

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

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**Saturday/Sunday – 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> 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)

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK BEGINS  
Jesus begins preaching with a call to repentance.  
We begin each Mass with a similar call to change.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024**

*“Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic Schools. Education is an act of love: it is like giving life.” – Pope Francis*  
Catholic Schools Week will take place from Sunday 21st January to Saturday 27th January 2024. The theme of Catholic Schools Week 2024 is “Catholic Schools as Communities of Service”.

**First Reading:** (Jon.3:1-5)

This reading relates how the preaching of Jonah met with an immediate response.

**Second Reading:** (1Cor.7:29-31)

Paul was convinced that the second coming of Christ was imminent.

**Gospel:** (Mk,1:14-20)

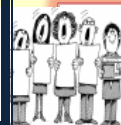
This is the first half of Mark's gospel which describes the ministry and preaching of Jesus.

**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.

**REFLECTION**

I may be poor but no millionaire can be so happy as me  
if they haven't got the love of God in their souls.  
Think what it is – not to hate anything but evil  
To be full of love for every creature  
To be frightened of nothing  
To be sure that all things will turn to good  
To know that nothing can separate us from God who loves us  
And who fills our souls with peace and joy.  
This blessedness is offered to everyone  
It is the good news that Jesus came to preach to the poor.



**"BEALTAINÉ" ESTABLISHED MUSIC GROUP, ST THOMAS APOSTLE CHURCH**

BEALTAINÉ REQUIRES JUST 2 MALE SINGERS & ALSO 2 FEMALE SINGERS  
TO BALANCE THE COMPLEMENT.

FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT DIRECTOR: ROSALIND O'DOWD: 0863346493

ON FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY A WONDERFUL PRIEST **FR. JOHN WALSH** FROM LIMERICK WILL GIVE HIS TESTIMONY DURING THE **7.30 MASS IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH CORDUFF BLANCHARDSTOWN**. FR. JOHN HAS WORKED AS A CHAPLAIN IN LIMERICK PRISON FOR MANY YEARS AND NOW WORKS IN A DISADVANTAGED AREA IN LIMERICK. HIS TESTIMONY IS WELL WORTH HEARING. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE MASS

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Sally Timlin (recently deceased)</b>
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Bridget Brady (recently deceased)</b>
	<b>12.30 pm</b>	<b>Frank Kelly (anniversary)</b>

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Mary Brennan whose funeral took place in our church during the week**

Christine Yearsley, Mary O'Connor (Recently Deceased)

**Also those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Elizabeth Quinlan, Francie Niblock, Elizabeth and Patrick Brady, also Jim, Pearl, Patricia, Kevin and June, Eamon Bodkin, Elizabeth O'Callaghan, Edward O'Grady

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**ADORATION**

Takes place in Laurel Lodge Church every Wednesday  
from 8 pm to 9 pm. All Welcome. Also available on the parish webcam:

[www.laurellodgeparish.ie](http://www.laurellodgeparish.ie)

Also in - St Mochta's, Porterstown - Sundays 7pm to 8pm  
and Our Lady Mother of the Church - Thursdays 8pm to 9pm

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**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***

**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.

**KNOCK PILGRIMAGE – SAVE THE DATE**

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead our annual pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, April 27. This year we are celebrating 145 years since the apparition in 1879.  
email [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie).

**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.



**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077.

Visit [www.hospicefoundation.ie](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie) for more information.

**AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS**

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail.

For more information, visit [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie).