

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 Website – www.castleknockparish.ie

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th January 2020

There seems to be no end to the dreadful events making the headlines in recent days. I mention below three such stories that have been prominent in the past week or so. They are symptomatic in very tangible ways of some of the major issues facing our country at this time.

- The abduction, murder and dismemberment of the body of a 17 year old youth from Drogheda and the callous dumping of his body parts in Dublin this past week is utterly appalling. It truly is an act of depravity.
- The incident on the Grand Canal in Dublin where a homeless man was seriously injured while sleeping in a tent that was being removed by a mechanical grabber is shocking.
- An investigation is currently underway after a man was recently found dead on the floor beside his trolley in the overcrowded Emergency Department of University Hospital Limerick.

Crime, homelessness and the inadequate resourcing in our health service are all major crises in Ireland today. This is not the kind of society that the vast majority would wish to live in. In the coming weeks there will be ample opportunity to raise these and other issues with the candidates seeking our votes in the upcoming election. We should challenge those who wish to govern that, if elected, they will seriously address these matters for the greater good of our society. As Christians we must speak up for those on the margins who are suffering most at this time and seek to build a better and more equitable society for all.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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

Taize Prayer

Monday **20th** in the Church from 8.15 to 9 p.m.

First Holy Communion – Do this in Memory programme

All those preparing for First Holy Communion are invited to the Family Mass on Sunday next, **26th** January, at 11 a.m.

St. Francis Hospice

Raffle tickets will on sale outside the Church after all Masses this weekend for the annual St Francis Hospice Car Draw. The tickets cost €10 and the Draw will take place on Thursday **23rd** January in the Blanchardstown Centre. The proceeds will help to reduce the debt of €4.7m and part fund the day to day operation of the Hospice. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Living Word Workshop

Wednesday **29th** January 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 based on the Sunday Gospels. 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) Weekends (Friday 8pm to Sunday 4pm) will be held at the Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry from 31st January to 2nd February and at The International Hotel, Cork from 3rd to 5th April. For info & bookings, visit www.marriageencounter.ie or phone 087-2162436.

Evening Classes – Spring Term

Enrolment for evening classes in Hartstown Community School is on Monday **20th** January from 7 to 9 p.m. in the school. You can also enroll anytime through the website www.hartstown-cep.com or phone 01-8209863 during school hours.

Enrolment September 2020 St Brigid's NS, Castleknock.

Parents who wish to have a child enrolled in junior infant classes in St. Brigid's N.S. for September 2020 are asked to hand in:

1. PPSN for the child
2. An original copy of his/her birth certificate,
3. Two recent utility bills (Electric, Gas, Land-line phone, cable)
4. Any relevant reports (Medical, educational, psychological etc)
5. A current email address for all enrolment-related correspondence to the school enquiries office by January 24th 2020.

Places will be allocated in accordance with the School's Enrolment Policy.

St Brigid's GAA - Under 14 Girls' Féile.

Cake sale in the Parish Centre on the **26th** January after 11.00am and 12.15pm Masses to raise funds for St. Brigid's GAA U14 Girls Teams and their 2020 Special Féile Campaign. Your support will be appreciated. All are welcome. Míle buíochas.

Varicose Veins and Your Health – Free Public Information evening

Organised by the Bon Secours Hospital, Glasnevin on Thursday 30th January 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 with your name to reserve a place. Refreshments will be provided from 6.30pm.

Night Classes at Castleknock Community College:

The Enrolment Nights for Adult Education classes at Castleknock Community College will be held on Monday **20th** and Tuesday **21st** January from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Online enrolment is also possible at www.castleknockccc.ie - Courses include Digital Photography, Genealogy, Sewing, Computers, Knitting, Italian, French, Spanish, German and many more. For further information, email nightclasses@castleknockccc.ie or phone 01 8129346

St Brigid's GAA

Our Club Nursery takes place every Saturday from 9.30am to 11am in Russell Park. All boys and girls aged between 4 and 7 are welcome!