

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th January 2020

On 30th September last, on the feast day of St. Jerome the great biblical scholar, Pope Francis declared this 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time to be a *Sunday of the Word of God* for Catholics throughout the world.

The Bible is the essential handbook for Christians. Reading the Bible helps us to grow in our knowledge and understanding of God and the interaction between God and his people throughout history. In particular the New Testament part of the Bible, introduces us to the person and teaching of Jesus Christ. To live a truly Christian life we must know something of the life and teaching of Jesus whose disciples we are today. The Bible is the source book for this knowledge. St. Jerome put it bluntly when he said on one occasion that not to know the Scriptures is not to know Christ.

The Bible forms a central part of almost every act of Christian prayer and worship. At Mass each Sunday for example we listen to four pieces taken from the Bible – the first and second readings, a psalm and the Gospel. At the end of the readings the reader announces that what we have just listened to is “The Word of the Lord”.

In the last fifty years or so there has been a renewed interest in the Catholic tradition of reading, praying with and reflecting on this Word of God that is the Bible. May it continue to inspire us as we seek to know the God who created us, who loves us and who has redeemed us in Jesus Christ.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

St. Brigid

The feast day of St. Brigid, the secondary patron of Ireland, is Saturday next, 1st February.

Mass “as Gaeilge”

The 9 a.m. Mass next Sunday, 2nd February, will be celebrated in Irish.

Catholic Schools Week

Taking place from 26th January to 1st February, the theme this year is *Living in Harmony with God’s Creation*. Pupils in St Brigid’s N.S. will engage in various activities during the week including a school Mass in the Church on Thursday 30th at 11 a.m.

First Holy Communion – Do this in Memory programme

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

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 (Fri 8pm - Sun 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 information & booking, visit www.marriageencounter.ie or Phone 087-2162436.

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.

Castleknock – Third World Partnership (TWP) says ‘Thank You’

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent ‘Buy a Calendar – Help re-build a School’, fundraising initiative. Thanks to your great response,

we raised a total of €1,410 from the sale of the 2020 TWP Calendars. With your generous support we have already re-built five classrooms in the local school in our partner parish of Metcha Boroddo in Ethiopia. The proceeds from the calendar sales will help fund the completion of the re-building of the 6th and final classroom. These new classrooms make such a difference to the education of the students in our partner parish and will help build a better future for them.

Set Dancing

Resumes on Tuesday 28th January in the Parish Centre at 8.15 p.m. All are welcome.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection takes place after all Masses this weekend, Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th January.

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.

St Brigid’s GAA

Our Club Nursery, in association with Sherry Fitzgerald continues every Saturday from 9.30am to 11am in Russell Park. All boys and girls aged between 4 and 6 are welcome, especially new families! Just arrive down and speak to any of our friendly coaches or email us at Pro.stbrigids.dublin@gaa.ie for more information.

Juvenile Handball Training, which is open to current and new juvenile players, continues every Wednesday evening at 7pm in Russell Park! We’ll have our Handball Coaches on hand to support all new players and introduce them to the game! Everyone is welcome! Contact Enda on 086 8288308.