

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

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

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.

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 30th November**. Also, a sum of money was found recently. 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.

ST BRIGID – SECONDARY PATRON OF IRELAND 1ST FEBRUARY 2026

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST BRIGID

I should like a great lake of finest beer
For the King of kings.
I should like a table of the choicest food
For the family of heaven.
Let the beer be made from the fruits of faith,
And the food be forgiving love.

I should welcome the poor to my feast,
For they are God's children.
I should welcome the sick to my feast,
For they are God's joy.
Let the poor sit with Jesus at the highest place,
And the sick dance with the angels.

God bless the poor,
God bless the sick,
And bless our human race.
God bless our food,
God bless our drink,
All homes, O God, embrace.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE – THIS TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

Blessing of throats after our 7.30pm Mass.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP

Starting next Thursday 5th February, in St Thomas the Apostle day chapel from 10.30am to 11.10am. World Community for Christian Meditation was founded by Benedictine monk John Main (1926-1982). A teaching of ancient tradition of prayer, rooted in the Gospels. Meditation is a way of pure prayer, marked by silence, stillness and Simplicity.

'JESUS AND THE JEWISH ROOTS OF HOLY WEEK'

IS A SERIES OF FOUR SHORT LENTEN VIDEO TALKS by Dr Brant Pitre in which he connects the events of Holy Week with the Old Testament persons and events that prefigure and foreshadow them. It starts Monday 16th February (two days before Ash Wednesday), 7.30pm, St Mochta's Parish Centre, Porterstown, D15 Y580 for four Monday nights. Admission is free. To reserve a place, phone or text Aengus on 087 216 1199 or Marian on 087 295 8363.

ETERNAL REST: Please pray for the souls of our parishioners Kathy Maguire whose funeral took place last Monday, and James Toland, whose removal takes place on Tuesday 3rd at 6pm, and funeral Mass on Wednesday 4th February at 11am. May the Lord grant them eternal rest, and may the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all those who mourn.

FIRST SATURDAY: Fatima Devotions, 7th February in Our Lady Mother of the Church Castleknock. Our Lady's promise of peace depends upon the practice of this devotion by which we make reparation to her Immaculate Heart. Commencing at 9.15am with intentions, prayers and the rosary. Mass at 10am. For more information contact Paul 087 792 8218 or Aileen 086 830 6463. A short preparation meeting for the upcoming First Saturday will be held next Tuesday 3rd February in Our Lady's Parish Centre at 8:15pm.

PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP: Our weekly family Meditation continues in our Church next Wednesday 4th February 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 4th February from 10:30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock.

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 7th February at 4.30pm.

BAPTISMS in January: Please keep Oliver, Luke and Barra and their families in your prayers.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: Next Friday 6th February in our church, from 10.30am to 5pm. All are welcome. We also have our usual weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour on Thursdays, 8 to 9pm.

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

TAIZÉ PRAYER – 13TH FEBRUARY

Our next meditative Taizé prayer will take place in our church at 7pm on Friday 13th February. All are welcome, with an extra warm welcome for the young and the young at heart.

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.

BEREAVEMENT: 'Saint Francis Grief Café' aims to create a safe place for people who have been bereaved to come and chat over a cup of tea/coffee with others who are also grieving. The Grief Café will run next Friday 6th February, 10am - 11.30am in St Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown. Please contact bereavement@sfh.ie or 01 832 7535 if you have any query or would like to attend.

PORTERSTOWN, LAUREL LODGE & CASTLEKNOCK PARISHES

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Departing Monday 24th August for 4 nights staying in the 4* Hotel Padoue. €725 pp sharing / €905 single rooms (limited). Spiritual Director, Fr. Paul. If you are interested in travelling with us, please contact June - secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie. A deposit of €200 will secure your place. **There are only a few places available.** Please see the poster on the church noticeboard or www.stmochtasparrish.ie.

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

FUNDRAISING QUIZ FOR KILTEGAN FATHERS, SOUTH SUDAN

KAVANAGHS PUB – MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 8PM (RESCHEDULED DATE)

in aid of the schools run by St Patrick's Missionary Society (Kiltegan Fathers) in Riwoto, South Sudan. Table of 4 - €40. Contact Fran Leahy 087 947 3333 for further details.

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.

VOCATIONS: Please keep our seminarians and those discerning a vocation to priesthood in your prayers. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about becoming a priest, please contact the Vocations team, Fr Séamus or Fr Bill, vocations@dublindiocese.ie or bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.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! We were all wet and mucky after almost four hours working in not ideal conditions.

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

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 10th 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

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. We have volunteering opportunities in a wide range of locations throughout your parish such as providing companionship to individuals or assisting in group activity sessions. **No experience necessary** and ongoing support will be provided. We have options for people to volunteer their time for as little as two hours per month. If you are interested in finding out more, contact **Liz Farrell**, Volunteer Partner Lead, on 087 3792009 or email liz.farrell@avistaclg.ie for an informal chat.

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