

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

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**Saturday/Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2024**

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 (St Philip the Apostle, Mountview – 6.00 pm)

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2024**  
**POVERTY & COST OF LIVING**

**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:**  
 (Ex.20:1-17)

**Second Reading:**  
 (1Cor.1:22-25)

**Gospel:**  
 (John2:13-25)

- We know this Sunday's Gospel story well and often ask ourselves "Why did Jesus get so angry?"
- The animals in the story were sold so that those on pilgrimage could make their symbolic sacrificial offerings to God.
- Jesus realised that the poor were being manipulated by the money changers.
- He replaced all of this by the sacrifice of his own body, given for others.
- Many believed in him because he was on the side of the poor, the lost, the disadvantaged, the downtrodden and wanted to set them free from oppression.
- Followers of Jesus are called to do likewise; to be on the side of the poor.

**The Pope's Intentions March 2024 :** FOR THE NEW MARTYRS  
 We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

**Reflection**

The needy generally "practice the special solidarity that exists among those who are poor and suffering, and which our civilization seems to have forgotten or would prefer in fact to forget .... Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It means that the lives of all are prior to the appropriation of goods by a few. It also means combatting the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labour rights. It means confronting the destructive effects of the empire of money".

*#116 Fratelli Tutti / Pope Francis*

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome Cara, Serena, Dylan, James, Zach, Ayla, Evan and Conor who were baptised in our church in February.  
 Please keep them in your prayers.

**CLOTHES SWAP - Communion, Confirmation, Occasion & Spring Wear**  
**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March 12.30-3.30pm Castleknock GAA Clubhouse, Somerton.** Check out Laurel Lodge Environmental Group on Facebook and Instagram for more information

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Breda Harmon (Anniversary)</b>
	<b>MONTHS MIND</b>	<b>Olive Somers and Veronica Gaffney</b>
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Thomas Walsh (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b>
	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Bridie and Bertie Keegan (Anniversary)</b>
	<b>12.30 pm</b>	<b>Joseph Quinlan (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)</b>

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**  
**Gretta Kelly** whose funeral took place in our church during the week

Ruth Kelly, Teresa Stenson, Donal Buckley, Nuala Feeney,  
 Catherine Keogh (*Recently Deceased*)

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

Stuart McLaughlin, Michael O'Brien, Marie Noone

***May they Rest in Peace***



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**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.

**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](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



**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).

**\*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

**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

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Friday mornings -**  
9.00am – 9.30 am:  
**Saturday evenings -**  
5.00pm – 5.30 pm

*Rite II (communal celebration)*  
after the 6.30 pm Mass on the  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month

**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.

**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](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).

**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.

