

CHURCH SERVICES

THE EUCHARIST

Sunday:	Saturday	6.00pm
	Sunday	10.00am and 12.00 noon
Weekdays:	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday	10.00am
	Tuesday, Thursday	7.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: After 10.00am and before 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and on request.

Baptism: Normally on 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 1.00pm. Enquiries to the parish office.

Marriage: By arrangement with one of the Priests

.SUNDAY MASS TIMES IN OUR PARISH PARTNERSHIP: - St Mochta's, Porterstown - Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 11am. St Thomas the Apostle, Laurel Lodge - Saturday Vigil 6.30pm; Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am. For those seeking an evening Sunday Mass, St Philip the Apostle, Mountview have one at 6pm.

Evening Weekday Mass availability in our Deanery:

- **St Brigid's, Blanchardstown**, 7.30pm Mass on Mondays
- **St Luke's, Mulhuddart**, 7.30pm Mass on Wednesdays
- **St Patrick's, Corduff**, 7.30pm Mass on Fridays

CONTACT INFORMATION

Fr. Damian McNeice – Phone: 089 445 3987

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Parish Office – Monday to Thursday, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

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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 emailed to ourladysparish@gmail.com

Written notices may be handed in to the Parish Office. The deadline for submissions is Thursday evening.

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

Our Parish follows the Safeguarding policies of the Archdiocese of Dublin.

All policies relating to the Safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults are available on the Dublin Diocesan website.

See <http://csps.dublindiocese.ie/policies>

CHURCH NOTICE BOARD, BOOKSHELF OR TABLE AT THE BACK OF THE

CHURCH PLEASE do not leave any material

(notices/leaflets/books/publications, etc.) on the table, bookshelf or on the Church notice board without checking with Fr Damian or the parish office.



OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PARISHES OF
ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE, LAUREL LODGE
AND ST MOCHTA'S PORTERSTOWN.

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
21 JUNE 2026

FR DENIS O'CONNOR CSSR: This weekend we have a Mass of Thanksgiving for 25 wonderful years of Fr Denis' ministry among us here in Castleknock Parish at 10am on Sunday 21st June. It had been our hope that Fr Denis would remain among us until later in July, but he's decided it's best if he leaves for his new home in the Redemptorist Community of St Joseph's this weekend. His new address is: St Joseph's Monastery, St Alphonsus Road, Dundalk, County Louth, Ireland, A91 F3FC. [We will make sure that any card or gift that you might have for him in coming weeks will get to him. Feel free to leave them in the sacristy or parish office.]

Since Fr Denis' message about his retirement was posted on our parish Facebook page, it received over 3,700 'likes' and over 500 messages in response. Here is a flavour of those tributes: "You have been a much loved and respected faithful servant to our community over the years and I know you will be greatly missed." [Rev Colin McConaghie, Church of Ireland Rector, Castleknock] "A truly kind and gentle priest, you have been a friend to our family and seen us through highs and lows... quiet spoken, gentle, devoted, honest and genuine.... For me Denis, you were a friend who lent a listening ear when I needed it. You gave me advice and guidance through difficult times as you did for so many others... A much loved and respected shepherd.... Always so kind, approachable and lovely to deal with... You are a good, caring, wonderful priest who has lived your life in the service of God and your parishioners.... We were blessed to have had you in our community for so long... Fr Denis you have been inspirational ... thank you for all the years of prayerful masses, kindest humanity and empathy for us.... You were a big part of our family."

Fr Damian writes: Over these past 25 years Fr Denis had immersed himself in the sorrowful, joyful, glorious and luminous mysteries of our lives in an unobtrusive, deeply sensitive way. He often speaks of "the great mystery of God" into which we are journeying. It's a reality into which he has entered in his own prayer life and as a witness to the Lord our Redeemer. He visited the sick and the dying. He visited the schools, St Brigid's and Scoil Mhuire. He has a

lovely way of speaking with the children about the Lord with enthusiasm and joy. He always remembers to pray with those joining our worship via the webcam and their intentions. Several times I have been very moved at how deeply in tune Denis has been with the spiritual journey of those who are sick – a sign of someone with the heart of the Good Shepherd.

