

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

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**Saturday/Sunday – 7<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**

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**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**

Jesus makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak. Let us turn to the Lord and ask him to touch our ears so that we may hear and to touch our tongues so that we can profess our faith.

**First Reading:** (Is. 35:4-7) This is a message of hope for God's people while in exile. The prophet assures the people that God will come to their help.

**Second Reading:** (James 2:1-5): This passage is concerned with class distinction; deploring a favouring of the rich and looking down on the poor.

**Gospel:** (Mk. 7:31-37): This is the curing of the deaf man who has a speech impediment. 

***REFLECTION***

The gift of hearing is a priceless gift, but it is only the heart that can hear rightly.

The cry of a needy person may reach our ears, but unless it reaches our heart, we will not feel a person's pain.

And it is unlikely that we will respond.

And the gift of speech is a priceless gift,

but again it is only with the heart that we can speak rightly.

For our words to ring true; they must come from the heart.

If they only come from the lips, they will have a hollow sound and will have little effect. They will be like a sound that ruffles the surface of the water,

but leaves the depths untouched.

**CROSSCARE:** Next weekend, September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, Crosscare will hold its Annual Appeal for those most in need. This will replace the Share collection at all Masses. Crosscare delivers a wide range of homeless, youth, and food poverty support to people at various stages of poverty or marginalisation. Regrettably, the demand for these vital services continues to increase, and Crosscare relies on your generosity to reach as many people as possible who need help. Please support the Crosscare collection if you can next weekend at all Masses in the Archdiocese, or you can donate online at [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie).

**RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS ARRIVING IN CORDUFF**

St. Patrick's Parish, Corduff is delighted to announce the arrival of a First Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis to the Parish on **September 10th 2024**. There will be talks on his life, mass at 3pm and 8pm on that day and all night adoration.

The relic will be accompanied by Fr. Marco, parish priest of Assisi where Blessed Carlo's incorrupt body lies.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul are having their monthly collection after all Masses this weekend.

The annual Graveyard Service with **Blessing of the Graves in St. Mary's, Clonsilla** takes place this Sunday 8th September at 3.00pm.

***MASS INTENTIONS***

**SATURDAY: 6.30 pm George Caffrey (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**

**SUNDAY: 9.30 am Eddie Boyle – (for people who sympathised with the family)**

**11.30 am Charles McCarthy (Anniversary)**

**Jim Cooney (Anniversary)**

***REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS***

**Ena Kellett and Caroline McQuaid** whose funerals took place during the week

Jim Fitzgerald, Fr. Alexius Healy OFM Cap., Sr. Anne O'Gorman, Vincent Prendergast, Liam Morrow (*recently deceased*)

***And those whose anniversaries occur at this time***

Peter Dowling, Tommy McAnaney, Mary McLaughlin,

Fr. Andrew McNally, Ita Rooney

Deceased members of the Killock Family

Ryan McDonnell (*Birthday Remembrance*)

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**The Pope's Intentions - September 2024:** For the Cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



**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:** 9.00 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

**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.

**Saint Bernadette**  
Relic Pilgrimage Ireland 2024  
*Encounter Saint Bernadette of Lourdes in Dublin this Autumn*

25-26 September: Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road (Dublin Diocese)  
23-24 October: Mary Immaculate, Inchicore (Oblates)  
25-26 October: Adam and Eve's, Merchants Quay (Franciscans)

*"If one dream should fall and break into a thousand pieces... never be afraid to pick one of those pieces up and begin again. ...Enjoy God's amazing opportunities bestowed on us. Have faith in Him always." - Bernadette*

Find out more at [www.stbernadette.ie](http://www.stbernadette.ie)

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**CROSSCARE ANNUAL APPEAL 2024**

IF YOU CAN, PLEASE SCAN TO DONATE HERE.

OR ONLINE AT [WWW.CROSSCARE.IE](http://WWW.CROSSCARE.IE)  
OR BY PHONE TO 01-8360011

**AFTERNOON OF PRAYER**

**Saturday 28th September in Castleknock College - 2pm to 5pm**

**Fr. Adrian Crowley will be Celebrant and facilitator**

**Rosary/Adoration and Holy Hour/Testimonial/Confession/Holy Mass**

**Refreshments after Mass. Please come and bring a friend**

**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.



**BAPTISMS:** Baptism Ceremonies are held on the first Sunday of the month at 1.00pm and the third Saturday of the month at 3.30 pm. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.