

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

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**Saturday/Sunday – 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> 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)

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024**

We are God's people journeying in faith towards the Promised Land of heaven. For this journey we need special food, food that only God can give us. Jesus provides us with this food – the bread of life.

**First Reading:** (1Kings 19:4-8): This reading shows us how human prophets can be. In his love for Yahweh, Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal.

**Second Reading:** (Eph. 4: 30-5:2): The Christian life is a demanding one; there is no room for bitterness.

**Gospel:** (John 6: 41-51): Jesus states that he is the bread of life that has come down from heaven.

**REFLECTION**

Only God can satisfy our deepest hunger  
The manna sustained life temporarily, the food that Jesus gives sustains us permanently. To us pilgrims on the streets of time but driven by an irrepressible desire for immortality Jesus comes with the promise: Who would not want to eat of the bread? This is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.



**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** takes place **THIS WEEKEND** (10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> August) after all the Masses. Thank you for your support.

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST - Mass Times**  
Vigil Mass on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30 pm and  
10.00 am Mass on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August

**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/>

**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*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY: 6.30 pm Patrick Gaffney (2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary)**  
**SUNDAY: 9.30 am John, Oliver and Tom Leahy (anniversary)**  
**11.00 am Luke Bellew (anniversary)**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Liam Carter, Billy Kelly, Ollie McEnerney, Roisin McAdam  
*(recently deceased)*

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time**  
Patrick Brennan (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary), Fidelma and Philip Ryan,  
Brenda O'Donoghue (12<sup>th</sup> anniversary), Billy McDonald,  
Peter and Pauline Walsh, Cora Fitzpatrick (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary)

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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](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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



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](mailto:volunteer@irishcancer.ie).

**Seeking, Serving and Sharing Christ in a Synodal Church**

**The Priory Institute** two week on-line Summer School is reflective, informative  
and interactive and will run from 19 August. The course includes eight recorded  
presentations and three on-line zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is  
delivered entirely online.

Find out more and register click [here prioryinstitute.com](http://here.prioryinstitute.com)

**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](http://www.aware.ie) email [info@aware.ie](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.