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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 31st January 2021

We are in the early stages of the ministry of Jesus in the Gospel story we read this Sunday. Jesus is teaching the people in the synagogues and accompanying this with works of exorcism and healing.

The people listening to Jesus in the synagogue experience his teaching as something quite diffferent than what they have been accustomed to. Mark notes the deep impression that Jesus made on the people. He attributes this to the fact that Jesus teaches with authority.

We are familiar with people who speak with authority. We hear them daily on TV and radio. We read them in the press and on social media. The authority may come from the position of power the speaker holds or it may come from the expertise the speaker clearly has on the subject in question. Instinctively we can usually tell whether the authority with which the person is speaking with is a genuine or authentic authority.

The authority behind the teaching of Jesus comes from within. Jesus speaks with conviction. His words come from the heart and are reinforced by his actions which are consistent with what he preaches. The teaching of Jesus has a ring of sincerity and genuinesness about it.

Our words and actions, when consisitent, can be a powerful testimony and witness to Jesus. We too can often make a deep impression on others and through us Jesus can touch the hearts and minds of those who encounter us in life.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan