

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

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Saturday/Sunday – 3rd / 4th AUGUST 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 and 11.00 am
(St Philip the Apostle Mountview – 6.00 pm)

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 4th AUGUST 2024

In last Sunday's gospel we heard that Jesus fed the people in the desert. When they came back to be fed the following day he said to them; "Do not work for perishable food; work for the food that endures to eternal life"

First Reading: (Ex. 16:2-4): The people of Israel complained that they were brought out to the desert to suffer. To alleviate their hunger Jesus provided them with manna.

Second Reading: (Eph. 4:17.20-24): Paul has reminded his Gentile readers that they have become coheirs with Jesus.

Gospel: (John 6:24-35): Jesus reminds the people that he did not come to feed them with bread. He came to strengthen faith.

REFLECTION

God provided mysterious food called manna for the Israelites during their sojourn in the desert. However they were told not to stockpile the manna but to gather only what was needed for one day. This was meant to teach them to trust in God's providence on a daily basis no matter how difficult life can be. For those who trust in God and live a day at a time the manna of his help falls every day.

SUMMER DUES

Please support your priests through the Summer Dues collection. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank You.

The Pope's Intentions August 2024 – For Political Leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

The **LOURDES COLLECTION** will take place next weekend (10th/11th August) after all the Masses. Thank you for your support.

BAPTISMS IN OUR CHURCH IN JULY - Please keep Holly, Pippa, Dáire, Cathal, Keelan, Kai, Romeo, Emma, Sophie, Ethan, James, Saorlaith and Lillian, in your prayers.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival 2024 will be taking place very soon, August 15th-18th, for Catholics aged 16-35 in Clongowes Wood College, Co Kildare. Find details and book your place at <https://youth2000.ie/summer-festival-2024/>

The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in our community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments. If you have a few hours to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30 pm	Oliver Leahy (4th anniversary) Lina Kononenko (recently deceased)
SUNDAY: 9.30 am	Raymond Murphy (recently deceased) Karl Andrews (6th anniversary)
11.00 am	Kathleen Nangle (3rd anniversary) John Hollingsworth (3rd anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Annie Keenan (recently deceased)
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time
Martina Griffin, Charlie and Margaret McCann, Rally MacArdle,
Deceased Members of the Killock Family

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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
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 WITH THE DETAILS. MASS INTENTIONS CAN ALSO BE
BOOKED WITH THE SACRISTAN. EARLY BOOKING IS RECOMMENDED.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Friday mornings: 9.00 am – 9.30 am:
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
and the third Saturday of the month.
Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



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.



Sharing Mass Intentions: A very strong characteristic of our parish is your desire to have the Holy Mass offered for your loved ones, especially for those who have "fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection". The demand often far exceeds the number of Masses we have available. Sometimes there can be a no Mass intention free for several months, especially for those seeking a Sunday Mass. In many other parishes, people have been asked if they would be so gracious as to share a Mass intention with another family seeking to remember a loved one, particularly in the case of Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses, and this has worked well. So, it is my hope that this solution will be acceptable to you and your families.
Fr. Damian

WEDDING BAND FOUND IN THE CHURCH WEEKEND OF 25/26 MAY
CONTACT PARISH OFFICE

Laurel Lodge Environmental Group are seeking new volunteers to get involved in gardening, planting projects and litter picking in and around Laurel Lodge. We meet 11am every Sunday at the Community Centre. All Welcome

Aware, the National Mental Health Charity, is recruiting volunteers

Aware provides free support, education and information services to those impacted by mental health and mood conditions. We are now recruiting and training volunteers for our **National Support Line, Support & Self Care Groups** and our **Life Skills Online** services. Volunteering can be remote or in person.
Please visit www.aware.ie email info@aware.ie or call 01-661 7211 to learn more about becoming an Aware volunteer!

ALONE: "Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> for more information, contact Fiona on fiona.boyle@alone.ie or on 086 1366539."

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.