

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 of Advent 8th December 2019

The Advent theme of preparation and waiting continues at Mass this weekend. John the Baptist appears in the Gospel reading announcing the imminent coming of the Lord and urging people to prepare the way.

John the Baptist is uncompromising in his preaching. He leaves his listeners in no doubt as to the need for repentance and personal conversion if they are to be properly prepared for the coming Messiah.

The message of John is still as relevant today as it was in those days of old. Advent is a time for recognising that Jesus came to save us from the consequences of our sins. He offers us an abundance of mercy and forgiveness. He invites us to partake in his wonderful gift of salvation. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus and as we await his coming again to us, we are encouraged to put some order on our lives.

Mary the mother of Jesus, whose Immaculate Conception we celebrate at this time, gives us a perfect example of openness to God. In the story of the Annunciation we see Mary listening to the call of God. Despite her misgivings Mary trusts in God to fulfill in her what he promised and she says 'Yes' to God's will in her life.

Both John the Baptist and Mary point the way for us during this Advent season. We are invited to be open to God and to commit to doing our best at being ready and prepared as we await the coming of the Lord whose birth we will soon celebrate at Christmas.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The annual Christmas collection takes place at all Masses this weekend, Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December. Your support and generosity is much appreciated.

Immaculate Conception of the BVM – Monday December 9th

This feast, normally celebrated on 8th December, is transferred to Monday 9th this year as the 2nd Sunday of Advent liturgy takes precedence on the Sunday. While it is still a Holyday it is not a Holyday of Obligation this year. Mass at 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

First Holy Communion – *Do this in Memory* programme

Boys and girls preparing for First Holy Communion in 2020 are especially invited to the 11 a.m. Family Mass next Sunday, **Dec 15th**.

Bambinelli Sunday – December 15th

A tradition where the Pope invites children to bring the baby Jesus figure from their family crib for a blessing in St. Peter's Square on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Children are invited to bring their baby Jesus figures to our Family Mass at 11 a.m. on Sunday **Dec 15th** for a blessing.

Christmas Carol Service

Our Christmas Carol Service, featuring all three parish choirs, soloists and the children, will take place on Sunday **December 15th**, starting at 4 p.m. All are welcome, and admission is free. We hope that as many of you as possible will come along to join with your fellow-parishioners and others in this joyful celebration as we prepare for the festive season.

Reconciliation

A Service of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas will take place in the Church on Monday **December 16th** at 8 p.m. Visiting priests will be present for Confession.

Songs for a Winter's evening

A Christmas celebration with Mary Flynn, Mary O'Donnell and Friends. Sunday **December 8th** at 7.30 p.m. in St. Mochta's Church, Porterstown. Tickets €15 from the Parish Office at St. Mochta's or from Mary at 087-2585398.

Mount Hybla Nursing Home

Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday **December 14th** at 2.30 p.m.

Time of prayer exploring the call to Priesthood

The Vocations Office of the Dublin Diocese would like to invite men interested in discerning a call to priesthood to an evening of prayer and fraternal gathering in St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row, Dublin 2 on Friday 13th December from 7 to 9 p.m.

Please RSVP to Fr. Enda at enda.cunningham@dublindiocese.ie or Fr. Séamus at seamusmcentee@yahoo.com

Online Advent Retreat

This year, the Priory Institute, Tallaght, offers an online retreat based on the 'O Antiphons' of Advent which were composed in the 6/7th century to accompany the Magnificat Evening Prayer for the last seven days of Advent. A team of presenters will guide participants through a series of reflections on these great 'O Antiphons' from 17th to 23rd December. This retreat will be offered entirely online with one reflection per day beginning with an introduction on 16th December and ending on Christmas Day itself, comprising ten reflections in all. For more information phone Frances O'Loughlin on 01-4048129 or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com

St. Vincent's Castleknock College

Closing date for applications for First Year in 2021 is 31st December 2019. See www.castleknockcollege.ie for information.

Castleknock Third World Partnership (TWP)

The Castleknock TWP calendars which help fund projects in our partner Parish of Metcha Borroddo in Ethiopia, will be on sale at all masses next weekend **December 14th & 15th**. This year the proceeds from these calendars will support the re-building of the 6th and final classroom in the local school, in our partner parish. The calendars costing €10, feature photos of the local community and many of the projects supported by the TWP, since it was established 11 years ago. Please consider buying a calendar for your home or as a lovely Christmas gift for friends and family and help support this worthy cause.

Castleknock ICA invite you to a Christmas Flowers arranging night in aid of the charity 'Wells for Zoë' (www.wellsforzoee.org) at Our Lady's Parish Centre on Monday **December 9th** at 8.15pm. Fee: €10. Raffle and prizes.