CHURCH SERVICES

The Eucharist

Sunday: Saturday Vigil 6 p.m

Sunday 9 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12.15 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Weekday: Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. daily.

Tuesday, Thursday & First Friday 7.30 p.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 1.15 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 17th January 2021

The calling of disciples is the main theme of both the First Reading and Gospel at Mass this Sunday.

In the First Reading we hear of the call of Samuel while he was at the temple in Shiloh. Initially Samuel failed to realise that the call was coming from God. It was older and more experienced priest Eli who helped Samuel recognise the call as coming from God. It was Eli who encouraged a positive response from Samuel who finally answers God's call with the great words "Speak Lord, your servant is listening."

In the Gospel we hear of the call of the first disciples by Jesus. They had initially been followers of John the Baptist who points out Jesus to them. They go to Jesus who invites them to join him. They are attracted by what they see and they become disciples.

Today we are invited to reflect on God's call in our own lives. While we have already answered that initial call to discipleship, we are still called to respond and live as faithful disciples of Jesus every day. There is always room for improvement and these early days of the New Year challenge us to respond with renewed commitment and effort.

In these days, perhaps more than ever now, we are called to be witnesses to Christ. We are called to be people of love and hope in this time of pandemic. We are called to radiate the light of Christ and to illuminate the darkness of these times.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan