The mission to help open the door to faith, in our time, is the mission of the whole People of God. All of the baptised are called to build up the Church, clergy and lay people together, encouraged by the Holy Spirit. In this synodal Church of multiple ministries, no one should doubt but that the Lord continues to call people today to share his mission of service of the Gospel. The call to priesthood is born out of that invitation; it is an intensification of it... Over the past two years lay ministries have been steadily developing; 109 lay people from the Diocese have completed the Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis to become parish catechists, and this year 34 people have participated in our new Youth Ministry Leadership Certificate. 120 lay Funeral Prayer Leaders have been trained across the Archdiocese and the Pathways into Ministry adult education programme continues to help adults develop their faith... Please join in supporting this mission today, and every day. Ask, what can I do to open the door of faith to others, in practical and life-giving ways, knowing that it is God who makes all things new.'

**POPE LEO XIV:** Those who would like to get to know our new Holy Father better will enjoy an excellent *You Tube* video of him visiting an Augustinian run parish in the United States last August where he shares some lovely reflections on his relationship with Pope Francis, the Synod in the Church and his work as head of the Dicastery for Bishops in Rome. It can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/live/9U3yBFdt4QM?si=0xu4v3QIBvUaIF1S> Alternatively, if you do a You Tube search for the title: "Evening of Reflection with Cardinal Prevost and Mass" August 2024, St Jude, you should also find it. His reflection starts 10 minutes in and lasts around 40 minutes.

**ETERNAL REST:** Please pray for the souls of Margaret (Gretta) Harrison and Audrey Downes whose funerals took place in our church this past week. May the Lord grant them eternal rest, and may the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all those who mourn.

**THE GIFT: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE.** Continuing Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> May from 10.30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock.

**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.

**PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP** 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 AT THE GROTTO - LAUREL LODGE PARISH, CASTLEKNOCK - CHURCH CAR PARK**

St Thomas the Apostle church, Laurel Lodge, 5.30pm daily in front of the statue of Our Lady in the church car park.

**VENERABLE MATT TALBOT CENTENARY WEEKEND SERVICES** Friday 6th June, 7pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott St. Talk - Matt Talbot - a Saint for our Times.

Saturday 7th June, 3pm, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough St.

Centenary Mass celebrated by Archbishop Dermot Farrell. After Mass, procession to the tomb of Venerable Matt Talbot in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Sunday 8th June, 2pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott St. Talks: 1. The Church's role in addiction and recovery. 2. The importance of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association in today's society. 4pm - Celebration of Holy Eucharist. Please see the church notice board for further details.

**VOCATIONS** Please keep our seminarians and those discerning a vocation to priesthood in your prayers. If you know of anyone interested in finding out more about becoming a priest, please ask them to contact the Vocations team, Fr Séamus or Fr Bill, at [vocations@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:vocations@dublindiocese.ie) or [bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie).

**ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY - KNOCK - SATURDAY, 7TH JUNE** Thousands of pilgrims are expected at the 40th All-Ireland Rosary Rally on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at Knock Shrine. Events begin at 9:30am with a Marian Conference and conclude with a Pentecost Vigil and Healing Service from 8-10pm. Highlights include a Rosary making workshop, a 250-person Rosary formation for filming. Keynote at 1pm by Mgr Steve Rossetti, USA. Rosary Procession led by children follows the Stations of the Cross at 2:30pm, with Mass at 3pm celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown. Music by Dana. A youth conference runs 6-7:30pm. Rosary Rally ends with a Croagh Patrick climb and Mass on Sunday at noon. Full schedule and bus info: [www.allirelandrosaryrally.com](http://www.allirelandrosaryrally.com).

**CASTLEKNOCK TIDY TOWNS FUND-RAISING COFFEE MORNING - SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Next Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](http://www.familycarers.ie).

ANAM CARA - supporting parents after bereavement, are hosting an **Online Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 22nd May 2025 at 7pm**. People can register via [Online Bereavement Information Evening](http://OnlineBereavementInformationEvening)