

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

.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

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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.

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.

EASTER SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2026

FROM THE EASTER HOMILY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (d.407)

'Is there anyone here who is a devout lover of God? Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival... Let no one go away hungry; partake, all, of the cup of faith. Enjoy all the riches of His goodness! Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the death of our Saviour has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He destroyed Hades when he descended into it. Christ is risen, and you, O death, are annihilated! Christ is risen, and the evil ones are cast down! Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is risen, and life is liberated! Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen!'

"I THANK MY GOD WHENEVER I THINK OF YOU!" [*Philippians 1:3*] Often our need to express our thanks goes way beyond what can be put into words and this Easter, I feel that deeply. We owe an immense debt of gratitude to all who made this year's Holy Week, Triduum and Easter Celebrations so full and beautiful: to those who distributed Easter Cards, those who made everything necessary ready for each celebration, those who put huge effort and attention to detail into the background preparations in the sacristy, the parish office and in the church building, our Ministers of the Word and of Holy Communion, our Baptism Team, Collectors, our wonderful Folk Group, Family Mass Group and Parish Choir, those who animated our Children's Stations drama and Last Supper, those who prepared and led prayers at the Altar of Repose, tomb builders, willing volunteers and of course our own Fr Denis, Fr Francis Oladiipo and Deacon Arkadiusz Lenkiewicz. Special thanks to Olive in the sacristy. Thank you for giving glory to God and for helping us all to benefit from the life-giving grace that flows to us in and through the Liturgy. May the peace breathed by the Risen Christ upon the disciples in the Upper Room anchor you and fill you with joy. *Fr Damian*

PARISH PARTNERSHIP PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK JOINING THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE - SATURDAY 25TH APRIL. LAST FEW PLACES REMAINING! The pilgrimage includes workshops, Confession, Pilgrimage Mass including Sacrament of the Sick - Chief Celebrant - **Archbishop Dermot Farrell**. 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 mailing 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 - THIS 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, and meal in Byrne & Woods restaurant, Roundwood. 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 ages are welcome.

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

THE POPE'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION Pope Leo XIV has urged Catholics across the globe to join him in April in praying for priests in crisis. In his prayer, the Pope entrusted all priests into the Father's hands, especially those going through moments of crisis, "when loneliness weighs heavily, when doubt clouds their hearts, and when exhaustion seems stronger than hope". Archbishop Farrell prayed this prayer at the end of last Thursday's Christ Mass.

PPC 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 6th 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. Our sincere 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 time responding positively to 'The Cry of the Earth' and support all living things. For further information, contact Mags Condon 086 839 2518

THE JOY OF HOPE - STARTING WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL 'The Joy of Hope' is a four-part video course filmed on the Greek Island of Patmos where St John wrote the Book of Revelation. It begins on Wednesday 15th April at 7.30 pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock. Admission is free; to reserve a place text / phone Marian 087 295 8363 or Aengus 087 216 1199.

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 wider 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 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 confidence. We would be truly grateful for any help you could give us to urgently support this young person.

ETERNAL REST: Please pray for the soul of our parishioner Carmel Lucey whose funeral takes place next Tuesday at 11am. Pray too for Brendan Crosby from Farmleigh who went to the Lord on Good Friday. May the Lord grant them eternal rest, and may the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all who mourn.

PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP: Our weekly family Meditation continues in our Church next Wednesday 8th April from 2.35pm to 3pm.

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

LECTIO DIVINA: Prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Wednesday 8th April from 10:30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP: Meditation resumes this Thursday of Easter Week, 9th April, in St Thomas the Apostle Day Chapel, 10.30 to 11.10am.