

CHURCH SERVICES

The Eucharist

Sunday: Saturday Vigil 6 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 12.15 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Weekday: Monday to Friday 10 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

After 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. Mass on Saturday and on request.

Baptism

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 1 p.m.
1 month's notice required. Book a baptism at the sacristy or parish office.
Preparation meeting, 1st Thursday of the month, 8 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

Marriage

By arrangement with one of the Priests.
A minimum notice of 3 months is required.

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Parish Newsletter – Notices may be sent by email to ourladysparish@gmail.com
Written notices may be handed in to the Parish Office during office opening hours.
Deadline for submissions is Thursday evening.



OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK, DUBLIN 15

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th February 2020

We can all be tempted at times to keep up appearances. We want to be heard saying the right thing and be seen doing the right thing even if at times we do not really believe in what we are saying or doing. We want others to think well of us so we can all too often put on a false face and go along with what is expected of us. We can pretend that all is ok with us and everything is fine when sometimes it is not.

In terms of everyday Christian living, Jesus challenges us in the Gospel this Sunday to reflect on our motivation for being the people we are. Are we living to please others or because we believe in what we live? Jesus invites us to focus on our interior attitude, what is in our heart, rather than on the external observance.

Authentic Christian living comes from a heart that is turned towards God, a heart that is filled with the love of God and with a desire for that love to be expressed outwardly in our love of neighbour. When we are truly Christian, there is no need for pretence, no keeping up of appearances. A Christian is one who “does what it says on the tin”.

God our Father, you alone see into the depths of our being. Grant us the grace we need to be faithful to you. Guide us in living your ways from the heart even as we follow them outwardly. Help us to be sincere and genuine in our Christian living. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

ACCORD collection

The Annual Collection for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, takes place at all Masses this weekend, 15th/16th February. ACCORD Dublin offers Marriage Preparation courses, counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships and a Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools. The collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection at the offertory of our Masses.

Lenten Book Club. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, 26th February, and running through until the Wednesday of Holy Week, there will be a gathering each Wednesday from 8.15 to 9 p.m. in the Parish Centre. The book we will read is *Finding God in a Leaf* by Brian Grogan S.J. It's a short 60 page book and inexpensive at €5. Copies available on the first evening. All are welcome.

Sign of Peace at Mass. From time to time, especially during the flu season, parishioners raise questions about the risk of infection by shaking hands at the Sign of Peace. The Health Protection Surveillance Centre advises that shaking hands involves a low risk of spreading infection. For anyone who is concerned please note that during the Sign of Peace it is perfectly fine to bow, smile, wave or use some other gesture to convey Christ's peace to those around you.

Glendalough Retreat for Young Adults. Book your place on our upcoming young adult retreat in Glendalough for the weekend of 6th/7th March. From www.evangelisation.ie download the booking form. Booking closes on Monday 24th February. Follow us on Instagram @theyoungchurchdublin for more upcoming events and information.

Bricks 4 Kidz - Lego Themed Mid-Term Camp

For girls and boys aged 5 to 12 years. Monday 17th to Friday 21st February in the Parish Centre from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. Book at www.bricks4kidz.ie/fingal-santry

Basic iPhone/iPad course

Free Five Week Basic iPhone, iPad, Tablet and Smartphone class commencing in St. Brigid's Community Centre, Blanchardstown on Tuesday 18th February from 12 to 2 p.m. If you would like to book a place please call Angela on 046-9280790.

Foróige Clubs. Working with young people in Dublin 15. We are looking for volunteers. For more information contact Adam at 086-6008526 or email adam.leech@foroige.ie

Exhibition of Paintings. The annual exhibition of paintings by the Central Remedial Clinic Parents and Friends Association takes place in the Central Remedial Clinic, Vernon Avenue, Clontarf on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd February from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission free.

International Food Fest.

Muslim Women Together are hosting an International Food Fest – in aid of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland – in Castleknock Community Centre, Laurel Lodge on Saturday February 22nd (1 to 4 p.m.). Enjoy an array of exotic Eastern foods and desserts. Live musical entertainment and a display of handmade crafts.

Please support this worthy event. 'Make a plate and donate'.

Castleknock ICA. Lecture: Shaw Trust Art Appreciation Lecture. Presented by Ciaran Woods, Hugh Lane Gallery. Venue: Our Lady's Parish Centre, Beechpark Ave., Castleknock. Date: Monday 17 Feb '20. Time: 8.15pm. Non-members welcome.

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 19th February at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

Westmanstown Golf Club. Now that Rory is back at No. 1, you might like to get your children involved in playing golf. Westmanstown Golf Club extends a great welcome to Junior Golfers. Please contact Edward at the Club (820 5817) and also visit our Webpages for information.

Inspiration: "Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, a compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."