

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

Presentation of the Lord 2nd February 2020

The Presentation of the Lord takes place 40 days after the birth of Jesus. Following Jewish tradition Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to the temple in Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. While in the Temple Mary and Joseph encounter two people, Simeon and Anna, both of whom spoke prophetically about the child Jesus. The Gospel we read at Mass today recounts the story of that event.

Both Simeon and Anna are advanced in years and drawing ever closer to the end of their days. Both are holy people who are clearly sensitive to the guidance of God's Spirit. What began no doubt as a fairly normal ordinary day for both of them is transformed when they go to the Temple and encounter Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Both immediately recognise in the child Jesus the long awaited Messiah and Saviour.

Simeon utters a prophetic prayer declaring the child Jesus to be the salvation prepared for all nations, and a light to enlighten all people. Over time the ritual of blessing and lighting candles, symbolising Christ as the light of the world, evolved as part of the celebration of this feast day. This is also why the day is sometimes referred to by name as Candlemas Day.

The experience of Simeon and Anna reminds us that we can encounter Jesus in the most surprising of circumstances, often when we are least expecting it. May our hearts be open so that we may recognise Jesus in whatever way he reveals himself to us this day.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2nd February, is a day of prayer for all those who live a consecrated religious life.

St. Blaise – Monday 3rd February

Blessing of throats after 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Masses.

First Friday – 7th February

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.30 a.m. to 7.15 p.m.
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick available during 7.30 p.m. Mass

World Day of the Sick 2020

The World Day of the Sick Seminar will take place on **Saturday 8th February** from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in the Newtown Parish Pastoral Centre, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. This year's theme is *Hope in the Face of Suicide*. For further information please contact Trish Conway on 087-6220349.

The World Day of the Sick Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, will take place on **Sunday 9th February** at 3 p.m. in the Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock. All are welcome.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The annual clothes collection takes place in our parish this month. Bags will be available next weekend with clothes to be returned the following weekend, 15th/16th February.

TWP visit to our partner parish of Metcha Boroddo, Ethiopia, 11th-18th Feb 2020

Four volunteers from the Third World Partnership (TWP) group, Noel McHugh, Paula McHugh, Norah Gallagher and Sr. Kay Mulhall, begin a week-long visit to Ethiopia on 11th February, to visit our Partner Parish of Metcha Boroddo.

The purpose of the visit is primarily to build and strengthen the relationship between our two parishes, meet with the Parish Priest, Fr Matheows HaileMichael and the local community, review existing projects and plan future initiatives. During the visit, the volunteers will conduct a Financial Audit, visit the local school and review the educational support project, which is now in its 12th year and supports 185 students in full-time education. They will have an opportunity to visit the 6 new classrooms,

built with funds provided by the TWP and completed in 2 phases from 2016 – 2020. They will report back on their return.

We would like to thank the volunteers who are undertaking this important visit at their own expense and wish them a successful visit and a safe journey

Social Media lecture

A special lecture on Social Media has been organised for **this Wednesday 5th February** in Room CG60, Henry Grattan Building, Dublin City University, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Here is the link to register: <https://forms.gle/P9eNZrJe6twxPNag6>

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

Dublin 15 Toastmasters

Dublin 15 Toastmasters invites you to visit our fun public speaking club on **this Wed 5th February** at 7.45pm in St Mochta's Parish Centre, Porterstown. There's a warm welcome and no pressure to speak. Free admission. Contact Ahmad - 086 233 5871.

Talk on 'Education of a Gardener'

by Fionnuala Fallon Columnist for The Irish Times on **this Wednesday 5th February** at 8pm. Cost 7 euro in Dunboyne Castle Hotel Dunboyne. All welcome.

Castleknock Celtic

Children's Soccer Academy for Boys & Girls Aged 4-7 years, re-starts on **Saturday, 8th Feb.** at 10am, beside our clubhouse in Porterstown Park
More info.? Just text Kieran Kelly at 0868091699

St Brigid's GAA Club

Our Club Nursery, in association with Sherry Fitzgerald continues every Saturday from 9.30am to 11am INDOORS in Russell Park. All boys and girls aged between 4 and 6 are welcome, especially new families!