

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

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

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

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

Our Parish follows the Safeguarding policies of the Archdiocese of Dublin.

All policies relating to the Safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults are available on the Dublin Diocesan website.

See <http://csps.dublindiocese.ie/policies>



OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

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

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
15TH MARCH 2026

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FR DENIS: Dear people of Our Lady Mother of the Church parish: I'm still in our (Redemptorist) monastery in Dundalk but not for long more. I'm arranging my return date some days before Palm Sunday and Holy Week. I'll be with you to celebrate the great feasts of our redemption and salvation. I'll tell Fr Damian when the return date is finalised. It has been sad for me being away from the parish and you the people. For almost 25 years it has been my home and my life. I pray the good Lord is with us, giving me strength and health into the future. I must thank you with all my heart for all the prayers and messages and support. Deep in my soul I am hearing every day the call of the people to come back again. I give thanks to God in heaven for all the love and affection that came to me every day. I must thank our parish priest Fr Damian in a special way. He has been a loving brother to me concerned about my health and welfare above all. The Lord, the Good Shepherd, is with me and with all of us calling us along the path of life. *Fr Denis*

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... a country that has experienced a great deal of trauma... 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. We are delighted to welcome Deirdre Dixon from Trócaire who will speak to us about the work of Trócaire at our Masses this weekend.*

[Note: Additional notices are included in the longer version of the newsletter on our parish website.]

☘ ☘ ☘ **ST PATRICK'S DAY - TUESDAY 17TH MARCH** ☘ ☘ ☘

Naomh Pádraig, Príomhéalramh na hÉireann, Sollúin

Vigil Mass, 6.30pm - St Brigid's, Blanchardstown.

St Patrick's Day - Tuesday 17th - Mass in our church 'as Gaeilge' at 10am and 'as Béarla' at 12 noon.

LECTIO DIVINA: Prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Wednesday 18th March from 10:30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP: Continues next Thursday 19th 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 23rd March, Christchurch Cathedral, Dublin D08 TF98. This meditative, chanted prayer draws many thousands of young people from all over Europe to stay with the Taizé Community and to seek God's face. All are welcome, especially the young and young at heart.

PARISH PARTNERSHIP PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK JOINING THE DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE - SATURDAY 25TH 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 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.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, 3RD - 8TH 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@joewalshstours.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 / 01 8087555 or John Flaherty john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie / 01 8087557**

PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP: Our weekly family Meditation continues in our Church next Wednesday 18th 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 20th 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 9TH 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, NEXT FRIDAY 20TH MARCH, 7 - 8PM Continues on the 3rd Friday of every month in our Church.

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 21st March at 4.30pm.

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.

HEALING MASS - ST PATRICK'S, CORDUFF, NEXT FRIDAY 20TH MARCH, 7.30PM Adoration from 7pm. Celebrant - Fr Frankie Mulgrew, Salford Parish, England. All are welcome.

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

CROÍ MHÁIRE FOODBANK The Foodbank volunteers wish to thank most sincerely all those who contributed and donated non-perishable food items for the Foodbank over the last two weekends. We had a great response. Your generosity and kindness are much appreciated. We will have another collection in April. 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.

MANRESA JESUIT CENTRE OF SPIRITUALITY, DOLLYMOUNT

8-DAY HOLY WEEK GUIDED RETREAT

There are a few remaining places for the upcoming **8-Day Holy Week Guided Retreat**, taking place from Friday 27th March until Easter Sunday 5th April.

Contact Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality, 01 552 9448

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.

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.