

## 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

Suspended at present due to Covid-19 restrictions.  
Normally on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 1.15 p.m.  
Enquiries to the parish office.

### Marriage

By arrangement with one of the Priests.  
A minimum notice of 3 months is required.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Parish Office** – Monday to Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.  
Phone: 01-6409601 Email: castleknockparish.olmc@gmail.com

**Church Sacristy** – Phone: 01-8214652

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

**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.



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

### 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Jesus frequently used parables as a teaching technique when speaking to the people who gathered to listen to him. Parables were an effective way of getting his message across. People were also more likely to remember the message if it was wrapped up in a story of some kind.

In the Gospel this Sunday Jesus speaks two parables to describe what the kingdom of God is like. He compares the beginnings of the kingdom to the planting of a seed. Over time the seed grows and develops of its own accord and finally realises its potential. The images used by Jesus are familiar to us if we have ever planted flowers or trees or fruit or vegetables. We watch and wait with patience as they grow at their own pace and eventually reach their maturity.

The seed has already been planted that will ultimately bring about the kingdom of God on earth. It is growing now in these times and will attain its full potential at the end of time when the kingdom of God will come in all its fullness.

In the meantime we continue to pray, as we do every time we pray the Lord's Prayer, for the coming of the kingdom of God. We assist in the work of making this happen by loving God and neighbour and also by our witnessing to Christ in whatever way we can through the words and deeds of our daily lives. May the Lord bless our efforts and be with us in our endeavours as we play our part in helping to make the kingdom of God a reality here on earth.

*Fr. Kieran Coghlan*

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## **Leaving Certificate**

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## **Re-opening for public worship**

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## **National Synod for the Catholic Church in Ireland**

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## **Adult Education Certificate in Spirituality and Human Development 2021-2022**

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## **Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel**

If you sow seeds, or watch plants grow, you have ample opportunities to pause in wonder at the whole process of growth. It takes place imperceptibly and comes to fruition in beautiful flowers, majestic trees and abundant harvests. As we come out of the Coronavirus lockdown you may have had the opportunity to rejoice at the renewal of social life.

2. Jesus uses this as a parable about the growth of the Kingdom of God, the kingdom of right relationships with God and with one another. There too growth is slow, development is imperceptible, and then without realising it you have a mature relationship. Recall the stages of such development in your life and give thanks.

3. In the second parable Jesus invites us to reflect on the importance and significance of relationships in our lives as they grow and mature. This is true both of our relationship with God and with others around us. When have you found a relationship in which you could ‘make a nest in its shade’?

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