

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.

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.

**MOST HOLY TRINITY
15TH JUNE 2025**

SPIRIT OF THE RISEN CHRIST, HOLY SPIRIT, when we are held hostage by fear and when inwardly we are no longer free, pray in us so that our hearts may rediscover that we are loved with a love that will never end. And then we dare to tell to God everything that is in us, to the One who welcomes us without conditions, as beloved children. *Br Matthew of Taizé*

DAY FOR LIFE – This year's Irish Bishops' **Day for Life, Sunday 15th June**, is an invitation to pray for those who suffer and to remain with them like the Good Samaritan, bearing witness to their unique and unrepeatable value. We see this closeness in the generous and fruitful service of healthcare professionals, whose mission continues even when there is no longer any prospect of physical healing. We see it in another way in families, carers and chaplains who support their brothers and sisters who are sick or frail or struggling with the many burdens of life. As Christians, we affirm them and hold out to them the hope of Jesus Christ who does not disappoint us. To read the full bishops' message visit <https://councilforlife.ie/day-for-life-2025/>

IRISH BISHOP'S STATEMENT ON GAZA: "People in parishes across the country are horrified by what they are witnessing. They may feel helpless. But they can show their solidarity in different ways by lobbying their political representatives, by supporting humanitarian aid and, above all, by continuing to pray for an end to the conflict now and the resumption of peace, including the return of all hostages and prisoners." The Bishops listened again to the recent words of Pope Leo XIV and resonated with them: "In the Gaza Strip, the cry of mothers, of fathers who clutch the lifeless bodies of children and who are continually forced to move in search of a little food and safer shelter from bombing, rises

ever more intensely to the sky. I renew my appeal to the leaders: cease-fire, release all hostages, fully respect humanitarian law. Mary Queen of Peace, pray for us.' (*Heartfelt thanks to all who joined our 24 hour prayer of Adoration for Peace in Laurel Lodge parish church last weekend – Fr Damian*)

ETERNAL REST: Please pray for the souls of Imelda Carr whose funeral took place on Saturday, and of Elizabeth McNally and Ann Neylon, who funerals will take place on Monday and Tuesday respectively. May the Lord grant them eternal rest, and may the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all those who mourn.

CONFIRMATION IN OUR PARISH - Congratulations to the children from St Brigid's National School who were confirmed in our parish on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th June. May blessings galore flow for them and their families. Let's keep them and those currently preparing for Confirmation in the communion of prayer.

CASTLEKNOCK VILLAGE FESTIVAL - ROAD CLOSURES THIS SUNDAY 15TH JUNE
Fingal County Council have given notice that it will temporarily close a number of roads in our area on Sunday 15th June to facilitate the Castleknock 5k run and Castleknock Village Festival. This will affect those from certain parts of our parish trying to get to our Sunday morning Masses. Castleknock Road will be closed from the junction at Auburn Avenue to the junction at College Road (Myos pub) from 10am to 6pm. College Road / Tower Road from the junction at Castleknock Road to the junction at Lower Road/Knockmaroon gate will be closed from 10am to 12 noon to facilitate the Castleknock 5k run.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - The rota for Ministers of the Word, covering June to August, is on the parish website. Copies are available in the Sacristy.

LECTIO DIVINA Prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Wednesday 18th June from 10.30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock.

CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION - SUNDAY 22ND JUNE, IMMEDIATELY AFTER 10AM MASS All are welcome. Children who would like to participate in any way are warmly invited to join a 10-15-minute practice after 10am Mass in our church this Sunday 15th June. This year's First Holy Communicants are welcome to wear garb from their First Communion day.

ROSARY TIMES - OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH: 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 this devotion to Our Lady, to pray for peace in our world and an end to war.**

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.

CRY OF THE EARTH UPDATE - We have taken further steps to progress the designated Biodiversity area - an area that will generate habitats and create a haven for birds, bees, insects and many other creatures. A rustic fence has been erected behind the shrubbed area to stop the destruction of shrubs and specimen small trees and damage to ground foliage that is a habitat for so many species. Parishioners have donated and planted rose bushes and other plants to fill in the gaps at front and side of this area. The grassed area behind the shrubs is the perfect safe space for play.

Fingal County Council have created a wonderful sensory garden with over 800 plant species at the church edge of Auburn Avenue green. This is a haven for all age groups and has enormous potential for learning about the many plant species.

The Archbishop of Dublin has requested that parishes give over 30% of their church grounds for biodiversity richness - our work is in response to this request. The students from St Brigid's will continue to be involved in sowing seeds and planting and there also five parish volunteers.

We request your support in creating this conservation area where nature can grow and flourish.

We'd like more volunteers to help with digging and preparing the areas to be planted. Contact Mags Condon - 086 839 2518

CASTLEKNOCK TIDY TOWNS GARDEN COMPETITION 2025 - "THE STORY OF YOUR GARDEN"

Every garden has a story - what's yours? To enter, send 3 photos of your garden, include a short description (max 150 words) telling us your story and why your garden is special to castleknocktidytowns@gmail.com between June 1st-16th. See church notice board for details.

ZOOM SUMMER SCHOOL ON THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY
Bayside Alpha are hosting a **Summer School on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary over Zoom** for 6 Sundays, starting on Sunday 22nd June at 7:30pm. The series is a mixture of video and discussion. To join please email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com

MSC - MISSIONARIES OF THE SACRED HEART - CAMINO WALK

This September, join the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart as they walk the Camino Frances. This special fundraising pilgrimage will end with two days in Fatima. Ex Dublin. Spiritual Director Fr Tony Horgan MSC. For details ring Valerie at 021 4543988 or email Valerie.buckley@mscmisions.ie “