

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

2nd Sunday after Christmas 5th January 2020

In ancient Roman religion and myth, the god Janus, after whom the month of January takes its name, is the god of beginnings, gates, transitions, time, duality, doorways, passages, and endings. Janus is usually depicted as having two faces, since he looks both to the past as well as to the future.

The civil New Year which has just begun is a time when many people look both to the past and to the future. We reflect on the year that has ended and we look forward in hope to the year just beginning. There is often a desire in many people to improve and better themselves in a whole variety of ways. Hence we make New Year resolutions and commit to implementing them in our lives.

In the Scripture readings this Sunday we read the opening lines from St. John's Gospel. It literally starts with the phrase "In the beginning ...". John goes on to give a synopsis of the theme which his Gospel develops, namely that "the Word was made flesh". God came to us in human form with the birth of Jesus, revealing God's love for humanity in a unique way and helping us to understand how we can be most fully human by loving one another with the same love as Jesus has shown for us.

As we begin this New Year let us resolve to live faithfully as disciples of Jesus. May we be touched by the love of God experienced in the Christmas event. May we make a renewed effort at living that love in all aspects of our lives this coming year.

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.

Christmas Offerings/Dues

Thank you to all parishioners who have sent in Christmas Offerings which support the priests of the parish and of the Diocese.

Epiphany of the Lord – Monday 6th January

Mass at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

New School Term

Best wishes to all school staff and pupils as the new term begins this week.

Mass “as Gaeilge”.

The 9.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, 5th January, will be celebrated in Irish.

“Unwanted Christmas Presents”.

Consider giving to “Crosscare” any of your unwanted Christmas presents. Crosscare is the social care agency of the Archdiocese. It will distribute the presents to people and families in need.

Christmas Tree Recycling

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

St Francis Hospice Car Raffle – Fund Raiser for the Hospice.

A Car Draw (raffle) in aid of St Francis Hospice is being organised. Tickets for the raffle will be on sale on the 18th and 19th January 2019 in Castleknock. The Raffle has the necessary Garda approval and all volunteers selling the tickets will be parishioners from the Parish. It should be noted that 100% of funds raised goes to fund the day to day operation of the Hospice. At present the residual debt is about €4.7m. The Draw will take place in the Blanchardstown Centre on Thursday 23rd January 2020. Please support this worthy cause.

Anam Cara.

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 on info@anamcara.ie or 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.

Some of these are as follows:-

- Swimming: Navan Road, Westmanstown, Aquatic Centre.
- GAA: St Brigid’s Navan Road, Castleknock Hurling and Football Club, Westmanstown Gaels.
- Soccer: Castleknock Celtic.
- Rugby: Coolmine and Westmanstown.
- Athletics. Metro St Brigid’s Athletics Club. Also check www.athleticsireland.ie
- Scouts: Castleknock Scouts. Check webpages.

New Year’s Resolutions: Avail of as much fresh air as possible. Drink more water daily. Take regular exercise. Pray daily.

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