

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.

Phone: 01-6409601 Email: parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie

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.

NOTICES, LEAFLETS, PUBLICATIONS:

Please do not leave any material on the table, bookshelf or on the Church notice board without checking with Fr Damian or the Parish Office. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY:

There are a number of unclaimed items in Lost Property - glasses, umbrellas, etc. If you think these may be yours, please contact the sacristy or parish office.



OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

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

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 14TH DECEMBER 2025

DECEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY - BRING THE CHILD JESUS FIGURE FROM YOUR FAMILY CRIB FOR IT TO BE BLESSED AT ALL OUR MASSES THIS WEEKEND 13TH/14TH OF DECEMBER. "IN BLESSING YOUR BAMBINELLI, I ASK THAT YOU PRAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY SCENE FOR CHILDREN WHO WILL EXPERIENCE A DIFFICULT CHRISTMAS IN PLACES WHERE THERE IS WAR, IN REFUGEE CAMPS, IN SITUATIONS OF PROFOUND MISERY. THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS." POPE FRANCIS 2023

OUR PARISH CAROL SERVICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH THIS SUNDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, AT 6PM. DO COME ALONG AND ENJOY WONDERFUL SINGING BY ALL OUR PARISH CHOIRS AND SHORT REFLECTIONS THAT WILL PUT US IN A FESTIVE MOOD.

OUR PARISH PARTNERSHIP ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE IS ON THIS MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER IN LAUREL LODGE CHURCH. PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD TO COME TO YOU BY WELCOMING GOD'S MERCY AND FORGIVENESS IN THIS RITE 2 CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK IS ON NEXT SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER AT 10AM IN OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH. THOSE PRESENT CARRYING A BURDEN OF SICKNESS, INFIRMITY OR OLD AGE WILL RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER - AFTER 10AM MASS AND

WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER - 10.30AM TO 11.30PM

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE - WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER - 6PM FAMILY MASS AND 9PM NIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY - THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER - 10AM AND 12 NOON

ST STEPHEN'S DAY - FRIDAY 26TH DECEMBER - MASS AT 10AM

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SURVEY - HAVE YOUR SAY - CLOSES TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH HAS LAUNCHED ITS "HAVE YOUR SAY" SURVEY, INVITING PARENTS, GUARDIANS, SCHOOL STAFF, AND BOARD OF

MANAGEMENT MEMBERS, TO SHARE THEIR VIEWS ON THE FUTURE OF THEIR PARISH SCHOOL AND FOR THE EDUCATION TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CHILDREN OF THE PARISH. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS YOUR WISHES ABOUT KEY QUESTIONS SUCH AS:

- DENOMINATIONAL OR MULTI-DENOMINATIONAL PATRONAGE
- ENGLISH- OR IRISH-MEDIUM EDUCATION
- CO-EDUCATIONAL OR SINGLE-SEX SCHOOLING

SINCE THE SURVEY IS SCHOOL SPECIFIC, THE INFORMATION GATHERED IN THIS SURVEY WILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF YOUR PARISH SCHOOL. FOR EXAMPLE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY MAKE DECISIONS ON PATRONAGE, SUCH AS WHETHER YOUR SCHOOL REMAINS A CATHOLIC SCHOOL OR MOVES TO A MULTI-DENOMINATIONAL MODEL, DEPENDING ON WHAT IS EXPRESSED IN THE SURVEY. EQUALLY, THE SURVEY COULD RESULT IN CHANGES TO SINGLE-SEX OR CO-EDUCATIONAL PROVISION IN YOUR LOCAL PARISH SCHOOL, OR A CHANGE IN THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE FULL RANGE OF VIEWS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY IS HEARD. THOSE WHO VALUE MAINTAINING A CATHOLIC ETHOS WITHIN THE SCHOOL, INCLUDING RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION, FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION, SHOULD ENSURE THEIR VOICES ARE REPRESENTED, JUST AS THOSE WHO WOULD WELCOME CHANGE SHOULD DO THE SAME. IT IS ONLY WITH STRONG PARTICIPATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN GAIN AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF WHAT YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TRULY WANTS.

