

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

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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.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD 17TH MAY 2026

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – “By the Ascension, the Body of Christ, woven of our flesh and of all earthly flesh, entered the realms of the Trinity.” *Olivier Clément*

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT - You are warmly invited to pray our Diocesan **Novena to the Holy Spirit – for the intention of renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin.** The nine-day prayer runs from this Sunday, the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and finishing on the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, patron of our Parish Church. Keep this prayer (below) with you, maybe in your purse or wallet or stuck to the fridge door and take a moment to make of yourself a place of deep welcome for the Holy Spirit, like Mary our Mother.

OUR NOVENA PRAYER:

Mary, Mother of the Church, stand with us at this Spirit-filled time.

Grace us with your faithful presence as we pray, reflect and plan.

Mary, our Mother, wrap your mantle of gentleness and courage around us. Inspire us to say ‘yes’ to your Son, as we breathe in the Spirit of Truth and Love, to renew our communities of faith around Jesus.

Holy Mary, you stood at the foot of the Cross, broken-hearted. You witnessed the joy of the resurrection and the wonder of Pentecost. You walked great distances in your time. Be with us now on our Synodal Journey, *Building Hope.*

Beloved Mother, open our hearts generously to our baptismal calling. Encourage us into ever deepening communion with your Son, with each other, with those most in need, and with all of God’s creation.

A Mhuire Mháthair, hold us close to you as we embrace God’s loving invitation to wholeness, healing and peace. Amen

SALVE REGINA: AN AFTERNOON OF HYMNS AND READINGS TO OUR LADY, THIS SUNDAY 17TH MAY, 3PM

Church of the Holy Family, Aughrim Street, Dublin 7, is hosting this celebration in honour of Our Lady with voices coming together in prayer and song. All are welcome.

CONCERT TO HELP SEND SICK PILGRIMS TO LOURDES WITH THE DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

St. Anne's Church Portmarnock, this Sunday **17th May, 5pm**. The 3rd Day Chorale, The Portmarnock. Singers, Capella, the KilleStars. Horn Concerto by Cormac Ó hAodáin, Peter Mullin and Mairín Doherty-Hayden. Admission free. Retiring Collection at the door. Your support will be much appreciated.

JESUS AND THE JEWISH ROOTS OF THE EUCHARIST is a series of three short video-talks by Dr Brant Pitre in which he explains why the Church accepted the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist from the very beginning. Continuing this Monday 18th May at 7:30pm in St Mochtas Parish Pastoral Centre. Admission is free and all are welcome.

TEEN HOPE is a parish-based faith outreach to young teenagers. It is a space where they can build friendships, and encounter an experience of welcome, belonging and discipleship. Adult volunteers willing to train as leaders are essential for the programme to expand in this area. Training programme for leaders commences this week in three locations - Whitehall Tues 19th May; Maynooth Wed 20th May, Arklow Thur 21st May. See poster on parish noticeboard or email natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie

ST BRIGID'S - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Congratulations to the boys and girls from St Brigid's NS who received their First Holy Communion these past two weekends. May blessings galore flow for them and their families. Let's keep them and those currently preparing for their First Communion and Confirmation in the communion of our prayer.

LECTIO DIVINA - Prayer and contemplation of the Gospel. Wednesday 20th May from 10:30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre.

PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP - Family Meditation in our Church this Wednesday 20th May from 2.35pm to 3pm.

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.

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 are welcome!

BLANCHARDSTOWN FESTIVAL OF BRASS will take place on Sunday 24th May 2026 in the grounds of Scoil Bhride NS, Blanchardstown Village and will be a celebration of 200 years of Blanchardstown Brass Band.

Two stages, 12 Bands & approximately 400 musicians in an afternoon of music & fun from 12 noon to 6pm. Each Band will perform individually and the highlight will be a Massed Band performance by 400 musicians in the presence of the Mayor of Fingal & invited guests at 3pm.

Blanchardstown Tidy Towns group will run several family friendly activities including Face Painting, Fun Photo Gallery, Children Seed Sowing, Guess the weight of the Tuba, Fun Games & much more. This free event is suitable for all the family and will feature some of the best Brass & Concert Bands in the country and special guests Band Pres Porthaethwy from Menai Bridge in Wales.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP continues Thursday 21st May in St Thomas the Apostle Day Chapel, 10.30 to 11.10am.

MULHUDDART CEMETERY - MASS AND BLESSING OF THE GRAVES - SUNDAY 14TH JUNE, 3PM

41ST ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY - SATURDAY 6TH JUNE, KNOCK SHRINE - to pray for a renewal of faith in Ireland, and for peace in the world. The day will include talks, Mass, anointing of the sick, a healing service.

See allirelandrosaryrally.com for more details, the schedule, and a list of bus options.

CASTLEKNOCK LIONS CLUB, TABLE QUIZ, next Friday 22nd May, 8pm, Castleknock Tennis Club. In aid of St Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown. €60 for table of 4. Contact Brian 086 608 9629 for tickets.

CASTLEKNOCK TIDY TOWNS FUND-RAISING COFFEE MORNING next Saturday 23rd May in Church of Ireland Parish Centre, Castleknock Rd., 10am - 12.30pm. We hope to see you again this year for a cuppa, cake and a chat while enjoying D15 traditional music.

CASTLEKNOCK COLLEGE KENYA FUNDRAISER: On behalf of the 12 boys participating in our Kenya Immersion Program from St Vincent's Castleknock College, we wish to sincerely thank all who generously contributed to the €4,759.00 raised after Masses last Sunday. We are delighted by the incredible spirit of generosity shown within our community. These funds will go directly to benefit the school they will be visiting in Matis, Kenya. We are deeply grateful for your continued support and kindness.

NATASHA: A TRUE STORY OF DISABILITY, CARING AND POLITICS, all proceeds towards a sensory garden for adults / children with a disability and autism in Avista St Vincent's. See parish notice boards for details.

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

IGNITE IRELAND DAY CONFERENCE, Saturday 23rd May, Convention Centre, Dublin Guest speaker Scott Hahn - a well-known writer and broadcaster, and a much sought-after speaker. For information and to book your ticket, go to: www.dominicans.ie

PPC CRY OF THE EARTH PARISH ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT. 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/rotovate 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

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.

ANAM CARA - the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 20th May 2026 at 7.30pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie