



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

## 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.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Parish Website** – [www.castleknockparish.ie](http://www.castleknockparish.ie)

**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.

## The Most Holy Trinity 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021

This Sunday we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity. We speak of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, three persons yet one God.

The doctrine of the Trinity is a difficult one for some people to grasp. It is not at all straightforward. We speak of the unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit while also speaking of them in their distinctive persons. The key to understanding the Trinity is in appreciating the relationship that exists between Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These three taken together are the revelation of God's love to us, which we experience in different ways. We typically speak of the creative love of God that brings all things into being when addressing God as Father. We recognise in Jesus, the Son, the redemptive love of God made visible to us in a human nature just like our own. We are empowered by the abiding love of God in the Holy Spirit dwelling within us.

From the earliest times the Christian community has understood God in this Trinitarian manner. We see a Trinitarian formula used in the Gospel this Sunday with Jesus commanding his disciples to go out and baptise in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Creed we profess at Mass is set out in a Trinitarian format and dates from the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Every time we bless ourselves with the sign of the Cross we invoke the name of the Trinity.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

*Fr. Kieran Coghlan*

**St. Kevin – 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Thursday next is the feast of St. Kevin, the founder of the monastic community at Glendalough and a patron of our Diocese of Dublin.

**First Friday – 4<sup>th</sup> June.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.30am until 7.15pm. Evening Mass at 7.30pm.

**Weekday Mass.** Mass will be celebrated at 10am daily Monday to Saturday. There will also be an evening Mass at 7.30pm on Tuesday, Thursday and the First Friday this week.

**May – Month of Mary**

Pope Francis invites us to pray the Rosary during May 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.

**The Priory Institute, Tallaght, Dublin 24**

Online Theology Open Day, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. See [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com) or email [enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com) for more information and to find out about

our Online Open Day on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June. To register for the Online Open Day go to – [www.prioryinstitute.com/events/priory-institute-open-day](http://www.prioryinstitute.com/events/priory-institute-open-day)

**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**

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?

- with God
- with your friends
- with your family
- with communities or groups to which you belong?

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?

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? 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))

**Note**

"If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes."

St Clement of Alexandria.