

## 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.

## 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>

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

**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.



# OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

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

**PALM SUNDAY**  
29 March 2026

**HOLY WEEK** As we have listened to the account of the Lord's Passion... We have heard Jesus say: "Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by; nevertheless, let it be as you not I would have it." We have seen him walk towards the cross defenseless and humiliated, with the feelings and the heart of a child clinging to his father's neck, fragile in the flesh, but strong in trusting abandonment, until he fell asleep, in death, in the Father's arms. These are feelings that the liturgy calls us to contemplate and make our own. We all have sorrows, physical or moral, and faith helps us not to give in to despair, not to close ourselves off in bitterness, but to face them, feeling enveloped, like Jesus, by the providential and merciful embrace of the Father. *Adapted from the words of Pope Francis, Palm Sunday 2025*

## THE TRIDUUM

**HOLY THURSDAY - 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL: 5pm Family Mass and 7.30pm Mass of The Lord's Supper**, followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose in the Parish Centre and finishing at 9.20pm with a simple Night Prayer

**GOOD FRIDAY - 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL A Day of Fasting and Abstinence**

**10am** Ecumenical Walk of Witness: starting in Laurel Lodge Church, on to our Church and finishing in St. Brigid's, Church of Ireland. **12 noon:** Stations of the Cross dramatised by Children.

**3.00pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion**, 8.00pm Adult Stations of the Cross.

**HOLY SATURDAY - 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL: 10am** Morning Prayer followed by Confessions until 11.30

9.00pm **Easter Vigil of the Holy Night**

**EASTER SUNDAY - 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL: 10am Mass of the Lord's Resurrection (Family Mass)**

**and 12 noon Mass of the Lord's Resurrection.**

**COME TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 7.30pm** Our Parish Partnership Penitential Service – in **Laurel Lodge Church**, Rite II celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, with several visiting priests.

**WELCOME BACK FR DENIS!** Easter joy has come to us early as we are delighted to welcome back Fr Denis among us again. May the Lord bless him and strengthen him as we are graced by his ministry.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION PRO TERRA SANCTA** for the support of Christians in the Holy Land. The annual Good Friday collection, instituted by Pope Saint Paul VI, is taken up for the support of the Christian Holy Places and Christian people in the Holy Land. This year is truly essential especially due to the ravages of war in the region and the almost complete disruption of pilgrimages and small economic activities that help support Christians and their churches there. Your support directly helps the survival of these holy places, churches and the Holy People of God in places like Jerusalem, Galilee, Nazareth and Bethlehem. They are part of our Christian Heritage dating back directly to the time of Jesus.

**PARISH EASTER CARD WITH SCHEDULE OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ARRANGEMENTS** Our Easter Card is currently being delivered to all households in the parish. Sincere thanks to our team of distributors.

**PARISH PARTNERSHIP PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK JOINING THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE - SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.** The pilgrimage includes workshops, Confession, the Sacrament of the Sick, and our pilgrimage Mass. A bus will be going from the churches in our parish partnership of Castleknock (leaving at 8am), Porterstown (leaving at 8.15am) and Laurel Lodge (leaving at 8.30am) - please arrive 15 mins early. 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 Castleknock parish office or sacristy, with your name and tel. no. All age groups welcome.

**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.

**PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP:** Our weekly family Meditation continues in our Church next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 2.35pm to 3pm

**FIRST SATURDAY FATIMA DEVOTIONS.** The First Saturday in April is Holy Saturday, and hence the Sacred Triduum takes precedence. We can undertake our First Saturday devotions privately. For more information contact Paul 087 792 8218 or Aileen 086 830 6463.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:** Divine Mercy Sunday devotions will be hosted in our Deanery again by our friends in St Philip the Apostle Church in Mountview on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April starting at 2pm. The Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed followed by Mass at 3.30pm. All are very welcome.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 10:30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP:** Meditation will **not** take place on Holy Thursday, but will resume the following Thursday of Easter Week, 9<sup>th</sup> April, in St Thomas the Apostle Day Chapel, 10.30 to 11.10am.

**FREE ONLINE EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT.** The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a free of charge online Easter Triduum retreat - **Journey through the Sacred Music of the Easter Triduum.** Daily reflections given by Dr John O'Keeffe, Director of Sacred Music at St Patrick's University, Maynooth, starting on Holy Thursday. Visit website <https://prioryinstitute.com/> or <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2026-online-easter-retreat-journey-through-the-sacred-music-of-the-easter-triduum> to register/find out more.

**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.

**ETERNAL REST:** Please pray for the souls of our parishioners Mary O'Connor and Mary Doyle whose funerals took place last Thursday and Friday respectively. May the Lord grant them eternal rest, and may the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all who mourn.

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

**CRY OF THE EARTH PARISH ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT** Over the last few weeks you will have seen signs of spring's arrival around you and specifically in the grounds around our parish church. Last autumn, the 6<sup>th</sup> classes from St Brigid's School planted over 2,000 pollinator-friendly bulbs in the sensory garden at the church side edge of Auburn Green - now they are colourfully flourishing! Like last summer the buzzing of many bee types will delight us. I want to express gratitude to a generous donor who left clumps of almost flowering bulbs in locations in our church grounds. We are grateful to the young people in our

community who are taking care of our plants and to their parents who discourage them from playing amongst them, showing respect and care for 'God's Garden'. We are seeking support from parishioners to clear the pampas grass in front of parish centre - it's choking the beautiful mahonia tree rose bushes and other shrubs! The plan is to have a small sensory garden in its place! Hopefully we'll get sponsorship to dig up/rotavate the area and we'll get a donation of topsoil to renew the area for planting. Parishioners may be in a position to access appropriate equipment to move the plans forward. We need more hands-on board too - with longer days-you might consider spending some responding positively to 'The Cry of the Earth' and support all living things. Further information after Easter. Contact Mags Condon 086 839 2518

**URGENT APPEAL FOR SHORT TERM FOSTER CARE** St Mochta's National School, Porterstown, have been asked by Tusla to seek a short-term fostering placement for a child in their school community. There is currently a serious shortage of fostering placements nationwide. When a child is placed in the care of Tulsa, it is now common practice to reach out to parents in their school or their Parish community to consider fostering. If you think you may be able to support this child or know someone who may be in a position to help, please contact Maria Farrell, Principal at St Mochta's NS at [info@stmochtas.ie](mailto:info@stmochtas.ie) This email will be monitored daily over the coming days and weeks even while school is closed. The school has kindly requested that this matter is **not discussed** with the children currently attending St Mochta's National School. This sensitive case will be dealt with discretely and in the strictest of confidence. We would be truly grateful for any help you could give us to urgently support this young person.