

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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Saturday/Sunday – 14th /15th January 2023

MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday to Friday at 10.00 am - Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30 pm

Sunday Masses: 9.30 am, 11.00 am and 12.30 pm

(St Philip the Apostle, Mountview – 6.00 pm)

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 15th JANUARY 2023

The lights of Christmas are beginning to fade, but the mystery of Christ's presence is still with us. The Word was made flesh and lived among us.

FIRST READING: (Eccl. 24:1-2; 8-12)

This is a poem in praise of divine wisdom.

GOSPEL: (Jn: 1:1-18)

This is the great hymn of the Word of God, whose coming among us makes us children of God.

SECOND READING: (Eph. 1:3-6; 15-18)

This reading introduces God's plan of salvation; a plan which is centred on Christ and realised through him.



REFLECTION

When God's Son came on earth he came dressed in the cloak of our weak and mortal humanity.

They wrapped the baby in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger.

Like an acorn that falls to the earth silently and unheralded in a remote corner of the forest and which grows into a great oak tree. So from these lowly origins Jesus grew up to show us the greatest of our humanity.

PRAYERS/INTENTIONS: From Monday 16th January a basket will be left at the altar for people to place their intentions/prayer requests. These will be prayed for at the 10.00 am Mass on the day.



BAPTISMS: Baptism Ceremonies are held on the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm and the third Saturday of the month at 3:30 pm. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



Scoil Thomáis - Junior Infants

Application Forms for admission to Junior Infants for September 2023 are available from the school website www.scoilthomais.ie. Applications can only be accepted up the 31st January 2023. For more information contact the school on (01)8201022

A special **Taizé Prayer for Christian Unity** will be held this Friday at 7pm in Our Lady Mother of the Church Castleknock for the young and those young at heart !

Catholicism - Journey around the world and deep into the Faith. This will take place over 10 weeks from Monday, 23rd January, 2023 at 7.30pm in Our Lady Mother of the Church Parish Centre, Castleknock. Spaces are limited. To reserve a place, please phone or text 087 2161199.

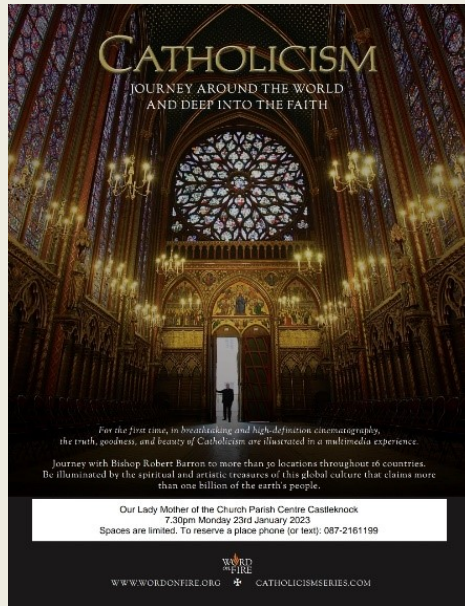
MASS INTENTIONS

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| SATURDAY | 6.30 pm | EDWARD (NED) CONLON (ANNIVERSARY) |
| SUNDAY | 9.30 am | DOMINIC KENNA (1 ST ANNIVERSARY) |
| | 11.00 am | KIERAN FRIEL (6 TH ANNIVERSARY) |
| | 12.30 pm | AGNES AND TOM DAWDRY (ANNIVERSARY) |

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for: Betty O'Connell, Bob McCarthy, Helen Clifford, Alan Hannigan, Ann Lahiff (*Recently Deceased*)

Also: Mary Whyte and Katie and Mattie Freely
Whose anniversaries occur at this time



'Catholicism' - Bishop Robert Barron's highly acclaimed 10-part film presentation on the Catholic faith begins Monday 23rd January for ten Mondays in Our Lady Mother of the Church Parish Centre Castleknock. Each evening starts 7:30pm with a brief introduction followed by a film presentation, then group discussions focused on the film's content and finishes about 9:15pm. All are welcome but spaces are very limited - to book a place please text your name with the words 'Catholicism course' to 087 2161199.

Have you ever dreamed of doing the Camino de Santiago. [Breakthrough Cancer Research](http://www.breakcancer.ie) are taking on the Camino Ingles from the 15th-22nd May 2023. Enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guide and help us Make More Survivors. For more information please contact Mary@breakcancer.ie or phone 021 422 66 55 for more details.

This year, Coolmine Community School celebrates its 50th Anniversary since the opening of the school in 1972. As a result, a number of events are being planned throughout the academic year in order to commemorate this milestone.

Accordingly, we plan to hold a memorial service for deceased members of the Coolmine School Community on Sunday 22nd January 2023 at 3pm. I would like to invite you to this most special event in order to remember with fondness, all those who in their own way contributed so much to the life and spirit of the school. A Remembrance Book which includes the names of those we remember and pray for provides a continual reminder of the legacies of those we remember on this day. That Remembrance Book will be present at the Memorial Service.

You are cordially invited to this Service to pray for those who continually remain in our thoughts and prayers.



Adoration takes place in the Church every Wednesday from 8 pm to 9 pm. All welcome. Also available on the parish webcam: www.laurellodgeparish.ie.

Mass Intentions: To arrange an anniversary Mass or Mass for a special intention please phone the parish office (01 8208112) or email office@laurellodgeparish.ie with the details. Mass intentions can also be booked with the Sacristan. Early booking is recommended.