

## 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.

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**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.

### CHURCH NOTICE BOARD, BOOKSHELF OR TABLE AT BACK OF 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

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> November**. If you think this or the other items 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.

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026**

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD:** "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!" insisted St. Jerome. Pope Francis inaugurated this Sunday "given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people". Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world. Why not use your smartphone to help you prayerfully read a piece of scripture every day? Two free apps I use are: the "**Sacred Space**" app [from the Irish Jesuits which uses the exercises of St Ignatius so as to meditate on the Gospel of the day] and the simple "**Taizé Readings**" app [which provides a daily line from scripture and accompanying prayer]. You can find them in the Apple or Google play stores. *Fr Damian*

**AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE** of prayer and music in Irish to mark the end of the week of prayer for Christian Unity will take place in Trinity College Chapel, Dublin, at 3.00pm this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January, hosted by the TCD Ecumenical chaplaincy. The theme, provided this year by the churches of Armenia: "One Body, One Spirit" (Ephesians 4:4) At last Sunday's Inaugural Service in Palmerstown, Bishop Hovakim of the Armenian Apostolic Church said: "Saint Paul reminds us we are called to one hope. Our unity is not only behind us - it is before us. We walk toward resurrection, eternal life, and the Kingdom of God. There will not be an Armenian heaven, an Anglican heaven, or a Catholic heaven. There is one table, one Lamb, one Kingdom. So why divide on earth what God has united in heaven?"

**ETERNAL REST:** Please pray for the souls of our parishioners Nuala Staines whose funeral took place in our church last Thursday, and Kathy Maguire, whose funeral takes place this Monday. May the Lord grant them eternal rest, and may the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all those who mourn.

**PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP:** our weekly family Meditation continues in our Church next Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January from 2.35pm till 3pm. We look forward to welcoming you then.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January from 10:30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD:** The rota for Ministers of the Word to the end of February is on the Parish website. Copies are available in the Sacristy. There is also a free copy of the St Paul's Missal for all the Sundays and feasts of 2026 available for all our Ministers of the Word and choir leaders.

**ROSARY TIMES - OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH:** After daily Mass Monday to Saturday. A box in which you can place your written intentions to be lifted up during the Rosary is at the back of the Church. Rosary for children continues next Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 4.30pm.

**DIVINE MERCY MEETINGS:** on Tuesdays at 6.30pm in our Parish Centre. All are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS DUES:** Sincere thanks to all who have returned their Christmas Dues. All these contributions, as do Easter and Summer Dues, go directly to the Central Diocesan Common Fund administered by the Diocesan Finance Secretariat out of which your priests are paid their monthly stipend, and the sick and retired priests of our Diocese are cared for.

**PARISH SHOP:** Open this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January after our 10am and 12 noon Masses.

**THEWAY.IE:** is a new digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops' Conference dedicated to sharing the Good News and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is intended to help people discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers. [www.theway.ie](http://www.theway.ie).

**LAUDATE 2026** Laudate celebrates in sacred song our primary school pupils and all who are part of our Catholic Schools. All are invited to the Laudate Festival Celebrations to join in song and reflection this Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the Church of Our Lady of Victories on the Ballymun Road and this Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the Church of St Therese in Mount Merrion.

**PORTRISTOWN, LAUREL LODGE & CASTLEKNOCK PARISHES PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES,** Departing on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 10.45am for 4 nights staying in the 4\* Hotel Padoue. €725 pp sharing. €905 single rooms (limited). Spiritual Director, Fr. Paul. If you are interested, please leave your name and contact no. in the Sacristy of St Mochta's, Porterstown, after any Mass, see Fr. Paul or email; - [secretary@stmochtasparish.ie](mailto:secretary@stmochtasparish.ie). A deposit of €200 will secure your place.

Places are limited and are filling up fast.

**FUNDRAISING PUB QUIZ FOR KILTEGAN FATHERS, SOUTH SUDAN IN KAVANAGHS** Due to unforeseen circumstances, it has been necessary to defer the Table Quiz due to take place in Kavanaghs pub, Laurel Lodge, in aid of the Kiltegan Fathers from Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> Jan to **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb.** Apologies for any inconvenience caused. Contact Fran Leahy 0879473333.

**Reminder. Please visit: - [theway.ie](http://theway.ie)**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL PROJECT "Update"** on what's happening! Our biodiversity-rich planted areas are taking a break. The plants in the cement planters and flower beds are now dormant. The pollinator-friendly perennials have been pruned back and are resting before there'll be an explosion of colour again for late Spring and Summer. Soon however the pollinator bulbs will begin to display their vibrant colours. The crocuses will be the first to flower followed by narcissi, tulips, daffodils, muscari and allium. Before Christmas, over 2,000 pollinator bulbs were planted by the 6th classes and a 4th class from St Brigid's School. It was a privilege to experience their excitement as they planted. They will watch them grow and look after them! The bulbs donated by Farmer Gracy were planted in poor weather conditions last Saturday. I'm very grateful to Aileen, Cathy, Martin, Francis and Desmond who engaged enthusiastically sorting, digging and cleaning the ground area in preparation for the planting, and to John who planted about 50 bulbs. We were rained off from planting! In a couple of months the impact of our work will be visible in multicoloured beautiful blooms. The challenge now is to discourage children from playing in these planted areas. The rustic-fenced conservation area is preserving places for wildlife to thrive. Shrubs that were trampled on have sprouted back up and birds have nested undisturbed. It would be very helpful for our Parish Cry of Earth project if we all supported this conservation growing area and avoid trampling on bulbs now peeping above the ground! Allow them to grow and pollinate. A suggestion - read *The Cry of the Earth - The Cry of the Poor* by our Archbishop, Dr. Dermot Farrell. If you have an interest in supporting our project and can offer advice on planting and maintenance, please contact Mags Condon - 086 839 2518

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** - Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock - Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April. A bus will be going from our parish partnership of Castleknock, Laurel Lodge and Porterstown. Further details soon.

**HEALING MASS - ST PATRICK'S, CORDUFF** - A healing mass led by Fr. Brendan Walsh and Eileen King will be held in St. Patrick's Church, Corduff next Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm. There will be adoration, and confession from 7pm. All are welcome.

**GIVE BLOOD - SUPPORT YOUR UPCOMING LOCAL BLOOD DRIVE!** Community Centre, Mountview, Clonsilla/Blanchardstown, this Sunday 25th January 12.00pm to 3.30pm Check your eligibility at [www.giveblood.ie](http://www.giveblood.ie) or call us on 1800 731 137

**QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD AND JESUS ? ABOUT THE SYNODAL REFORM OF THE CHURCH?** Why not consider studying some theology? Join us online at 6pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February for an information session, and to hear from some of our students. See our website to register <https://www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute/> or email [loyola@tcd.ie](mailto:loyola@tcd.ie)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AVISTA!** Are you looking to make a difference in 2026? Avista (formerly the Daughters of Charity) provide supports for individuals with intellectual disabilities in your area and we **urgently** need volunteers to enhance our work. If interested contact **Liz Farrell**, Volunteer Partner Lead, on 087 3792009 or email [liz.farrell@avistacg.ie](mailto:liz.farrell@avistacg.ie) for an informal chat.

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