

## 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

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK, DUBLIN 15

### Pentecost 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

This Sunday we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. It is sometimes described as being the birthday of the Church. Jesus has now completed his work of salvation with the final act in this being the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on his disciples gathered together in Jerusalem.

The Holy Spirit is the gift promised to the disciples by Jesus. The Spirit is the indwelling power of God within the disciple enabling the disciple to discern and do the work of God. That work is the mission entrusted by Jesus to his disciples when he instructed them to go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News.

This task of proclaiming the Good News and bearing witness to Jesus is the responsibility of every baptised person. Each one of us is invited to be part of this missionary work of the Church which continues until Jesus comes again at the end of time.

In reading the *Acts of the Apostles* we see the power of the Holy Spirit at work. The Spirit transforms the disciples. It emboldens them and gives them the courage to go out onto the streets of Jerusalem and begin proclaiming Jesus as the Saviour of all humanity. The Spirit gives the disciples the wisdom and the words they require to do this.

Today we remember that we have received the very same Holy Spirit that came upon those disciples at Pentecost. The Spirit gives us the same ability to go out and to proclaim Jesus on the streets today. May the Spirit guide us in this work at this moment in time.

*Fr. Kieran Coghlan*

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**Parish Newsletter** – Notices may be sent by email to [ourladysparish@gmail.com](mailto:ourladysparish@gmail.com)  
Written notices may be handed in to the Parish Office during office opening hours.  
Deadline for submissions is Thursday evening.

## Our Parish Feastday

The day after the feast of Pentecost is now celebrated throughout the universal Church in honour of Mary under the title of *The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*. It recognises the presence of Mary with the disciples when the Holy Spirit came upon them at Pentecost. Not only is Mary the mother of Jesus, she is also the spiritual mother of all the disciples of Jesus. This feast day has special significance for our parish. May Mary, the Mother of the Church, continue to watch over and guide our parish with her motherly care.

## May – Month of Mary

Pope Francis invites us to pray the Rosary this month and seek the intercession of Mary for all who are suffering throughout the world because of the Covid-19 virus.

## Re-opening for public worship

Our Church has now re-opened for public worship. Restrictions are still in place and the attendance at any Mass is currently limited to 50 people in the main body of the church with some additional seating capacity in the gallery area.

People are asked to observe the public health guidelines when in the Church for Mass or private prayer. Entry to the Church is via the main door only at this time. Please sanitise your hands on entry to the Church. Please wear a face covering while in the church. Please sit only in the designated seating and maintain physical distancing from other people.

Due to the limited capacity at present, it is likely that at certain times the Church will be unable to accommodate everyone who may arrive to attend any particular Mass, especially on Sundays. Please note that the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass remains suspended for the time being.

## Daily Mass

Weekday Mass will be celebrated at **10am and 7.30pm Monday to Friday** this week.

## Ecumenical Bible Week

Running from **Pentecost Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup> May) to Trinity Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> May)**, Ecumenical Bible Week (EBW) is led by the Archdiocese of Dublin and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough along with other Christian traditions such as Evangelical Alliance, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians with support from the National Bible Society and Scripture Union. The overall theme “Unlocking Faith Today: Responding to New Realities”. To register visit [www.bibleweek.ie](http://www.bibleweek.ie)

## National Synod for the Catholic Church in Ireland

The Irish Catholic Bishops have recently announced their intention to hold a National Synod for the Catholic Church in Ireland. Preparations are due to begin this summer with a two year period of prayer and discernment and a nationwide consultation inviting people to share their thoughts on our Church, past, present and future. More information on this is available on [www.catholicbishops.ie/synod](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod)

## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. In a relationship, connectedness is important. Relationships cannot be taken for granted and need time and care to be life-giving. What does your experience tell you of the truth of this in your relationships
    - o with God
    - o with your friends
    - o with your family
    - o with communities or groups to which you belong?
  2. Over the past year our usual relationships have been disrupted by coronavirus restrictions on social gatherings. How has this impacted on your family, parish, and other groups to which you belong? What creative ways have you, and others, devised to keep your social life alive?
  3. In THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL Pope Francis wrote ‘I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.’ He goes on to suggest that when individuals, or groups, focus on Jesus there is an increase of energy and vitality. Have you seen this happen?
  4. The parable also reminds us that we are not the source of our own life. It is a gift from God, from our parents, and from all who have nourished us. Give thanks for those who have been a source of life for you
- John Byrne OSA** (from Intercom magazine: [www.intercommagazine.ie](http://www.intercommagazine.ie))