

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.

GIVEBLOOD.IE – SUPPORT YOUR UPCOMING LOCAL BLOOD DRIVE

Castleknock Community College, Carpenterstown.

Next Wednesday **20th August** from 3.45pm to 8pm. Giving blood saves many lives. Check your eligibility at www.giveblood.ie or call 1800 731 137



OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

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

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
17TH AUGUST 2025

DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR GAZA – SUNDAY AUGUST 24th A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP FARRELL

I invite all parishes in the Archdiocese to dedicate Sunday 24th 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 next Sunday 24th August and continuing right through till 3pm on Monday 25th August. As before in our Parish Partnership, we are 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 is available at the back of our church to encourage this. By our persevering in prayer, may our world become more open to God's dream of peace, justice and dignity for every human being. *Fr Damian*

ATTACKS ON MEMBERS OF INDIAN COMMUNITY

"It is time to stand up for justice and equality. It is time to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters. It is time to stand up to those who seek to divide our community through rumour and malice. It is time to call out those who peddle racial hatred."

Archbishop Farrell's letter on the recent shocking attacks on members of the Indian community in Dublin can be found, along with his statement on the matter, at <https://dublindiocese.ie/indian-community-statement-2025/>.

JUBILEE YEAR SPIRITUAL HOLIDAY TO ROME

Organised by Fr Robert Smyth, PP of Whitehall and Beaumont Parishes. Departing 16th November 2025 – 4 nights with guided tours, visits and religious programme. €1099 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 25th September 2025 to 14th May 2026. Cost - €300 per year. For further information, please visit 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 20th 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.]*

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.**

TALK ON ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE

Talk on St Laurence O'Toole at 8pm on Monday 1st September in the headquarters of the Knights of Columbanus, Ely House, 8 Ely Place, Dublin 2. The talk will be given by Fr John Scroope O'Brien, Clontarf, who is a distant relative of St Laurence. All are welcome.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Our Dublin Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place from September 4th – 9th, led by Archbishop Farrell. For information contact our Lourdes Pilgrimage Office on 01 8087555 or email 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 Masses over the weekend of 30th and 31st August, in the parish office or donate via the Payzone link - <https://platform.payzone.ie/customer/10016/product-list/details/4010/>

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL - CRY OF THE EARTH COMMUNITY PROJECT!

Our biodiversity-rich parish grounds area is thriving, and the council area at the edge of Auburn Green is complementing our efforts in a very positive way. This has been a wonderful summer for the pollinators, and our carefully-selected plants are enabling the bee, butterfly and insect population to flourish. Thanks to Ms G. Fay's 4th class in St Brigid's NS, wonderful sunflowers are gloriously adding colour to our church grounds and increasing the supply of pollen and nectar for the bees, butterflies and multiple insects. We request your support in maintaining the biodiversity area. We need more volunteers to help with plant maintenance - watering, weeding, staking existing plants, being watchful that the fenced off area isn't disturbed. If you're in a position to help, please contact Mags Condon 0868392518

NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK – FREE TOUR OF CABRA DOMINICAN CHAPEL

18th – 24th August, free guided tours of the Chapel of the Holy Family, Cabra Dominican Convent, Dominican Campus, Ratoath Road, Cabra D07 NX47. Registration required via heritageweek.ie – search for Cabra Chapel

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"

Jubilee of Youth, August 3rd 2025