

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.
Monday to Friday 7.30 p.m. daily.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

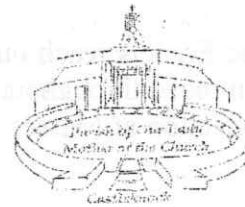
After 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. Mass on Saturday and on request.

Baptism

Normally on 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 1.15 p.m.
Preparation meeting for parents at 8pm on the first Thursday of the month.
Enquiries to the parish office.

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**

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4th July 2021**

In the Gospel this Sunday Jesus faces rejection from his own people when he speaks to them on the sabbath in the synagogue of his home town. The townspeople are astonished at what Jesus has to say but they cannot accept him or his message because they know who he is.

The townspeople know Jesus and his extended family. They certainly feel that when Jesus speaks to them he has, as we might say, 'lost the run of himself'. The prejudices of the townspeople harden their hearts and they are unable to hear or accept what Jesus is saying. Their rejection is not so much of the message that Jesus preached but a rejection of Jesus himself. It's a phenomenon we are all familiar with when we confuse the messenger with the actual message he speaks.

When we hear a word of truth spoken to us by our nearest and dearest we can find it hard to take at times. We may not like to hear what is being said to us and we let our relationship with the speaker inhibit our willingness to take on board the message being delivered. Our defences go up and resistance characterises our response to what we hear. Often we can more readily accept the same message or truth when it is spoken to us by someone else less closely related or connected to us.

Perhaps this Gospel reminds of the need to be self-aware. There is an ever-constant danger that we may not hear the Lord at times when he speaks because our ears and hearts may be closed to the person who speaks that word of God to us.

Fr. Kieran Coghlan

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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.

Peter's Pence collection – 3rd/4th July

This annual collection provides the funds to enable Pope Francis reach out in charity on behalf of the Christian community to people in need throughout the world. The collection will be taken up as the second collection at Masses this weekend in place of the usual Share collection.

Diocesan appointments

The Archbishop has asked Fr. Kieran to take up a new appointment in Clondalkin Parish from the weekend of 28th/29th August. The Archbishop has appointed Fr. Damian McNeice to be the new Parish Priest in Castleknock and also Parish Priest in our neighbouring parish of Laurel Lodge from the same date.

Building Hope Task Force – Invitation to Parishioners

Archbishop Farrell has set up a Task Force under the title of Building Hope. The Task Force aims to stimulate engagement with the whole diocesan family and shape an inclusive approach to a pastoral strategy appropriate to our times. It is intended to support parish communities to undertake a radical renewal, looking to the future with creativity, enabling the Archdiocese of Dublin to act now, so as to give effective witness and service in the years ahead.

You are invited to take part in this consultation. There is a video, a prayer and a form on the www.dublindiocese.ie website. Please watch the video from the Archbishop and join with your family to pray and to discuss the future of the Church together. It is hoped that you might nominate one member of your family to return to the website and make a contribution by filling out the form. The consultation form will remain online until the 18th July 2021.

Pray, have the conversation and fill in the form.

Summer Offering

To help replenish the reserves in the fund that provides for the priests of the diocese, parishioners are invited to make a summer offering at some time between now and the end of August. Summer Offering envelopes are available on the table at the back of the Church.

St. Patrick's College, Maynooth - New research on the impact of Covid19 on funerals

Bereaved families, and those who support and care for them, have had to adjust to dramatically different circumstances during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this study, we want to explore the impact of public health measures, which were meant to limit virus transmission, on your experience of dealing with dying, death, and Catholic funerals. We invite you to participate in our study by taking our survey and/or participating in an interview. Find out more and link to the survey at <https://maynoothcollege.ie/covid-19-and-funeral-rituals-and-practices-a-study>

PATHWAYS: Exploring Faith as an Adult

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings, 7pm to 9.30pm from late September to May. Run by the Archdiocese of Dublin in DCU St. Patrick's Campus (MDCCE), Drumcondra Road. Application now open for September 2021. Early application advised. Contact *Pathways* Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01-8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie

Web: www.evangelisation.ie

Theology of the Arts. Does the Church need Art?

The Priory Institute, Tallaght have a week-long online Summer School running from 8th to 13th August and again from 22nd to 27th August. The course includes six recorded presentations and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Cost €50. Find out more and register on www.prioryinstitute.com or phone 01-4048124.

Weekday Mass

Mass will be celebrated at 10am daily Monday to Saturday. There will also be evening Mass at 7.30pm Monday to Friday.