

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

The Baptism of the Lord 12th January 2020

Today we bring the Christmas season to a close with the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus. This was a significant event in the life of Jesus. It marks the end of the 'hidden years' as Jesus grew up and lived in Nazareth and the beginning of his public ministry of preaching and teaching the message of love and salvation to the people of Israel.

As Jesus is baptised in the river Jordan by John the Baptist, the Spirit of God is seen coming down on him. He is announced as the Son of God and is now ready to begin his great mission of proclaiming the Good News of salvation.

Today we are invited to recall the event of our own baptism. Even if we have no memory of the occasion, most of us having been baptised as infants, it is still a significant event in our lives. On the day of baptism we inherited the promise of salvation and eternal life as we were welcomed formally into the Christian community. On that day we received the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us live the faith in which we had just been baptised.

On the day of baptism we become disciples of Jesus. As we grow in the knowledge and love of God over the years, we are challenged to live the love of God in all the ups and downs of daily life. As we begin this New Year let us ask the Lord to bless our efforts at being good Christian people as we share the love of God with family, friends, neighbours, colleagues, strangers, and the wider community.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

Parish. Some Statistics for 2019. During 2019 the parish welcomed 109 new members through Baptism, 152 young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation, 6 couples celebrated their marriages and there were funeral liturgies for 33 people.

Taizé Prayer Service on Monday 20th January. Taizé Prayer - searching for real meaning and something special. Take time for reflection and contemplation. Join us for Taizé Prayer on Monday 20th January from 8.15 p.m. (after evening Mass) until 9.15 p.m. All are welcome.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The annual Week of Prayer begins next Saturday 18th January and continues until 25th January. We are invited to pray for unity among the many Christian denominations.

Prayer for the People of Australia. Pope Francis has asked us to remember the people of Australia in our prayers at this time where so many are affected by the devastating bush fires.

Living Word Workshop. Wednesday 29th Jan from 7.30 to 9.30pm in Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe. The workshop focuses on how to lead a **Lectio Divina** Scripture group. It will provide leaders with resources for the Lenten journey. Last year thirty seven parishes took this up and ran groups. If you are interested in leading a group and taking part in the training please register with Mary Dent at the Office of Evangelisation and Ecumenism as soon as possible.
Email mary.dent@dublindiocese.ie

Catholic Marriage Encounter. A Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers married couples of all ages, time away from the busyness of life to refresh their love for one another. The next (residential) Weekend (Friday 8pm to Sunday 4pm) will be held at the **Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry** from **31st January to 2nd February**. Visit www.marriageencounter.ie.

Digital Skills Class. Free Five Week Basic iPhone, iPad, Tablet and Smartphone class commencing in St. Brigid's Community Centre Blanchardstown on Tuesday 14th Jan from 12 to 2pm. If you would like to book a place please call Angela on 046-9280790.

Varicose Veins and Your Health – Free Public Information Evening.

Organised by the Bon Secours Hospital, Glasnevin on Thursday 30th Jan from 7pm to 8pm in DCU-Alpha, Innovation Campus, 11 Old Finglas Road, Glasnevin Dublin 9 (beside Met Éireann Office). Places are limited so please book in advance. Please email Anna-Lise at amion@bonsecours.ie or call/text 087-1444204 to reserve a place. Refreshments will be provided from 6.30pm.

Christmas Tree Recycling Project. The Girls' Camogie and Football Teams, under 14, in St Brigid's GAA Club wish to thank very sincerely the Parishioners who were so generous, accommodating, kind, supportive and available to them when they undertook the collection and recycling of Christmas trees recently. The funds raised will be utilised in organising a special Féile for young people during the year. Míle buíochas.

Night Classes at Castleknock Community College. Online enrolment for night classes is now open at www.castleknockcc.ie Courses include Painting, Public Speaking, Hairdressing, Pilates and Mindfulness and many more. We offer Italian, French, Spanish, German and English classes. For further information please email nightclasses@castleknockcc.ie or telephone 01 8129346

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 15th January 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 085 2888 888 for any queries.

Your Children and Sporting Activities.

Introducing your children to sporting activities at an early age is highly recommended. It will keep them healthy and give them a life-long interest. There are numerous groups and organisations in the area providing opportunities for children to participate in sporting activities. Additions have been made to our list of last week:-

- Children's Soccer Academy for Boys/Girls age 4-7 years, resumes in New Year for Castleknock Celtic. Learn the football basics in a fun/friendly environment and make friends. Saturday mornings at 10am beside Clubhouse in Porterstown Park. Information at www.castleknockceltic.com and 083-4111721
- Castleknock Tennis Club. Coaching etc.
- Drama every Saturday, Drama Hub Speech & Drama Classes for Primary School Children. Venue: Our Lady's Parish Centre. Castleknock. Time: 12.15 - 3.00pm. Contact Clodagh or Dearbhla 0878510990.
- Swimming: Navan Road, Westmanstown, Aquatic Centre.
- GAA St Brigid's Navan Rd, Castleknock Hurling-Football Club, Westmanstown Gaels.
- Rugby: Coolmine and Westmanstown.
- Athletics. Metro St Brigid's Athletics Club. Also check www.athleticsireland.ie
- Scouts: Castleknock Scouts. Check webpages.

Porterstown Panthers. Free 'Couch to 5k Programme' starts on Tuesday, 14th January 2020. The Porterstown Panthers' hugely successful 'Couch to 5K' training programme is back for 2020. Our running plan is for absolute beginners. We will help you work up to running 5k in six weeks. The plan involves 3 runs a week, with a day of rest between. Training takes place each Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7.10pm, meeting at The Carpenter pub car park. On Saturdays we head to Porterstown parkrun in Porterstown Park at 9.30am. Find out more on www.Facebook.com/PorterstownPanthers.

St Brigid's GAA Club. Our Club Nursery runs every Saturday morning from 9.30am to 11am in Russell Park during the school terms. All boys and girls aged between 4 and 7 are welcome, especially new families! Just arrive down and speak to any one of our friendly coaches or email us at; pro.stbrigids.dublin@gaa.ie for more information.