

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

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Saturday/Sunday –7th/8th DECEMBER 2024

MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday to Friday at 10.00am - Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30pm

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

[Mountview parish have a Sunday evening Mass at 6pm]

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8TH DECEMBER 2024

Prepare a way for the Lord

In today's liturgy we hear the lonely but persistent voice of John the Baptist encouraging us to prepare a way for the Lord. Let us prepare ourselves as we welcome the coming of Jesus in the Eucharist.

First Reading: (Bar.5:1-9): Jerusalem is told to forget the sufferings of the past because God is going to bring back her exiled children.

Second Reading: (Phil.1:3-6): Paul urges his fellow Christians to prepare for the second coming of Christ by living good lives.

Gospel: (Lk. 3:1-6): John the Baptist urges the people to prepare a way for the Lord through repentance.

REFLECTION: Not long ago the trees were loaded with golden leaves. Though pretty to look at, they robbed me of the world beyond. But now the leaves have fallen. I am able to look through the skeletal branches to the deep blue sky beyond. Teach us good Lord how to take care of our material needs, without neglecting our spiritual needs. How to take care of ourselves without neglecting others and how to live joyfully in this world without losing sight of the world to come.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL APPEAL TAKES PLACE AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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.



Christmas Carol Service

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE
AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 9 DECEMBER



**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - MASS
MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER AT 10.00 AM**

The Jesse Tree is an Advent tradition. It tells us the story of God's plan from the beginning of time to bring His people into saving love. It is a countdown to Christmas, starting with the story of God's people in the Old Testament and ending with Jesus, God's beloved Son. It tells us about Jesus' family tree and reminds us that we are part of his family too.



ON THIS SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT OUR DECORATIONS SYMBOLISE:

Jacob's ladder – a ladder Joseph feeds God's people – a sheaf of wheat
Moses leads the people out of Egypt – a staff God gives the people the Law – stone tablets showing the Ten Commandments

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: 6.30 pm John McGrath (1st anniversary) and Patrick and Loretto McGrath Michael Doody (anniversary)

SUNDAY: 9.30 am Terry Lawless (7th anniversary) Jerry O'Neill (anniversary)

11.30 am Michael Donnelly (anniversary) Ger Ward (1st anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Joe O'Riordan whose funeral took place during the week


Sean Bergin, Cathal Deasy, Doreen Kelly, James O'Hara (recently deceased)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time
Gerry Fitzpatrick, Sadie Niblock, Nancy Clarke and Jack Clarke

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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.

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.

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.

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

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)

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.