

***PARISH of ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE***  
*in partnership with the parishes of Porterstown & Castleknock*

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**Saturday/Sunday – 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 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)

**THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

Jesus was very critical of the Scribes and Pharisees. His main criticism was that they didn't practice what they preached – their deeds didn't match their words.

**First Reading:** (Mal. 1:14-2:2.8-10): The prophet attacks the laxity and carelessness regarding morality and worship.

**Second Reading:** (1Thess.2:7-9.13): Paul reminds the Thessalonians of his love and care for them and how hard he worked to bring them the Good News.

**Gospel:** (Mt.23:1-12): Jesus launches a strong attack on the Scribes and Pharisees but what he says is important for us too.



**REFLECTION**

The Scribes and Pharisees were more concerned with appearing good than with actually being good.  
We don't have to put on an outward show  
Or pretend to be what we are not.  
All we have to do is to be true to what we are  
God's sons and daughters.

**The Pope's Intentions November 2023** - For the Pope  
We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**REMEMBRANCE MASS and PARISH ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD**

Our annual Parish Remembrance Mass takes place on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** at **7.30pm**. At this celebration we will remember all our Laurel Lodge parishioners who have gone to the Lord since October 2022. All are welcome. As November, the month of remembrance and prayer for the dead approaches, you might like to have your deceased family members and friends added to our Parish Altar List of the Dead. Mass on the first Friday of every month will be offered for them. Altar List of the Dead envelopes are available at the back of the church. As St. Monica said to St. Augustine: "*Only this I ask: that you will remember me at the Lord's altar, wherever you are...*"

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: ZACH, BARRA, AOIBHINN, MARK, ROAN, CROÍA, GENI AND GABRIELLE, WHO WERE BAPTISED IN OUR CHURCH IN OCTOBER. CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BAPTISMS.



**WEDDING** - CONGRATULATIONS TO AISLING AND ANDREW WHO WERE MARRIED IN OUR CHURCH ON THURSDAY.  
MAY THE LORD CONTINUE TO BLESS THEM IN THE YEARS AHEAD.



**CASTLEKNOCK LIONS CLUB** WILL HOLD AN OUTDOOR COLLECTION AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN AID OF LOCAL CHARITIES. YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. ALSO WE WOULD LIKE YOUR SUPPORT FOR A **5K WALK** IN AID OF CHILDHOOD CANCER IRELAND ON **26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 AT 11 A.M.** STARTING AT THE POPE'S CROSS PHOENIX PARK.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY: 6.30 pm – Ryan McDonnell (Recently Deceased)**

**SUNDAY: 9.30 am – John Bruen (Recently Deceased)**

**11.00 am – Baby Grace Kane (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)**

**12.30 pm – Rose Kenna (Recently Deceased)**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

***Please pray for: Sean McCarthy, Nuala Gilmer, Anthony Hogg, and Vincent Beirne (Recently Deceased)***  
***Stephen Kenny (Months Mind)***



***Also those whose anniversaries occur at this time:***  
Nan Coughlan, Lil McLaughlin, Michael McConnon, and Rory Bruen,  
Katie and Mattie Feely - Liam Mullin (Birthday Remembrance)  
Deceased Members of the Fitzgerald and Leahy Families

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## **Song for a Synodal Gathering**

Please find below a Song for a Synodal Gathering, which is already being sung in some parishes.

***Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
we walk together on the Way.  
Love is our calling, as we journey,  
may we continue from this day.***

***All of God's people filled with the Spirit,  
walk with each other as we pray.  
Mindful that Jesus calls us to reach out,  
Sharing with others from today.***

***We are his Body, called to serve others.  
We are his people, journeying all.  
May we listen to the Spirit  
and together answer His call.***

(To the tune of Christ Be Beside Me)

### **ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH OF IRELAND CASTLEKNOCK**

*Ecumenical Graveyard Service With Blessing of the Graves*

Sunday November 12th 3.00pm All welcome

**LECTIO DIVINA** - Spiritual reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday - an opportunity to listen, share, discuss and pray the Living Word. Please come on Wednesdays from 10.30 am to 11.00 am in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Beechpark Lawn, Castleknock. For information, contact Marian on 087 2958363.

**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](http://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](mailto:office@laurellodgeparish.ie) with the details. Mass intentions can also be booked with the Sacristan. Early booking is recommended.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

***Friday mornings - 9.00am – 9.30am, Saturday evenings - 5.00pm – 5.45pm***

***Rite II (communal celebration) – after the 6.30 pm Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month***



### **PRAYERS/INTENTIONS**

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.