

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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 29th December 2019

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This feast recognises the significance of family life and reminds us of the importance of family relationships. It is our family that forms and shapes us as we grow through childhood, helping us to acquire the skills and abilities that we need to live a happy and fulfilled adult life.

Christmas, for many people, is a family time. We meet up with and celebrate with family and close friends during the Christmas season. We often make a special effort at Christmas time to be in touch with those family members whom we may have very little contact with throughout the rest of the year.

The principal characteristic of a good family life is love. There is a deep love within the family circle for the people that make up the family. Love binds them together and helps them to live together as a family unit. The members of the family are committed to one another and are there for one another to celebrate both the joys and sorrows of life. It is a love that is undoubtedly challenged from time to time and may often find its expression in patience, tolerance and forgiveness when hurt or harm caused by one member strain the relationships within the family.

God our Father, we ask you to bless our families as we are about to begin a new year. Fill us with your love. Help us to be patient, kind, gentle and generous. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Watch over us and keep us always in your care. Amen.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

Happy New Year

We wish all parishioners and those who are visiting our parish at this time every blessing as we begin the New Year 2020.

Ring in the New Year with Jesus!

You are invited to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, and the Holy Eucharist in St. Philip the Apostle Church, Mountview, Dublin 15 at 11.45 p.m. on Tuesday 31st December to receive more blessings for 2020 than you have ever imagined! Everyone is invited!

New Year's Day – Wednesday 1st January

Mass at 10 a.m. No evening Mass.

World Day of Prayer for Peace

New Year's Day, 1st January, is a world day of Prayer for Peace. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year is – *Peace as a Journey of Hope: Dialogue, Reconciliation, and Ecological Conversion*. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will celebrate Mass to mark World Day of Peace 2020 in the Church of St. Therese, Mount Merrion, at 11a.m. on 1st January 2020.

Weekday Mass

Monday 30th December to Thursday 2nd January: Mass at 10 a.m. only. Evening Mass at 7.30 p.m. resumes on the First Friday, 3rd January.

First Friday – 3rd January

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

Mass “as Gaeilge”

The 9 a.m. Mass next Sunday, 5th January, will be celebrated in Irish.

Unwanted Christmas presents

Any unwanted Christmas presents, which you wish to donate, may be left at the crib in the Pro-Cathedral in Marlboro Street, Dublin 1 this coming week. They will be given to Crosscare, the social care agency of the Archdiocese for distribution to people and families in need. Throughout 2019, unwanted gifts that were donated this time last year were distributed to families who spent time in Crosscare's Family Hub in Drumcondra, when they were moving on to new accommodation. It meant that families

had some extra luxury items to help decorate their new homes. Unwanted gifts were also given out throughout the year to men and women in homeless services run by Crosscare who may not receive a birthday gift or treat during the year.

Christmas Tree Recycling

1. St Brigid's GAA Club U14 girls are gathering much needed funds to support their upcoming Féile Camogie and Football tournaments in 2020. The girls will be in your area on **Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th January** to collect your Christmas tree from your door and dispose of it. Cost €15 per tree. To book your collection please text your name, address, and preferred day to 087 235 4659.

2. Fingal Council will operate a Christmas Tree recycling centre at Millennium Park Car Park, Snugborough Road Extension, Coolmine. (Park opening hours only). Christmas trees will be accepted without charge from 1st to 15th January

Castleknock Celtic

Children's Soccer Academy for Boys & Girls age 4-7 years resumes in New Year for Castleknock Celtic. Learn the football basics in fun/friendly environment and make friends. Saturday mornings at 10am beside Clubhouse in Porterstown Park. Information at www.castleknockceltic.com and 083-4111721

Night classes at Castleknock Community College

Online enrolment for night classes is now open at www.castleknockccc.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@castleknockccc.ie or telephone 01 8129346

Thank You from GOAL

Many thanks to the many families and individuals who came out to support GOAL's annual Christmas Day Mile in the Phoenix Park. Your generous donations raised €8,169.54 for GOAL's humanitarian work in developing countries.