

## CHURCH SERVICES

### THE EUCHARIST

<b>Sunday:</b>	Saturday	6.00pm
	Sunday	10.00am and 12.00 noon
<b>Weekdays:</b>	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

**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 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**. 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.

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT  
8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

**THE WOMAN AT THE WELL:** The Samaritan woman in today's gospel discovers that being with Jesus draws attention to what we are really looking for, what is our deepest thirsting and desire. Jesus helps us to discover unity at the very depths of our being. It reminds me of a very moving prayer of Brother Roger of Taizé: "Christ, you see who I am. For me, not to hide anything in my heart from you is a necessity. You were a human being, too. And when my inner self seems to be pulled in a thousand different directions, my thirsting heart reaches the point of praying: 'Enable me to live a life rooted in you, Jesus the Christ; unify my desire and my thirst.'"

Being drawn ever deeper in this encounter, the woman leaves down her bucket. It is no longer necessary – somewhat like the disciples leaving down their nets [Mark1:16-20]. And she becomes an evangeliser to her people. She simply tells them how Jesus has come into her life and changed everything: "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done!" He has restored meaning to everything for her. Jesus is the wellspring of life everlasting. And at the end of this Gospel passage, we see people who had been estranged entering into communion with one another by opening themselves to Christ. They all gather at the well, Samaritans asking a Jewish Rabbi and his disciples to stay with them, a most unlikely scenario!

Lord, turn our thoughts and actions towards you. Unify our desire and our thirsting. Help us to trust that you are holding us in the prayer. You are the One in whom all things hold together. You are the well and the well is deep.

*Fr Damian*

**TRÓCAIRE 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) / 01 8087555 or John Flaherty [john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie) / 01 8087557**

**ETERNAL REST:** Please pray for the soul of our parishioner Clement Passmore whose funeral took place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March. May the Lord grant him eternal rest, and may the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all who mourn.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP** continues next Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 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.

'**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 concludes this Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 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.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> March at 4.30pm.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> March 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 13<sup>th</sup> March. All are welcome. For further details, please contact Francis on 087 718 3980.

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION (CGA) ANNUAL OUTING TO GLENDALOUGH/KILMACURRAGH BOTANIC GARDENS, THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.** The visit includes the botanical gardens at Kilmacurragh, the garden town of Glendalough, the ancient site of St Kevin's extraordinary life, Mass at God's Cottage, meal in the White Heather restaurant in the Village of Glendalough. Please indicate your interest by contacting John (086 234 6147) or Donal (087 246 1916). We need to know numbers for booking the bus, site visit and meal reservation. All are welcome.

**EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR WITH MUSIC, PRAYERS, AND REFLECTIONS, FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 7 - 8PM** continues on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month in our Church.

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

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD - ROTA** The rota for Ministers of the Word, covering March to May, is on the parish website. Copies are available in the Sacristy.

**CHURCH SHOP** - Open this Sunday morning after both Masses. Come in and browse our new stock! Card payments are now possible too.

**CASTLEKNOCK TIDY TOWNS AGM - NEXT FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> 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 volunteers wish to thank all those who contributed to last weekend's collection. The Foodbank will be collecting non-perishable food items again this weekend - 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March. Donated items may be left in the basket in the church porch. Thank you for your on-going support and generosity. Martin 086 159 1188

**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).

**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. €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.