

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

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**Saturday/Sunday – 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Monday to Friday at 10.00 am - Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30 pm  
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 (St Philip the Apostle, Mountview – 6.00 pm)

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

Suffering touches all of us at some time. Jesus' response to suffering was one of compassion. Little wonder the sick flocked to Jesus.

**First Reading:** (Job 7:1-4)

Job wrestled with the problem of why should the innocent suffer. The common explanation was that suffering was a punishment for sin.

**Second Reading:** (1Cor. 9:16-19)

Here we see Paul's commitment to preaching the word. He does so because he cannot resist the power of Christ who called him to be an apostle of the word.

**Gospel:** (Mk.1:29-39)

The two main aspects of the ministry of Jesus is teaching and healing.

**REFLECTION**

Jesus was constantly surrounded by needy people. To cope with this pressure he regularly went off to a lonely place to rest and to pray. We too need a quiet place to which we can withdraw to care for ourselves and to seek the face of God. Merely to reflect on the transience of our lives and our undertakings. A kind of purification and a test as well. It is good even if it shames us and wounds our pride.

**The Pope's Intentions February 2024**

*For the terminally ill*

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



**HEALING MASS WITH ANOINTING**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**at 11.30 am in St. Thomas the Apostle Church**  
**ALL WELCOME**  
 Tea/Coffee available after Mass



**THANK YOU**

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO GAVE THEIR TIME AND TOOK PART IN THE 24 HOURS OF EUCHARIST ADORATION AND PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ST. MOCHTA'S CHURCH LAST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

**BAPTISMS** - We welcome Seán, Liam, Tom, Alphonsus, Phoebe, and Robyn who were baptised in January. We wish them every joy and happiness for the future.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Ritchie Gallagher and Bridget O'Flaherty (Anniversary)</b>
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Michael Ludden and Brian Masterson (Recently Deceased)</b>
	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Margaret Fallon (Anniversary)</b>
	<b>12.30 pm</b>	<b>Nancy Grimes (Anniversary)</b>

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Olive Somers (whose funeral took place during the week)  
 Seamus Dawson, Francis O'Rourke, Karl O'Neill, Ben Dunne  
 and Joe Drennan (*Recently Deceased*)

**Also those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Eileen Kinsella,  
 Paddy Ward, Alice Pratt, Mary and Frederick Hynes, Jack Clarke

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**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).

**"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*

**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.



**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 10.30am to 11.00am in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Beechpark Lawn, Castleknock.  
For information, contact Marian on 087 2958363

**ADORATION:** Takes place in Laurel Lodge Church every Wednesday from 8 pm to 9 pm. All Welcome.

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

**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.

**\* EASTER PILGRIMAGE \***

Come spend Easter Week in Medjugorje  
Join the School of Mary for a week of peace  
Contact Group Leader Eleanor Healy for more information on 0872351294

**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).

**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***