

## 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

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES IN OUR PARISH PARTNERSHIP:** - St Mochta's, Porterstown - Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 11am. St Thomas the Apostle, Laurel Lodge - Saturday Vigil 6.30pm; Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am.

For those seeking an evening Sunday Mass, St Philip the Apostle, Mountview have one at 6pm.

### 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

Fr. Denis O'Connor CSsR -Phone: 01-8214003

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.

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

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# OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

**FASTING:** "We have the days of Lent devoted to fasting... And the Christian is free to fast at any time, not out of superstition but in voluntary detachment... How could anyone in fact study the Holy Scriptures, or devote oneself to knowledge and wisdom, if they were not master of their own mouth and their own belly? But there is another reason, also spiritual, that some apostles have praised in their letters... Blessed are they that fast for the sake of feeding the poor." *Origen, 3<sup>rd</sup> Century Alexandria.*

**TRÓCAIRE'S LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2026 :** "The generosity of people through prayer and financial contributions in the well-known 'Trócaire Box' and other means has helped hundreds of thousands of people over the years and continues to do so. This year our focus is on the people of Rwanda... Rwanda is a country that has experienced a great deal of trauma in recent decades, many have found themselves in the 'wilderness.' Through local partners in Rwanda, TRÓCAIRE supports and encourages communities to open new possibilities for them. Families receive training in sustainable farming, access to fuel-efficient cookstoves, and opportunities, especially for women, to take part in decisions that affect their lives. Last year alone, thanks to the generosity of Irish people, TRÓCAIRE worked with over 40,000 people across Rwanda to help families adapt to the changing climate situation." *Bishop Paul Dempsey* Trócaire Boxes are available at the back of the Church. *Even if not filling one with your loose change this year, take one home as a visual reminder of our Lenten duty to help the poor.*

**DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, 3<sup>RD</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026, LED BY ARCHBISHOP FARRELL.** The Pilgrimage is a fully escorted tour including direct return flight from Dublin to Lourdes, airport transfers and assistance between Lourdes Airport and the hotels, five nights' accommodation, meals, 20kg

check-in luggage plus one small personal item in the cabin and services of Joe Walsh Tours representatives throughout. **Further information** from [info@joewalstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalstours.ie) or phone 01 2410800. Enquiries about travelling as a Sick/Assisted Pilgrim should be made to the Pilgrimage Office, 51 Home Farm Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, D09 W5W4. Deirdre Daly [deirdre.daly@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:deirdre.daly@dublindiocese.ie) 018087555 or John Flaherty [john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie) 01 8087557

**ETERNAL REST:** Please pray for the soul of Geraldine O'Callaghan-Keenan whose funeral took place last Thursday. May the Lord grant her eternal rest, and may the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all those who mourn.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP** Continues next Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February and every Thursday in St Thomas the Apostle Day Chapel, 10.30 to 11.10am. Meditation is a way of simple prayer, marked by silence and stillness.

**TAIZÉ EVENING PRAYER with Brother Jean-Marie** of the Ecumenical Monastic Community, 7.30pm, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Christchurch Cathedral, Dublin D08 TF98. All are welcome, especially the young and young at heart.

*God, in long night when peace drifts far, be the whisper woven through my seeking, wrap me in warmth and at the breaking dawn wake me blessed. Amen. Br Yohan of Taizé*

'**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 continues this Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 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.

**PARISH PARTNERSHIP PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK JOINING THE DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE - SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.** This year's theme is 'Baptised and Sent'. The pilgrimage includes workshops, the Sacrament of the Sick, and our pilgrimage Mass. A bus will be going from our parish partnership of Castleknock, Laurel Lodge and Porterstown, collecting at each parish. There will be stops for refreshments in The Radisson Blu, Athlone, on the way to Knock and on the way back. The price per person is €60, including these refreshments. Please book by emailing [parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie](mailto:parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie) with your name, tel. no., and the number going, or phone 01 640 9601. Please pay by calling in or leaving an envelope marked Knock Pilgrimage into the parish office or sacristy in Castleknock, with your name and tel. no. All age groups are welcome.

**PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP:** Our weekly family Meditation continues in our Church next Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 2.35pm till 3pm. We look forward to welcoming you then.

**ACTIVITIES FOR HOLY WEEK:** We warmly invite children aged approx. 5-13 to take part in this year's Holy Week celebrations, including the enactment of the Way of the Cross. Practices will be held in the church or parish centre every Friday from 6 - 7pm, continuing next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February. All are welcome. For further details, please contact Francis on 087 718 3980.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> February at 4.30pm.

**CHURCH SHOP** - Open this Sunday morning after both Masses. Come in and browse our new stock!

**SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL** monthly collection takes place after all Masses this weekend, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

**HEALING MASS, ST PATRICK'S CHURCH CORDUFF** - next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm. The celebrant is Fr Peter Muldowney. All welcome.

**CASTLEKNOCK TIDY TOWNS AGM - FRIDAY 13TH MARCH, 7PM** Our Lady's Parish Centre, Beechpark Lawn, Castleknock, D15 K378. AGM at 7pm, talk on bees and bumblebees in Castleknock. Followed by coffee/tea/cake/wine & chat. Everyone is welcome!

**CROÍ MHÁIRE FOODBANK** The Foodbank will be collecting non-perishable food items over the next two weekends - 28<sup>th</sup> Feb/1<sup>st</sup> March, and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March. Food items may be left in the basket in the church porch. Thank you, Martin 086 159 1188

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**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).

**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](mailto:vocations@dublindiocese.ie) or [bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie).

**SONGS AND POEMS OF PERCY FRENCH - CONCERT IN AID OF CASA, Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 8pm** Draíocht Theatre, Blanchardstown. Music - the Percy French Troubadours and Guests.

**ESCORTED TOUR TO WESTPORT, KNOCK & CO MAYO, 8TH MARCH, €699.00 PPS** Price includes return train, 5 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick. Single supplement on enquiry. Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890 236 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

**TOTUS TUUS 2026 FATIMA PILGRIMAGE - 28TH AUGUST TO 4TH SEPTEMBER - €915** Learn about the Fatima Message, the Rosary, the First Saturdays, the lives of the three visionaries, and visit the tomb and home of Blessed Alexandrina Da Costa, who lived solely on the Eucharist for 13 years. €915 includes flights, half board accommodation, airport transfers, day trip to Balasar, trip to Valinhos and Adjustrel, trip to the Irish Dominican Sisters' Convent. Fly from Dublin or Cork Airports. Limited places available. For more information call 087 20 49 048.