

**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> APRIL 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)

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2024**  
**Good Shepherd Sunday (Day of Prayer for Vocations)**  
 This is a day of special prayer for vocations to the work of service in the church. Christ is the Good Shepherd who gives his life for his sheep.



**First Reading:** (Acts 4:8-12)  
 In spite of the hostility of the religious leaders, Peter still continues to defend the resurrection.

**Second Reading:** (1John 3:1-2)  
 Here John talks about the wonderful love God has shown for us by making us his children.

**Gospel:** (John 10:11-18)  
 The gospel presents Jesus as the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep.



**REFLECTION:** Working with Love

All work is empty save when done with love.  
 If you cannot work with love but with only distaste, it is better that you should leave your work and sit at the gate of the temple and take alms from those who work with joy.  
 For if you bake bread with indifference, you bake a bitter bread that feeds half of man's hunger and if you grudge the crushing of the grapes, your grudge distils a poison in the wine. Work is love made visible.

*Kahlil Gibran*



**The Pope's Intentions April 2024 - FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN**  
 We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**SVP THANK YOU** - Church collection last weekend amounted to €3,256.51

**Charity Quiz - THANK YOU** - A big thank you to all who supported the recent Charity Quiz in aid of the Kiltegan Fathers' schools in Riwato, South Sudan. **Over €4,100 was raised.**

A *Healing Mass* will be held in St. Patrick's Church Corduff on Friday 26th April at 7.30pm. The celebrant is a well-known priest Fr. Brendan Walsh S.A.C. There will be adoration from 7pm and refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Easter Pastoral Offering Envelopes** are available from the tables at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

**LAY MINISTRY APPEAL** - The Lay Ministry Appeal will take place on the weekend of April 27/28. This collection will replace the usual Share Collection.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>JOE SMITH (Anniversary)</b>
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>DOROTHY TRAYNOR (Recently Deceased)</b>
	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>KAY FAUGHNAN (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b>
	<b>12.30 pm</b>	<b>GERRY NANGLE (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b>

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**  
 Pray for the repose of the soul of **Jim Smith** whose funeral took place here during the week  
 Also, Annamae Murtagh, Robin Cunningham (*Recently Deceased*)  
**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**  
 George and Mary Seymour, Harry McLaughlin, Gerry McCarrick  
 John Fitzpatrick (Birthday Remembrance)  
**May they Rest in Peace**



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**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).

**SENIORLINE** : - Would like someone to talk to?

SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year **10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91**. Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or for company during their day. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and to refer caller to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone if sharing a problem would help. Phone SeniorLine 1800 80 45 91 - open every day of the year 10am-10pm.

**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.

**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.



**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).