THE SURVEY IS VERY SHORT AND IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [HTTPS://WWW.GOV.IE/EN/DEPARTMENT-OF-EDUCATION/CAMPAIGNS/PRIMARY-SCHOOL-SURVEY/](https://www.gov.ie/en/departments/campaigns/primary-school-survey/)

IT WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2025.

PARENTS WILL NEED THEIR EIRCODE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY. SCHOOL STAFF AND MEMBERS OF A SCHOOL'S BOARD OF MANAGEMENT WILL NEED THE UNIQUE PIN THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE SCHOOL. YOUR INPUT MATTERS. TAKE THE TIME TO MAKE SURE YOUR VOICE IS INCLUDED SO THAT DECISIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF YOUR PARISH SCHOOL GENUINELY REFLECT THE VIEWS OF YOUR COMMUNITY. MAKE SURE TO "HAVE YOUR SAY"

MGR DAN O'CONNOR, EPISCOPAL VICAR FOR EDUCATION, 3RD DECEMBER 2025

CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY APPEAL AS THE COST OF LIVING CONTINUES TO RISE, MORE FAMILIES THAN EVER ARE TURNING TO CROSSCARE FOR HELP. THIS YEAR, ALMOST 3,000 PEOPLE – INCLUDING 1,200 CHILDREN – SOUGHT BASIC FOOD SUPPORT, WHILE NEARLY 12,000 AFFORDABLE MEALS WERE SERVED IN THE PORTLAND ROW COMMUNITY CAFÉ. MORE THAN 10% OF PEOPLE IN IRELAND ARE NOW AT RISK OF FOOD POVERTY, AND EMERGENCY PARCELS ALONE CAN'T ADDRESS THE GROWING PRESSURES FAMILIES FACE. CROSSCARE'S FOOD AND SUPPORT MODEL COMBINES CHOICE-BASED FOOD ACCESS, LOW-COST MEALS, ONE-TO-ONE CASEWORK, AND WRAPAROUND SUPPORTS SUCH AS WELFARE ADVICE, BUDGETING HELP, AND IMPROVED ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT. WE BELIEVE IN GIVING PEOPLE A HAND UP, NOT A HANDOUT. EVERY

DONATION HELPS SOMEONE STABILISE THEIR LIFE AND MOVE TOWARD INDEPENDENCE. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR **2025 CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY APPEAL**. YOUR DONATION – BIG OR SMALL – WILL HELP PROVIDE FOOD, STABILITY, AND A PATHWAY TOWARD INDEPENDENCE FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST. DONATE AT WWW.CROSSCARE.IE OR CALL 01 8360011.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD THE ROTA FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD FOR DECEMBER TO FEBRUARY IS ON THE PARISH WEBSITE. COPIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY.

ETERNAL REST PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF SEAN LOUGHRAN WHOSE FUNERAL TOOK PLACE IN OUR CHURCH THIS SATURDAY. MAY THE LORD GRANT HIM ETERNAL REST, AND MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT COMFORT AND SUSTAIN ALL WHO MOURN.

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER AND CONTEMPLATION OF THE GOSPEL FOR THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY. WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER FROM 10:30 TO 11AM IN OUR LADY'S PARISH CENTRE, CASTLEKNOCK. THIS IS OUR LAST ONE BEFORE THE NEW YEAR.

PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP FAMILY MEDITATION NOW TAKES PLACE IN OUR CHURCH EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 2.35PM TILL 3PM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU NEXT WEDNESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER.

ROSARY TIMES - OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH AFTER DAILY MASS MON - SAT. ROSARY FOR CHILDREN - SATURDAYS AT 4.30PM. A BOX IN WHICH YOU CAN PLACE YOUR WRITTEN INTENTIONS TO BE LIFTED UP DURING THE ROSARY IS AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH MUSIC IN OUR CHURCH. ADORATION WITH MUSIC TAKES PLACE ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 7 - 8PM, CONTINUING NEXT FRIDAY, 19TH DECEMBER. ALL ARE WELCOME.

