

## 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

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 1 p.m.  
1 month's notice required. Book a baptism at the sacristy or parish office.  
Preparation meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Parish Website** – [www.castleknockparish.ie](http://www.castleknockparish.ie)

**Parish Newsletter** – Notices may be sent by email to [ourladysparish@gmail.com](mailto: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

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020

“You are the salt of the earth.” “You are the light of the world.” With these words and by using images that we are all familiar with, Jesus reminds us in the Gospel this Sunday that we ought to be people who make a difference if we are truly his disciples.

The words of Jesus invite us to reflection and self-examination. How am I doing at being salt to the earth and light to the world? As salt brings flavour to the food that we eat, do I bring something positive to the lives of the people I live with or work with or socialise with? As light to the world do I bring hope and comfort to others in moments of darkness or perhaps help to light the way for those who have lost their sense of direction or who are searching for a meaning or purpose to life?

I find these words of Jesus very encouraging. Jesus sees the potential in each one of us to bring about change for the better. The living out in daily life of our Christian faith should touch and transform the lives of other people in a positive way.

Jesus is our role model for authentic Christian living. Jesus touched the lives of those he encountered in life through his words and actions. His words proclaimed a message and a way of living that was embodied in his actions. As disciples of Jesus and as his witnesses in the world at this moment in time we must rise to the challenge of living just as he did. It takes a constant effort and commitment on our part to truly be the salt of the earth and the light of the world today.

*Fr. Kieran Coghlan*

### **World Day of the Sick 2020**

This takes place on 11<sup>th</sup> February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Dublin Diocesan Mass for World Day of the Sick, celebrated by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, will take place **this Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February** at 3 p.m. in the Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock. 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.

### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

The annual clothing collection is now taking place in our parish. Please take a bag home with you today and return it with your unwanted clothes **next weekend, 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> February**.

### **ACCORD collection**

The Annual Collection for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be taken up at all Masses **next weekend, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Glendalough Retreat for Young Adults**

Book your place on our upcoming young adult retreat in Glendalough for the weekend of **6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> March**. Download the booking form at [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie). Booking closes on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. For more upcoming events and information follow us on Instagram @theyoungchurchdublin

### **Parish Centre: ICA**

Lecture: 'The Life and Times of the Gore Booth Family', Presented by Patrick Quigley Polish Society. **This Monday 10 February** at 8.15p.m.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:adam.leech@foroige.ie)

### **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'.

### **Anam Cara**

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. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.