

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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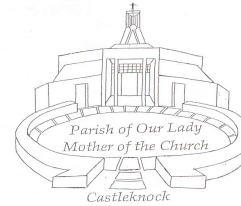
Parish Office – Monday to Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
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Church Sacristy – Phone: 01-8214652

Our Lady's Parish Centre – Phone: 01-8209907

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th January 2021

Pope Francis has dedicated the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time each year as *The Sunday of the Word of God*. The Pope wishes to raise the profile of the Scriptures, the Word of God, as central to our understanding and living of the Christian life. He wishes us to have an intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures.

The great biblical scholar, St. Jerome, put it quite bluntly when he said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." In reading the Bible, and especially in the New Testament writings, we become acquainted with the life and teachings of Jesus and how these inform and guide our way of living as disciples of Jesus Christ today.

Reading and reflecting on the Bible texts is an important source of nourishment for the Christian soul. It deepens our relationship with God and assists us in discerning how we can do God's will in our daily lives. The ancient practice of *Lectio Divina* where we take a Bible passage and meditate and pray with it for some time in a structured way is a great tool for bringing the Word of God alive in our hearts.

If reading Scripture is not part of your prayer life at present, it is never too late to begin. Start simply, perhaps using one of the Sunday Mass readings. Read it slowly and reflectively, ponder on it, pray about it and allow the Lord to speak to your heart. It is certainly something worth trying in these days of Covid restrictions when it is not possible at present to physically attend Mass.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan