

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

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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.

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.

**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
19TH APRIL 2026**

THE JOY OF HOPE - CONTINUING NEXT WEDNESDAY 22ND 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 continues on Wednesday 22nd April at 7.30 pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock. Admission is free; for further information., please text /phone Marian 087 295 8363 or Aengus 087 216 1199.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - VOCATIONS SUNDAY - 26TH APRIL

"Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy." - Pope Leo XIV, Message for the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2026

In his message for this year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that vocation is an "interior discovery" of God's gift, planted deep within our hearts and nurtured through prayer, listening, and trust. He encourages all of us to create a spirit of faith, prayer, and support, so that God's call may be heard and generously embraced.

We give thanks that, in the Archdiocese of Dublin, there are currently three seminarians, along with others discerning a call to the priesthood this year. Their generous 'yes' is a powerful sign of hope for our Church and our communities. Let us keep them in our prayers, and also remember all those considering a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, lay ministry, or family life. May they find the courage to pause, listen, and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd. May this Good Shepherd Sunday be a moment of encouragement and support, where vocations are welcomed, nurtured, and allowed to flourish among us.

PARISH PARTNERSHIP PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK JOINING THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE - NEXT 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, phone no., and the number of people travelling, 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 phone no. All age groups welcome. The pilgrimage will provide an opportunity for us all to gather together as a diocese to share our faith and to inspire each other in our mission to make Christ present to the people of our times.

2026 NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT – PREPARATION EVENING IN OUR CHURCH – MONDAY 27TH APRIL

You are warmly invited to join once again with every parish in the diocese in a **Novena to the Holy Spirit** – our dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Novena will take place in the nine days from 17th – 25th May beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

On Monday 27th April, in preparation for the Novena, you are invited to gather in our church for prayer drawn from the Novena Prayer Booklet 2026 with music led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group.

- **Event: Come Holy Spirit, Fill Our Hearts Anew! Prayer and reflections drawn from the Novena Prayer Booklet. Music led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group**
- **Date: Monday 27th April 2026**
- **Time: 8pm**
- **Venue: Church of Our Lady Mother of the Church, Beechpark Lawn, Castleknock, Dublin 15, D15 X277**

LAY MINISTRY APPEAL

The Lay Ministry Appeal will be held on the weekend of May 2nd and 3rd. **This year's theme is *Building faith-filled communities*.**

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 Holy Thursday's Chrism Mass.

ETERNAL REST: Please pray for the souls of our parishioners Charles (Charlie) Claffey and Michael Daly whose funerals took place on Monday and Tuesday respectively. Please also pray for the soul of Jacqueline Churchwad, whose funeral takes place on Monday. May the Lord grant them eternal rest, and may the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all who mourn.

LECTIO DIVINA: Prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday. Wednesday 22nd April from 10:30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP: Meditation continues this Thursday 23rd April in St Thomas the Apostle Day Chapel, 10.30 to 11.10am.

PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP: Our weekly family Meditation continues in our Church next Wednesday 22nd April from 2.35pm to 3pm.

STOP THE PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS DUBLIN 15 GROUP Two information meetings about the persecution of Christians will be held next Sunday 26th April after the 10am and 12 noon Masses in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock. All are welcome. Literature will be available and there will be a short address by a guest speaker.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION - PRO TERRA SANCTA

The Irish Lieutenancy of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre (E.O.H.S.) wishes to thank the Parishioners of Castleknock for their very generous support for the Good Friday Collection for Holyland Christians which amounted to €3,240. The Lieutenancy would also like to thank Fr. Damian McNiece for facilitating and publicising the collection.

CHURCH SHOP – Open after 10am Mass on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and on Sunday morning after both Masses. Come in and browse our new stock! Card payments are now possible too.

THE WAY

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. Visit www.theway.ie

SENSORY MASS INVITATION

St Mary's Parish, Maynooth, warmly invites you to our Sensory Mass on Saturday, 25th April, at 5.30pm. This Mass is designed to be inclusive and welcoming for young people and families who may benefit from a quieter and more relaxed worship environment. The short Mass will have gentle lighting and sound, calm atmosphere, space to move around if needed and sensory items to aid regulation. Please join us and invite anyone who might have sensory needs or simply wishes to attend a short and peaceful Mass. Join us in the pastoral centre afterwards for refreshments. Eircode: W23 N663

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.

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