

## **PARISH of ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE**

*in partnership with the parishes of Porterstown & Castleknock*

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**Saturday/Sunday – 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

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### **40 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

### **FLOOD AND DESERT**

**Our Prayer:** LOVING GOD, IN THIS SEASON OF LENT YOU CALL US TO ACT JUSTLY, LOVE TENDERLY, AND WALK HUMBLLY WITH EACH OTHER SO THAT WE CAN BUILD YOUR KINGDOM OF JUSTICE AND PEACE, YOUR KINGDOM OF LOVE AND TRUTH, YOUR KINGDOM OF HOLINESS AND GRACE IN OUR WORLD TODAY. *AMEN*

**First Reading:** (Gen. 9:8-15)/**Second Reading:** (1Peter 3:18-22)

In this Sunday's first and second readings you will notice mention of a flood. Flood in the Bible connects with danger and disaster, but our first reading assures us that God will never destroy the earth.

**Gospel:** (Mark 1:12-15): Jesus is in the wilderness of the desert in the Gospel and he emerges from this experience proclaiming Good news from God. The early Christians realised that the flood of God's grace, which flows from Jesus' desert experience, is positive because it is about our Baptism.



**THANK YOU** - Church collections last weekend amounted to **€3,276.67**. Our thanks to our very generous Parishioners.

### **St Philip the Apostle Church Mountview**

During Lent there will be **7am Mass** on weekday mornings. Please note there will be no evening Masses during Lent.

**REFLECTION:** There is no life without water. We cannot survive without it. Sometimes we call Plant Earth, the Blue Planet. Salt water accounts for 97.5% of all water in the earth; the remaining 2.5% is fresh water. This 2.5% sustains human life on earth – our life. In a real sense it is the foundation of all human civilisation; however, because it seems to be in such abundance, we appear to take water for granted. While fresh water is a global concern, it is always a local issue. Most people drink from the well in their own yard. In the past 150 years, with the significant industrialisation of society and of agriculture, the demand for fresh water has increased exponentially and the effects of vastly increased urban living can be seen in our rivers, lakes and oceans.

*#2.1 The Cry of the Earth, The Cry of the Poor - Archbishop Dermot Farrell*

**ADORATION: PLEASE NOTE THAT DURING LENT ADORATION WILL TAKE PLACE IN LAUREL LODGE CHURCH EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM**

**7pm to 9pm. THE FIRST HOUR IS IN SILENCE.** 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

Our sincere thanks to all who contributed to the **Christmas Dues** in our parish which this year amounted to **€11,076**. All these contributions, as do all Easter and Summer Dues, go directly to the Common Fund administered by the Diocesan Finance Secretariat out of which the priests of our Diocese are paid their monthly stipend and our sick and retired priests are cared for.



**THE ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR ACCORD DUBLIN, THE DIOCESAN AGENCY FOR MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY, WILL BE MADE AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND.**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	Patricia Leonard (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) and John Leonard (24 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	William Ryan (11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
	<b>11.00 am</b>	Martin McGrath (Anniversary)
	<b>12.30 pm</b>	Noel Ward (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)

### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Shirley Dorrity (*Recently Deceased*)

**Also those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Matt Ryan, Nellie Keenan, Mary Ann Drohan, Norah Flynn, Nancy Clarke, Yvonne O'Callaghan, Br. Martin Fahy - *May they Rest in Peace*

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**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.

**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.



**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.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**KNOCK PILGRIMAGE**

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).

**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.



A **Special Mass and Testimony** by a young Dominican Priest Fr. Anthony Kavanagh in St Patrick's Church Corduff on Friday 23rd February 2024 at 7.30pm.  
Adoration and confession from 7pm  
All welcome and refreshments afterwards in the pastoral centre

**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

**\*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 - 0872351294



**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**

**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).

