

CHURCH SERVICES

THE EUCHARIST: NEW MASS SCHEDULE

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 2nd and 4th 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

Fr. Damian McNeice - Phone: 089 445 3987

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://csp.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.

23RD AUGUST 2026

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.]*

Parish Family Fun Day – next Sunday 30th August

Join us for a **Family Fun Day** bringing together the communities of **Laurel Lodge, Castleknock and Porterstown**, next **Sunday, 30th August, from 2-5pm**, on the green beside Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock. Come along for an afternoon of **games, music, face painting, children's activities and lots of family fun!** Bring your own picnic and come celebrate our three parish communities together.

The family fun day is completely free, and everyone is welcome!

Lectio DIVINA Prayer and contemplation of the Gospel of the following Sunday. Wednesday 26th August from 10:30 to 11am in Our Lady's Parish Centre.

Christian Meditation Prayer GROUP continues Thursday 27th August in St Thomas the Apostle Day Chapel, 10:30am to 11:10am.

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.

PPC Cry of the Earth Parish Environmental Project News:

Please take time to enjoy the planted areas in front of the church. The former bamboo corner now planted for the pollinators is flourishing with an amazing show of colour! The sunflowers are dominant - towering over the closer-to-the-ground perennials!

We need more parishioners to get involved in supporting the project, to weed, water, prune and plant.

Please discourage children from playing amongst the plants! Contact Mags Condon on 086 839 2518 if you're interested in joining us.

Eternal Rest: Please pray for the souls of our parishioners whose funerals have taken place since our last newsletter was produced - Brian and Anne Herrieven, Maura Feeney, John Hale, Maureen Treacy, Des McManamy, Leo Farrell, Jacqui Murray, Phil Hanna, Liam Delaney and Mary Jennings. May the Lord grant them eternal rest, and may the Holy Spirit comfort and sustain all who mourn.

Pathways into Pastoral Ministry

This course is for any adult who wants to explore and grow their faith. Over a year, participants are offered inputs on foundational issues of faith and the impact they have on ministry and parish life. There is also time for small group sharing and the opportunity for three different retreat experiences. On completion of the course, people are presented with a certificate. Pathways is run on a Thursday evening (during term times) at the St Patrick's campus of DCU in Drumcondra from 7:15pm to 9:15pm. The course starts on 24th September and runs until 13th May, and costs €300. For further details, please visit the adult faith section of www.dublindiocese.ie/missionministry or contact peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie.

Give Blood - Support your upcoming Local Blood Drive! Ongar Community Centre, Ongar, next Tuesday 25th August, 3:45pm to 8pm. Check your eligibility at www.giveblood.ie or call 1800 731 137

Limited places available in Ériu Community College, D15X4XT, across all year groups!

A limited number of secondary school places are available in Ériu Community College, D15 X4XT, across all year groups. More information about the college and application forms can be found on www.eriucc.ie Transition Year (TY) is not currently offered, but Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) is.

St Mary's Cathedral

St Mary's Cathedral is closed temporarily to allow essential conservation, accessibility and renewal works as part of the next phase in its development as the Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Dublin. During the closure period, major diocesan liturgies will take place in St Andrew's Church, Westland Row. The Palestrina Choir is based at the College Chapel on the All Hallows Campus of DCU, by kind permission of the University. Parish and sacramental life is continuing at St Joseph's Church, Berkeley Road, where the Cathedral Girls' Choir is also based. [Full details on the Diocesan website.](#)

Donation of old glasses

Rods and Cones Opticians, Castleknock (in partnership with Castleknock Tidy Towns) is inviting anyone with old pairs of spectacles to donate them during the month of August. These spectacles will be sent to other countries through the Lions 'Recycle for Sight' program. There will be a collection box in Rods and Cones Opticians at 4, The Ashleigh Retail Centre in Castleknock Village for the month. Just pop in and drop off any unwanted pairs. Have a search and give the gift of sight. A sustainability project which will make a real difference!

St Joseph Men's Camino

Every Camino changes us in ways we don't expect; every man needs one. Join men from across Ireland on **Saturday 12th September** for a 25km pilgrimage through the Boyne Valley, beginning in Drogheda. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions, fraternity, lunch and dinner, with after-dinner speaker **Fr. Mark Quinn**. Open to men aged 18+. Cost: €65 (student €55). Registration, accommodation and details: www.dominicans.ie/events. Enquiries: op.evangelisation@gmail.com.

Heritage Week tours of Chapel of the Holy Family, Dominican Campus, Cabra

The Chapel of the Holy Family, Cabra, is open for tours as part of Heritage Week 2026. Discover the beautiful architecture and rich history of this chapel, located off Ratoath Road in Dublin 7. Uncover the hidden gems of this sacred space and learn more about its significance to the Cabra Dominican Sisters, the staff and pupils of St Dominic's College, and the local community. Tours are free but registration is required via Eventbrite (search 'Cabra'). Tours take place at 12pm and 2pm from 17th - 23rd August.