

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

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Saturday/Sunday – 24th/25th FEBRUARY 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)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 25th FEBRUARY 2024

HOMELESSNESS

Our Prayer:



LOVING GOD, IN THIS SEASON OF LENT
 YOU CALL US TO ACT JUSTLY, LOVE TENDERLY,
 AND WALK HUMBLY 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.22.1-2.9-13.15-18)/**Second Reading:** (Rom.8.31-34)

In the first reading this Sunday we hear about the sacrifice of Abraham. When we look at the life of Abraham it is clear he made many sacrifices in his life. He wandered in the desert for many years trying to find a home.
Gospel: (Mk.9.2-10): The Gospel refers to Peter suggesting that three tents are set up. Tents are symbolic of God's permanent presence among us, but today our towns and cities have people sheltering in tents because they are homeless.

We as a Christian community are challenged to help them find a safe, permanent home, where they can truly feel God's permanent protecting presence.

Reflection

"There is no social or moral justification for homelessness, but we can find solace and meaning in the Incarnation... The Son of God came into this world as a homeless person... The Son of God knew what it was to start life without a roof over his head".

"We can find no social or moral justification, no justification whatsoever, for lack of housing. There are many unjust situations, but we know that God is suffering with us, experiencing them at our side. He does not abandon us".

2015 visit to Catholic Charities in Washington D.C.
 (Pope Francis)



ADORATION: PLEASE NOTE THAT DURING LENT ADORATION WILL TAKE PLACE IN LAUREL LODGE CHURCH EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 7pm to 9pm. THE FIRST HOUR IS SILENT PRAYER. All Welcome.

Available on the parish webcam: www.laurellodgeparish.ie
 Also in - **St Mochta's, Porterstown** - Sundays 7pm to 8pm
 and **Our Lady Mother of the Church** - Thursdays 8pm to 9pm

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:	6.30 pm	MONTHS MIND: MARY BRENNAN
SUNDAY:	9.30 am	May and Frank Boyle, Catriona Dowling and Rose White (Anniversary)
	11.00 am	Anne Curley (Anniversary)
	12.30 pm	John Murphy (Anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Robin Cunningham, Tommy Devane, Julia Casey, Ita Green
 (Recently Deceased)

Also those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Paddy and Gretta Reilly, Dymphna Faughnan, John and Julia Byrne,
 Seán McDermott, Nora and Patrick Moran, Dinny McArdle,
 Brother John Judge and Brother Willie Judge

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

To arrange an anniversary Mass or Mass for a special intention please phone the parish office (01 8208112) or email office@laurelodgeparish.ie with the details. Mass intentions can also be booked with the Sacristan. Early booking is recommended.



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
1st Saturday of the month

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.



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 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.

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.

