

CHURCH SERVICES

The Eucharist

Sunday: Saturday Vigil 6.00pm.
Sunday **10.00am and 12.00pm**

Weekday: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10.00am.
Tuesdays and Thursdays 7.30pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

After 10.00am & 6.00pm Mass on Saturday and on request.

Baptism

Normally on 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 1.15pm.
Enquiries to the parish office.

Marriage

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

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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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 31st October 2021

SYNOD PRAYER

Every Diocese in the world has been invited by Pope Francis to embark on a Synodal pathway over the next year. This is an ecclesial way of reflecting and sharing as we walk together, in order to discern where Christ is leading us. In Dublin, our Synodal pathway takes place from now until 2023.

The following Prayer for the Synod is an adaptation of one attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (d. 636) which was prayed at the beginning of every session of the great Second Vatican Council (1962-1965).

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather in your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find You in our unity

so that we may journey together to eternal life

and not stray from the way of the truth and what is right.

All this we ask of you who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

Fr. Damian McNeice

Masses for All Saints

For the Solemnity of All Saints, we will have Mass in Our Lady Mother of the Church at 10am and 7.30pm.

ALL SAINTS

The Saints are not distant, unreachable human beings. On the contrary, they are people who lived with their feet on the ground; they experienced the daily toil of existence with its successes and failures, finding in the Lord the strength to rise again and again, and to continue on their journey... The seed of holiness is Baptism. It is a matter of increasingly maturing the awareness that we are grafted onto Christ, as the branch is united to the vine, and therefore we can and must live with Him and in Him as children of God. So, holiness is living in full communion with God, now already, during this earthly pilgrimage.

The saints we celebrate today in the liturgy are brothers and sisters who admitted in their lives that they needed this divine light, abandoning themselves to it with confidence. And now, before the throne of God (cf. Rev 7: 15), they sing His glory for ever. They constitute the “holy city” to which we look with hope, as our definitive goal, while we are pilgrims in this “earthly city”. Let us walk towards that “holy city” where these holy brothers and sisters await us. It is true, we are wearied by the harshness of the road, but hope gives us the strength to move forward. Looking at their lives, we are encouraged to imitate them. Among them are many witnesses to a holiness “found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God’s presence” (Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et exultate*, 7)."

Pope Francis 2019

SVP – Castleknock.

St. Michael’s conference, Castleknock, meets every Wednesday in the parish centre at 7.30pm. The conference provides support, including financial assistance where necessary, to people in need in the Ballymun and Castleknock areas.

New members are always welcome and can come along any Wednesday night or contact Marie via the Parish Office at (01) 6409601. To seek help, please ring the SVP Head Office at (01) 855 0022 or apply online at <https://www.svp.ie/get-help/request-help-online.aspx>

SVP – Castleknock

Society of St Vincent de Paul monthly collection takes place after all Masses this weekend, Saturday 30th October & Sunday 31st October. Please give generously.

See your life through the lens of the Gospel

1. Today’s gospel brings us right to the heart of what a Christian life involves: love of God and of neighbour. Jesus tells us that having life both now and in the future is the fruit of living in a spirit of love. How have you experienced the power of love given, and received, as a source of life and vitality?
2. If you were asked what is most important in life, what would your answer be? Recall the experiences and relationships you have had. Which are the ones that you treasure most? What has particularly enriched your life? How would you encourage another person who asked you how s/he could live a full life?
3. Jesus praises the questioner as one who had answered wisely. Recall some of the wise people you have known, people who in their words and actions impressed you with their capacity to see and treasure what is important in life.

John Byrne OSA

Prayer for After Communion

Lord when we receive you in Holy Communion you are present to us as really as you were to the Twelve at the Last Supper. May we always appreciate the closeness between us in these moments.

May we also realise that all those around us in this congregation are now intimately linked to you as well. We are now your body as you have made us your brothers and sisters.

As You reached out in love and support to countless others, may we recognise your face in those who come to us in daily life. As you served others may we serve you in them. As you have become living bread for others may we in our turn become bread to nourish those in need in this our world. Amen

Declan O’Loughlin, Dromintee, Co Armagh