

## 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

**Fr. Damian McNeice** – Phone: 089 445 3987

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

Phone: 01-6409601 Email: [parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie](mailto:parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie)

**Church Sacristy** – Phone: 01-8214652

**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.

## NORTHSIDE HOME CARE SERVICES – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**MEALS ON WHEELS** is a service that delivers meals Monday to Friday to clients in their homes. Would you be able to volunteer for an hour one day a week between 11.00 and 12.00 to help us provide this valuable service in the local community? Please contact Amy 01 8058574/086 4194566.



# OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

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

## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025

### DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR GAZA – SUNDAY AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup> A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP FARRELL

I invite all parishes in the Archdiocese to dedicate Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August as a special day of prayer and reflection for Gaza and for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. This appeal, which I am making in conjunction with Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh, unites us in prayer before God, crying out for an end to all the terror and violence being perpetrated with tragic results for all.

As Pope Leo said, addressing the young people gathered for the Jubilee of Youth in Rome, and encouraging them in their desire to transform our world for the good: 'We are with the young people of Gaza, we are with the young people of Ukraine, with those of every land bloodied by war. My young brothers and sisters, you are the sign that a different world is possible: a world of fraternity and friendship, where conflicts are not resolved with weapons but with dialogue.' (Pope Leo XIV, Angelus, 3rd August 2025).

May we all be a sign, by our prayer and action, that a different world is possible, and that a route to peace and reconciliation can and must be found through dialogue.

+Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin

**In response to this call to prayer, we will host 24 hours of continuous prayer for peace, especially in Gaza, before the Blessed Sacrament here in Our Lady Mother of the Church starting at 3pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August and continuing right through till 3pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August. As before in our Parish Partnership, we will be inviting parishioners from Porterstown, Laurel Lodge and our own parish community to commit to staying for certain hours of prayer throughout the day and night. Some of these hours will be led by prayer groups. A 'sign in' sheet will soon be available at the back of our church to encourage this.**

**By our persevering prayer, may our world become more open to God's dream of peace, justice and dignity for every human being.**

**Fr Damian**

**POPE LEO'S ADVICE TO THE YOUNG:**

"Dear young people, Jesus is the friend who always accompanies us in the formation of our conscience. If you truly want to encounter the Risen Lord, then listen to his word, which is the Gospel of salvation. Reflect on your way of living, and seek justice in order to build a more humane world. Serve the poor, and so bear witness to the good that we would always like to receive from our neighbours. Be united with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, the source of eternal life. Study, work and love according to the example of Jesus, the good Teacher who always walks beside us.... Saint Augustine wrote: "You stir us to take pleasure in praising you, because you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you... Lord, I would seek you... and calling upon you is an act of believing in you" (*Confessions*, I, 1)... I would like to invite each of you, dear young people, to say to the Lord: "Thank you, Jesus, for calling me. My desire is to remain as one of your friends, so that, embracing you, I may also be a companion on the journey for anyone I meet. Grant, O Lord, that those who meet me may encounter you, even through my limitations and frailties."

*Jubilee of Youth, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025*

**OUR SINCERE THANKS...** to those who organised our Parish Partnership Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 27th July last for the weekend of the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. Plans are already being made for a Partnership pilgrimage to Knock for next year. Thanks, too, to Archbishop Emeritus Dr Diarmuid Martin for coming to celebrate 10am Mass for us on 20<sup>th</sup> July, to our Family Mass Group and all the grandparents and grandchildren who took part. Archbishop Diarmuid commented warmly on the loveliness of the celebration and how it creates a wonderful opportunity for encounters of faith between young and old in our community.

**ETERNAL REST:** Please pray for the soul of our parishioner **Bernard Kennedy** whose funeral took place in our church on Saturday. We also remember Jim Bradley, Catherine Salmon and Donal Doherty whose funerals took place in our church in July. May the Lord grant them eternal rest, and may the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all those who mourn.

**JUBILEE YEAR SPIRITUAL HOLIDAY TO ROME** – organised by Fr Robert Smyth, PP of Whitehall and Beaumont Parishes. Departing 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – 4 nights with guided tours, visits and religious programme. 1099 euro per person sharing. Details on our Parish Noticeboard, bookable through JWT.

**PATHWAYS:** This two-year course is aimed at adults of all ages looking to explore and grow their faith through inputs and small group sharing, especially for members of PPCs and those in parish ministry. Thursdays, 7.15pm - 9.15pm in DCU St Patrick's Campus from 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025 to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Cost - €300 per year. For further information, please visit [www.missionministry.ie/pathways](http://www.missionministry.ie/pathways) or email peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie. See poster on the church notice board.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August from 10.30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock.

**SUMMER DUES:** Archbishop Farrell writes: "Please support your priests through the Summer Dues appeal. The generosity that you have towards your priests is indispensable. Please play your part, too, in a renewed and active involvement of all parishioners as together we nourish and support each other, counting the wonderful blessings of God in our lives." [*All Dues throughout the year, Christmas, Easter and now these Summer Dues go directly to the Diocesan Common Fund administered by the Diocesan Finance Secretariat.*]

**DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

Our Dublin Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place from September 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, led by Archbishop Farrell. For information contact our Lourdes Pilgrimage Office on 01 8087555 or [info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie](mailto:info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie). To travel as a hotel pilgrim, please contact Joe Walsh Tours at 01 2410800.

**Associate Membership Appeal:** It now costs approximately €1,200 to bring a sick or assisted pilgrim to Lourdes. We request a payment of €600 from each pilgrim but only if they can afford it. Nobody is ever refused for inability to pay. This is why the Associate Appeal Collection is vital to ensure the continuation of our Dublin Pilgrimage's service to the sick. Please contribute through the forthcoming parish collection after Mass, in the parish office or donate via the Payzone link, <https://platform.payzone.ie/customer/10016/product-list/details/4010/>

**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, and pray for peace in our world and an end to war.**

**CHILDREN'S MEDITATION** will take place next Wednesday 13th August, 2:35 – 3:00pm, in Our Lady Mother of the Church.

A time for prayer, contemplation, and simple worship. All are welcome.