PORTERSTOWN CONCERT CHRISTMAS WARMTH CONCERT AT ST MOCHTA'S CHURCH, PORTERSTOWN, THIS SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER, 4PM.

CROÍ MHÁIRE FOODBANK WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL PARISHIONERS WHO KINDLY DONATED NONPERISHABLE FOOD ON RECENT WEEKENDS. WE WILL BE COLLECTING THIS WEEKEND, 13TH /14TH DECEMBER. DONATED ITEMS SUCH AS PASTA, CEREAL, TINNED FOODS, SAUCES, ETC. CAN BE PLACED IN THE BASKET IN THE CHURCH HALLWAY. THIS WILL BE THE LAST COLLECTION BEFORE CHRISTMAS. THANK YOU, MARTIN 086 159 1188

LOST PROPERTY THERE ARE A NUMBER OF UNCLAIMED ITEMS IN LOST PROPERTY - GLASSES, UMBRELLAS, ETC. AN ITEM WHICH MAY BE OF SENTIMENTAL VALUE WAS FOUND IN THE CHURCH AFTER 10AM MASS ON SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER. IF YOU THINK THIS OR THE OTHER ITEMS MAY BE YOURS, PLEASE CONTACT THE SACRISTY OR PARISH OFFICE.

MOUNT SACKVILLE, 160 YEARS OF CLUNY EDUCATION, WRITTEN BY TEACHER AND HISTORIAN MARY DELANEY, IS A SPECIALLY COMMISSIONED HARDBACK BOOK SELLING FOR €25. GREATLY ENRICHED BY MEMORIES AND PHOTOS, THE BOOK INCLUDES THE NAMES OF EVERY STUDENT WHO GRADUATED FROM 1933 – 2024. THE BOOK IS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM THE SCHOOL DIRECTLY IN PERSON OR BY PHONING 01-8214061 OR VIA CLICK AND COLLECT AT THE FOLLOWING LINK: [HTTPS://WWW.UNIQUESCHOOLAPP.IE/GO/PAY?C=VkoDC](https://www.uniqueschoolapp.ie/go/pay?c=VkoDC) IF YOU REQUIRE POSTAGE (WITH AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE) PLEASE CONTACT ACCOUNTS@MOUNTSACKVILLE.IE TO ARRANGE THIS.

HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED OF WALKING THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO? BREAKTHROUGH CANCER RESEARCH ARE TAKING ON THE FINAL 100KM OF THE 'FRENCH WAY', SARRIA TO SANTIAGO FROM THE 13TH - 20TH OF APRIL 2026 AND WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN THEM. SOME TAKE PART TO HONOUR A LOVED ONE, OTHERS TO FULFILL A BUCKET-LIST DREAM, AND MANY SIMPLY WISH TO SHARE A MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE WITH A FRIEND OR PARTNER - ALL WHILE HELPING TO RAISE VITAL, LIFE-SAVING FUNDS FOR CANCER RESEARCH. STARTING IN THE CHARMING TOWN OF SARRIA, EXPERIENCE CAMARADERIE AND REFLECTION AS YOU WALK TOWARD SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, CREATING LASTING MEMORIES ON THIS HISTORIC PILGRIMAGE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT EDEL, EDEL@BREAKCANCER.IE OR PHONE 021 422 66 55 FOR MORE DETAILS.

CHURCH NOTICE BOARD, BOOKSHELF OR TABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY MATERIAL (NOTICES/LEAFLETS/BOOKS/PUBLICATIONS, ETC.) ON THE TABLE, BOOKSHELF OR ON THE CHURCH NOTICE BOARD WITHOUT CHECKING WITH FR DAMIAN OR THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU.

HUGG WALK: NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK, DODDER CANAL, CHARLEMONT LUAS STOP TO MILLTOWN, DUBLIN. THURSDAY, 1ST JANUARY, 10.30AM. HUGG, IRELAND'S NATIONAL SUICIDE BEREAVEMENT ORGANISATION, IS DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING ADULTS BEREAVED BY SUICIDE.