

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.

**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
26TH APRIL 2026**

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

You are warmly invited to join with every parish in our 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. This 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.

This Monday 27th April, in preparation for the Novena, you are invited to gather in our church for the launch of this Novena Prayer Booklet 2026 with prayer and music led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group and Fr Pat O'Donoghue.

**Come Holy Spirit, Fill Our Hearts Anew! Monday 27th April 2026, 8pm
Church of Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock, Dublin D15 X277**

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.* Pope Leo 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 us. 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.

LAY MINISTRY APPEAL The Appeal and special SHARE collection in support of the ongoing development of Lay Ministry building faith-filled communities in our Diocese will be held next weekend, 2nd / 3rd May.

THE JOY OF HOPE - 'The Joy of Hope' is a video course filmed on the Greek Island of Patmos where St John wrote the Book of Revelation. It continues this Wednesday 29th April at 7.30 pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock. Admission free; for further information, please text or phone Marian 087 295 8363 or Aengus 087 216 1199.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - Next Friday 1st May in our church, from 10.30am to 5pm. All are welcome. There is also our usual weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour on Thursday 8 to 9pm.

BEREAVEMENT 'Saint Francis Grief Café' aims to create a safe place for people who have been bereaved to come and chat over a cup of tea/coffee with others who are also grieving. The Grief Café will run next Friday 1st May, 10am - 11.30am in St Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown. Please contact bereavement@sfh.ie or 01 832 7535 if you have any query or would like to attend.

ETERNAL REST - Please pray for the souls of Jacqueline Churchward and Jim Orange, whose funerals took place on Monday and Thursday respectively and for Maurer Holbanel, whose funeral takes place this Monday 27th April. May the Lord grant them eternal rest, and may the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all who mourn.

ST. MOCHTA'S CHURCH REPAIRS: Over the past 18 months, approximately €48,000 has been spent on repairs to this mother church of our Partnership. Unfortunately, further significant urgent preservation works are still required this year to the cast iron guttering and roof with the total costs estimated at in excess of €75,000. St Mochta's Parish Finance Committee have been very diligent in fundraising and seeking grant aid through the Built Heritage Scheme and from Fingal County Council, but are still facing a shortfall of around €20,000 to this bill. If anyone is in a position to make a donation towards these repairs, please contact Fr Damian directly or June Phelan, St Mochta's parish secretary on 01-8213218 email: secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie

STOP THE PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS DUBLIN 15 GROUP - Two information meetings about the persecution of Christians will be held **this 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.

HEALING MASS - FRIDAY 1ST MAY, ST PATRICK'S CHURCH CORDUFF AT 7.30PM. Celebrant is Fr Eamon Monson, a Pallottine priest from Hastings in England. Adoration at 7pm.

LECTIO DIVINA - Prayer and contemplation of the Gospel. Wednesday 29th April from 10:30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre.

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

FIRST SATURDAY FATIMA DEVOTIONS - NEXT SATURDAY 2ND MAY in our parish church. By our prayer and devotion, and making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, may we make the whole world more open to God's gift of peace. We commence at 9.15am with intentions, prayers and the rosary. Mass at 10am. You are invited to a cup of tea afterwards in the parish centre.

SCOIL MHUIRE, MOUNT SACKVILLE - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Congratulations to the girls from Scoil Mhuire who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. May blessings galore flow from this day for them and their families. Let's keep them and those currently preparing for their First Communion and Confirmation in the communion of prayer.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTA - ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH, LAUREL LODGE. Gather and pray during the month of May to honour Our Lady, to pray for world peace and for your own personal intentions. **4pm daily** in front of the statue of Our Lady in the church car park. All welcome!

THE POPE'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION - Pope Leo XIV has urged us to join him in April in praying for priests in crisis. In his prayer, the Pope entrusted all priests into God 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".

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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP continues Thursday 30th April in St Thomas the Apostle Day Chapel, 10.30 to 11.10am.

PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP - Family Meditation in our Church this Wednesday 29th April from 2.35pm to 3pm.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL monthly collection takes place after all Masses this weekend, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th April.

FR SVET, ST BRIGID'S, BLANCHARDSTOWN, TUES 28TH APRIL

Fr Svet, a priest from early days in **Medjugorje**, is visiting St Brigid's Church, Blanchardstown, this Tuesday, 28th April. Rosary will be said at 8pm followed by Adoration until 9pm, then Mass will be celebrated by Fr Svet, followed by hospitality. All are welcome.

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. 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 these 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

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC, Ongar Community Centre, Ongar. This Monday 27th April, 5pm to 8.30pm. Support your local blood drive. Giving blood saves many lives.

THE WAY - a digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops' Conference dedicated to sharing the Good News and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. Discover the faith, live faith and pass on the faith, for both seekers and followers. Visit 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.