

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


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Saturday/Sunday – 24th/25th 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 11.30 am
(St Philip the Apostle Mountview – 6.00 pm)

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 25th AUGUST 2024

When many people were leaving him Jesus asked the apostles – will you also go away? Peter replied: to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Let us reflect on how poor our lives are without Jesus.

First Reading: (Joshua 24:1-2): This reading deals with the renewal ceremony that took place in Shechem.
Second Reading: (Eph. 5:21-32): Here Paul uses the image of a marriage relationship to express the bond between Christ and his people. 
Gospel: (John 6: 60-69): This is the concluding prayer of Jesus discourse on the bread of life.

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.

REFLECTION

The words of Jesus have echoed down the centuries
Bringing light to those in darkness
And hope to those in despair
Lord, may the Eucharist keep us faithful to you
For you alone have the words of eternal life
Grant that we may come to possess this life completely
In the kingdom where you live and reign with the Father
And the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen

SUMMER DUES - Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank You.

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES

I'd like to thank you for your understanding about our exploring the necessity of reducing, by one, the number of Sunday Masses we have here in Laurel Lodge. Over the past two months we've been able to accommodate the numbers of people attending on Sunday mornings in two celebrations. After consultation and dialogue with our partnership parishes, and with a view to providing a variety of Mass times, it has been decided that from the beginning of September our Sunday morning Masses in St. Thomas the Apostle will be at 9.30 and 11.30. This allows priests covering our entire partnership time to travel between the churches. It also allows time for unrushed, fuller celebrations. I know this may impact your Sunday morning routine. Thank you again for your patience.

In summary from SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

Here in Laurel Lodge our Sunday Mass times will be
SATURDAY 6.30 PM - SUNDAY 9.30 AM AND 11.30 AM

In Porterstown: Saturday 6pm and Sunday 11am
In Castleknock: Saturday 6pm and 10am and 12 noon on Sunday
[Mountview parish have a Sunday evening Mass at 6pm] Fr. Damian

The annual Graveyard Service with **Blessing of the Graves in St. Mary's, Clonsilla** takes place on Sunday 8th September at 3.00pm.
Please note that the service in **St. Brigid's Castleknock**, will take place on Sunday 10th November at 3.00pm.

LOURDES COLLECTION - €2,545 was donated – thank you to all.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30 pm Alice Canavan (14th anniversary)
Derek Canavan (anniversary)
SUNDAY: 9.30 am Peter Balfe (15th anniversary)
John Murphy (anniversary)
11.00 am David Langan (anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Matthew Twomey, Anne Hunt, Una Kinnane, Michael O'Hara
(recently deceased)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time
1st Anniversaries: Brendan Hunt, John Bruen, Kevin McGuinness
Eamonn O'Connor, Joseph and Mary Marley, Tony Dooley,
Edward and Statia Treacy

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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.



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.

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

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.



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.

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.

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