

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

THANK YOU... OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL WHO WORKED SO HARD TO PREPARE OUR PARISH CHURCH FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON: THOSE WHO PREPARED THE ADVENT WREATH, JESSE TREE, OUR CRIB, CHRISTMAS TREE, FLOWERS, ALL THE PREPARATIONS BY OUR CHOIRS, MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND OF HOLY COMMUNION, GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS, THE EXTRA WORK DONE BY THOSE IN OUR SACRISTY AND PARISH OFFICE. THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE OUR LITURGIES BEAUTIFUL. MAY THE LORD REWARD YOU ACCORDING TO HIS WISDOM, PROVIDENTIAL CARE AND ACCORDING TO YOUR NEED. TÁIMÍD AN-BUÍOCH.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: CONOR, AVA, OSCAR, ROBYN, ALEKSA, MURRAY AND RUADH WHO WERE BAPTISED IN OUR CHURCH IN DECEMBER. BAPTISM CEREMONIES ARE HELD ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT 1:30PM AND THE THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT 3:30 PM. PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024 - Our Lady Mother of the Church Parish, Castleknock, has the honour this year of hosting the Inaugural Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on **Thursday 18th January 2024 at 8pm** when they will be led by our Archbishop, Dr Dermot Farrell, the Church of Ireland Archbishop of Dublin, Dr Michael Jackson, and many other Christian leaders from the greater Dublin area, entering into Christ's prayer that all his disciples would be one [John 17:21]. All are welcome. That night the **evening Mass in Castleknock will take place at the earlier time of 6.30 pm.**

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Saturday/Sunday – 6th/7th JANUARY 2024

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)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – 7TH January 2024
WE ARE CELEBRATING THE BAPTISM OF JESUS. ALTHOUGH SINLESS, HE JOINED THE RANKS OF SINNERS. JESUS WAS BAPTISED BY JOHN IN THE RIVER JORDAN. HE DID THIS TO FREE US FROM THE POWER OF SIN.



First Reading: (Is.55:1-11): This passage is addressed to the exiles in Babylon to come to a banquet in which food is plentiful.
Second Reading: (1John 5:1-9): This contains a number of links with baptism; it has three main themes: love one another; faith in Jesus helps; do this; the Baptism of Jesus gives to his role as Messiah.
Gospel: (Mk.1: 7-11): This tells us how Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan and the signs that accompanied his baptism.

REFLECTION
There are many vocations in the Church
But the most important of these is
the one received at baptism
Namely the vocation to be a disciple
of Jesus
Lord give us joy in the profession of
our faith
And may we live the faith in such a way
That the world will know that we are
your disciples

The Pope's Intentions
January 2024
*For the gift of diversity
in the church*
We pray that the Holy Spirit
may help us to recognise the
gift of different charisms
within the Christian
community and to discover
the richness of different
traditions and rituals in the
Catholic Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:	6.30 pm	Pádraig O'Meara (3 rd Anniversary) Maírtín O'Meara (RIP)
SUNDAY:	9.30 am	Geraldine Garland (Anniversary)
	11.00 am	Bernard Farrell (Anniversary)
	12.30 pm	Edward Conlon (Anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Joseph (Joe) Bernie whose funeral took place during the week
Christine Yearsley, Patrick Lyons, John McGrath,
Sr. Paulinus McMahon, Brendan Smyth (*Recently Deceased*)
Also those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Helen Clifford, Tommy Clifford, Dara Clifford, John Noonan,
Phyllis Dardis-Jordan, Agnes McLaughlin, Brigid O'Hagan,
Sr. Celine O'Mahony, Patsy Moohan