

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

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Saturday/Sunday – 30th NOVEMBER/1st DECEMBER 2024

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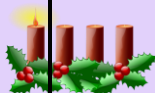
Sunday Masses: 9.30am and 11.30am

In Porterstown: Saturday 6pm and Sunday 11am

In Castleknock: Saturday 6pm and Sunday 10am and 12 noon

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 1ST DECEMBER 2024



Advent is a time for preparation; preparing for the coming of Christ.

He came firstly in humility and weakness and secondly in majesty and power at the end of time. As St. Paul mentioned – our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

First Reading: (Jer.33:14-16): The prophet assures the people that God will send the promised one – the Messiah.

Second Reading: (1Thess 3:12-4:2): Paul prays that the Lord may deepen the love the Thessalonians have for each other.

Gospel: (Lk. 21: 25-28 34-36): Luke describes the second coming of Christ. They should prepare for this coming with confidence and prayer.

REFLECTION

The hill flowers fade but will bloom again next year. But we never get back our youth. Life is a fragile gift which we enjoy only briefly. Our life is like the warming of oneself in the sun. We live in a flash of light, before we know it evening comes and night falls but the very fleetingness of life makes it all the more precious. Lord, may your gentle and sure light guide us on the unfolding road, so that we may walk with confidence towards the light that never fades and the life that never ends.

BAPTISMS

Please keep in your prayers:
Neel, Ryan, Mabel, Michael, Ciara, Sophia, Caoimhe, Niall and Oisín who were baptised in our church in November.

The Pope's Intentions December 2024 - FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE - Monday 9th December 7.30pm

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK - Saturday 14th December, 10am in Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock. Parishioners from our three parishes who are sick or infirm will be most welcome to this Eucharist, during which the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to them.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - Our Parish Partnership Penitential Service - **Monday 16th December 7.30pm** in St Thomas the Apostle Church, Laurel Lodge. Several visiting priests will assist on the evening.

FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA - St. Mochta's Parish along with Laurel Lodge and Castleknock is hosting a Festive Afternoon Tea in our Pastoral Centre on **Saturday 7th December** beginning with **Mass at 12 noon**. There are **only 60 tickets** available at **€10 each**. Tickets are on sale from St. Mochta's Sacristy after any Mass or from St. Mochta's Parish office during office hours.

CHRISTMAS WARMTH CONCERT: On **Sunday 15th December** at **6pm** in **St.**

Mochta's Church featuring the Church Choir and Mary Flynn and Friends.

Please come along and enjoy the afternoon which will include refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards. *Tickets €10 per adult/Family Ticket €20 on sale from the Sacristy in St. Mochta's Church after any Mass or from St. Mochta's Parish Office during office hours*

ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE TREE OF LIFE CEREMONY WILL TAKE IN ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE, BLANCHARDSTOWN ON **THURSDAY, 5TH DECEMBER AT 8.00 PM.**

The Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa wish to convey their appreciation and gratitude to the parishioners for donating **€5,098** to their recent outdoor collection.

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SATURDAY: 6.30 pm MONTHS MIND

Ann Forde, Peg Leogue, Maureen Cahill

SUNDAY: 9.30 am Dan and Martha Kelly (anniversary)

Paddy McLoughlin (10th anniversary)

11.30 am Barry Clarke and Brian Clarke (anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Lily Smith whose funeral took place this weekend

Raymond Sweeney, Sr. Johanna-de-Ste-Gertrude, Sheila Kelleher, Valerie Melody, Noel Walsh (*recently deceased*)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time


Bartley O'Flaherty, Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

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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 10.00am Mass on the day. 

ADORATION: TAKES PLACE IN LAUREL LODGE CHURCH EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 8PM TO 9PM. 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.

EXPLORING THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS

WHAT IS PRAYER? WHY SHOULD WE PRAY? – AND HOW?

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THESE AND SIMILAR QUESTIONS PLEASE JOIN US, FOR ONE OR MORE, OF A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD IN
ST BRIGID'S PASTORAL CENTRE, BLANCHARDSTOWN
(EIRCODE D15 YY61) FOR **4 WEDNESDAYS OF ADVENT**
7:00PM TO 8:10PM (NOV 27, & DEC 4, 11 & 18 2024)
FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM
MICHAEL O'CONNOR (087 294 1729)

BAPTISMS: Baptism Ceremonies are held on the first Sunday of the month at 12.30pm and the third Saturday of the month at 3.30pm.
Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday mornings: 9.00am–9.30am
Saturday evenings: 5.00pm–5.45pm:
Rite II (communal celebration) after the 6.30pm 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. For more information visit www.aware.ie.