

## CHURCH SERVICES

### THE EUCHARIST: NEW MASS SCHEDULE FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2026

**Sunday** 10am and 12 noon.

No 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday for July and August 2026

**Weekdays:** Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10am

Tuesday, Thursday 7.30pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** After 10am on Saturdays and on request.

**Baptism:** Normally on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 1pm.

Enquiries to the parish office.

**Marriage:** By arrangement with one of the Priests

#### SUNDAY MASS TIMES IN OUR PARISH PARTNERSHIP:

**St Mochta's, Porterstown** - Sunday 11am (no 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday for July and August)

**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

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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](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.

28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026

13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**MÍLE BUÍOCHAS** It is nigh impossible to put into words my thankfulness for the truly beautiful and full celebration we had at the 10am Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr Denis O'Connor's 25 years of ministry among us last Sunday. "It was an emotional day for all those so close to Denis," Bishop Paul Dempsey said, as we prayed a fond farewell to our dear friend. There was gratitude before the Lord (my God, how great Thou art!) and an outpouring of goodwill for Fr Denis as we appreciated his service of the mystery of God among us and wished him well in the new chapter of his life. There were memories of multitudinous cups of tea, visits to the sick and to our schools, kindness from neighbours; reflections on growing old(er) graciously and the wonder of praying the Eucharist in our lovely church. We were honoured by the presence of Bishop Dempsey, Fr Denis' Redemptorist confreres, Deacons Noel and Arcadiusz, members of Fr Denis' family, visitors from his previous parish of Jobstown, guards of honour and posters from the schoolchildren and a church packed with parishioners - all paying tribute to the man from Bótharbue. Fr Denis' fine homily came straight from the heart. The flowers were magnificent, the church perfectly prepared as ever. The liturgical music was led by our Family Mass Group, augmented by members of our Folk Group and Parish Choir. Everyone sang and our children signed prayerfully. Our Ministers and server graced the worship. There was a deeply moving spontaneous round of applause from the huge crowd as he made his way over to the Parish centre. The space was bedecked with red and white balloons and our After Mass Cuppa team and friends offered tremendous hospitality which continued till well after 1.30pm. There, we presented Fr Denis with an icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and a new ipad so as to stay in touch with us. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed with such graciousness to this parish celebration. May the Lord reward you. It was a wonderful example of all that is best in our faith community. Thanks to Mary in our parish office, the recording of Fr Denis' Mass can now be viewed from the homepage of our parish website. *Fr Damian*

**CHANGES TO OUR PARISH MASS SCHEDULE** Because we no longer have Fr Denis ministering among us and there is no sign at present of anyone to replace him, and Fr Brendan Quinlan has also retired in recent months from ministry, it is necessary to reduce the number of Masses here in Castleknock Parish. **From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July onwards, there will no longer be a 10am Monday morning Mass in Our Lady Mother of the Church.** Within our partnership, Laurel Lodge Parish and Porterstown Parish both offer 10am Mass on Monday mornings. St Brigid's in Blanchardstown has Mass on Monday evenings at 7.30pm.

It will also be necessary, for the months of July and August, to suspend our Saturday evening 6pm Vigil of Sunday Mass. I am sorry for the upset this might cause to regular worshippers and ministers at these Masses and hope you will be able to adjust. For those travelling to either Laurel Lodge or Porterstown, perhaps you could offer a lift to your neighbour. Thank you for your patience and understanding. *Fr Damian*

**Our new Castleknock Mass schedule will be:**

Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays - Mass at 10am. Tuesdays and Thursdays - Mass at 7.30pm. Sundays - Mass at 10am and 12 noon. No 6pm Saturday Vigil of Sunday Mass in Our Lady Mother of the Church in July or August.

**ST MOCHTA'S, PORTERSTOWN – SUMMER SCHEDULE (JULY / AUGUST) 2026**

Monday **and** Friday - Mass at 10am; Wednesday – prayer service at 10am; Sunday - Mass at 11am. No 6pm Mass in St Mochta's on Saturdays in July or August.

**ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE, LAUREL LODGE**

Monday to Friday - Mass at 10am. Vigil of Sunday Mass at 6.30pm on Saturday. Sundays - Mass at 9.30am and 11.30am

**ARCHBISHOP FARRELL'S MESSAGE ABOUT SUMMER DUES** "Please encourage and pray for your priests in their ministry, and pray, too, for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. The Summer Dues appeal contributes to the essential support of priests." *[All Dues throughout the year, Christmas, Easter and Summer Dues – and our 1st Collection at Sunday Mass - go directly to the Diocesan Common Fund administered by the Diocesan Finance Secretariat.]*

**PETER'S PENCE** The **Peter's Pence collection** will take place this weekend, **27<sup>th</sup> /28<sup>th</sup> June**, the Sunday before the liturgical feast of Saints Peter and Paul. It replaces the second/SHARE collection at Mass and goes to support the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV in his mission of service to the universal Church. To explain this initiative, the Holy See has prepared a short video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gQ6HyJQvdpw>

**ETERNAL REST:** Please pray for the soul of our parishioner Mary (Marie) Kelly whose funeral takes place on Monday. May the Lord grant her eternal rest, and may the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all who mourn.

**ROSTER: MINISTERS OF THE WORD** The new roster is available on the parish website. Copies are available in the Sacristy.

**LECTIO DIVINA** Prayer and contemplation of the Gospel of the following Sunday. Wednesday 1st July from 10:30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP** continues Thursday 2nd July in St Thomas the Apostle Day Chapel, 10.30 to 11.10am.

**PPC CRY OF THE EARTH PARISH ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT NEWS:** Work progressed very satisfactorily on the bamboo eradication project. David from Fingal County Council responded positively to our request for support when the rotavator was unsuccessful. He arranged for a mechanical digger and two skilled operators to progress the clearance work. A truck full of excellent topsoil was also donated by FCC. It was a great relief to have the area ready for planting prior to Fr Denis's Thanksgiving Mass. A start has been made on planting the newly reclaimed flowerbed. A yellow Peace Rose takes pride of place, alongside foxgloves, sunflowers, salvias, geums, hostas and nasturtiums, all perennials and excellent pollinators.

Plants were donated from Farmer Gracy, Woodies and Castleknock Tidy Towns. When this season's planting is complete, it will contain plants in appreciation for Fr Denis's 25 years diligent service to the parish, and others in gratitude to Margaret Brady RIP who was very committed to planting trees, shrubs and flowers for many years. Ms Geraldine Fay's 4th class contributed to the project by planting three dozen sunflowers. Many parishioners have commented positively on our parish biodiversity actions, and wild-life is thriving in our fenced-off conservation area. Thanks to Charles for saying 'yes' to my invitation to eliminate the bamboo, and to other local volunteers. The support from FCC and David enabled us to achieve our objectives, and thanks to CTT for the hanging baskets that now enhance our church entrance. Keeping the plants alive and healthy will be a challenge – offers of support for planting, watering, pruning, weeding will be most welcome. Contact Mags Condon at 086 839 2518.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION** Next Friday 3rd July in our church, from 10.30am to 5pm. All are welcome. There is also our usual weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour on Thursdays, 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 free cup of tea/coffee with others who are also grieving. The Grief Café will run next Friday 3rd July, 10am - 11.30am in **St Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown**. Please contact [bereavement@sfh.ie](mailto:bereavement@sfh.ie) or 01 832 7535 if you have any query or would like to attend.

**FIRST SATURDAY FATIMA DEVOTIONS** – next Saturday 4th July 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 followed by 15 min scripture meditation. Cup of tea afterwards in the parish centre.

**BLESSING OF THE GRAVES / CEMETERY SUNDAY** At this time of the year many cemeteries have their annual Blessing of the Graves. Here are the Dublin Cemeteries Trust dates, all at 3pm: • this Sunday 28th June – Glasnevin Cemetery • Sunday 5th July – Dardistown Cemetery • Sunday 12th July – Newlands Cross Cemetery

**ANNUAL NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE** celebrating the World Day for grandparents and the elderly. Sunday 26th July, Knock Shrine. Anointing - 2:30. Mass - 3:00. Rosary procession (weather permitting). Celebrant: Archbishop Eamon Martin. Music: Una Nolan and choirs. Guest soloist Dana Rosemary Scallon. **Note:** there will **not** be a bus travelling from our parish this year.

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