Fr Denis has endured several health issues, some very serious, over the past 3 years in particular and has bounced back with grace and fortitude. But after a heavy dose of the flu that necessitated him spending Christmas in hospital, it was starting to dawn on him – and on his confreres in his Redemptorist family – that perhaps it was no longer possible for him to continue to minister among us. We echo the words of the Gospel and say: “Well done, good and faithful servant of our Lord and Holy Redeemer.” May the new chapter of life ahead of you be immensely kind and good to you, just as you have been so good to us. We thank his many friends and neighbours in Auburn Drive and from all across the parish who have been a great support to him. It is impossible to name them all but we must mention Olive, our sacristan, because of her amazing care and immense kindness to him.

Fr Denis, we will always remember you in our prayers, and to quote St Paul: “I thank my God whenever I think of you, and every time I pray for you... I always pray with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the very first day up to the present. I am quite confident that the One who began a good work in you will go on completing it until the Day of Jesus Christ comes.” [Philippians 1:3-6]

DAY FOR LIFE – This Sunday, 21st June, the Church across Ireland celebrates Day for Life on the theme ‘The humanity of the unborn child’, which invites us to reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God – true God and true man – as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth. To read the full bishops’ message visit <https://councilforlife.ie/day-for-life-2026/>

ARCHBISHOP FARRELL’S MESSAGE ABOUT SUMMER DUES “Please encourage and pray for your priests in their ministry, and pray, too, for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. The Summer Dues appeal contributes to the essential support of priests. The generosity that you have towards your priests is indispensable. Please play your part, too, in a renewed and active involvement of all the baptised as together we build a synodal Church, nourishing and supporting each other, led by the Holy Spirit and counting the wonderful blessings of God in our lives.” [All Dues throughout the year, Christmas, Easter and now these Summer Dues – and our First Collection at Sunday Mass - go directly to the Diocesan Common Fund administered by the Diocesan Finance Secretariat.]

PETER’S PENCE The Peter’s Pence collection takes place next weekend, 27th/28th June. Donating to the Pope’s personal charity is a concrete gesture of communion with the Holy Father and closeness to his mission of proclaiming the Gospel and bringing hope and love to every part of the world.

ROSTER: MINISTERS OF THE WORD The new roster for Ministers of the Word is available on the parish website. Copies are available in the Sacristy.

LECTIO DIVINA Prayer and contemplation of the Gospel of the following Sunday. Wednesday 24th June from 10:30 to 11am in Our Lady’s Parish Centre.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP continues Thursday 25th June in St Thomas the Apostle Day Chapel, 10.30 to 11.10am.

CONFIRMATION IN OUR PARISH - Congratulations to the children from Scoil Mhuire Mount Sackville and Castleknock Educate Together who were confirmed in our parish on Friday 19th June. May the Lord’s blessings flow abundantly for them and their families.

ANNUAL NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE celebrating the World Day for grandparents and the elderly. **Sunday 26th July, Knock Shrine** - a day of grace and blessing for the whole family as grandparents and the elderly are honoured. Anointing - 2:30. Mass - 3:00. Rosary procession (weather permitting). *Celebrant:* Archbishop Eamon Martin, primate of All Ireland. *Music:* Una Nolan and choirs. Guest soloist Dana Rosemary Scallan. **Note:** there will **not** be a bus travelling from our parish this year.

CHURCH SHOP – Open after 10am Mass on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and on Sunday morning after both Masses. Come in and browse our new stock! Card payments are now possible too.

GIVEBLOOD.IE Support your upcoming Local Blood Drive! Castleknock Community College, Carpenterstown. Next Wednesday 24th June, 5pm to 8.30pm. Giving blood saves many lives. Check your eligibility at www.giveblood.ie or call us on 1800 731 137

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES/CEMETERY SUNDAY At this time of the year many cemeteries have their annual Blessing of the Graves. Here are the Dublin Cemeteries Trust dates, all at 3pm: • Sunday 21st June – Palmerstown Cemetery • Sunday 28th June – Glasnevin Cemetery • Sunday 5th July – Dardistown Cemetery • Sunday 12th July – Newlands Cross Cemetery

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BARNARDOS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Roles include: Intergenerational reading programme (55 years and over) in Dublin 11, Wizard of Words – WoW. Volunteer Administration role, one morning per week, Head Office, Christchurch Square. July start. . Contact Lisa Tobin – lisa.tobin@barnardos.ie.

AN TOBAR RETREAT CENTRE Navan. *The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Mission & Ministry of Jesus ...And in Our Lives too.* Led by Eamonn Mulcahy C.S.Sp. Residential. 6-10 July. €500. 046 9078973. jackie@antobar.ie