

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

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Saturday/Sunday – 21st / 22nd DECEMBER 2024

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

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 22nd DECEMBER 2024

In a few days we will celebrate the birth of Christ. He comes most readily to those who realise their need of him.
 Let us approach him now bringing with us our spiritual gifts.

First Reading: (Micah 5:1-4): The prophet Micah announces to the people of Jerusalem that a Ruler will come from Bethlehem who will bring them peace.

Second Reading: (Heb. 10:5-10): Jesus came not just to offer the sacrifices of the Old Law but to do the will of God. His one perfect sacrifice replaced all previous one.

Gospel: (Luke 1:39-44): Elizabeth praises Mary and enlightened by the Holy Spirit, hints at the uniqueness of the child she has conceived.

Reflection

*Lord Jesus, come into our weakness
 Come into our fears
 Come into our anxieties
 Come into our failures
 Come into our grieving
 Come into our darkness
 Come into our doubting
 Come into our despair
 Come into the poverty of our heart
 Come into our joys and hopes
 Come Lord Jesus come*

Reflection

Christmas Arrangements 2024

Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24th December

5pm Family Mass, 7pm

and 9pm Night Mass (Carol Service beforehand at 8.30pm)

Christmas Day - Wednesday 25th December - Mass at 9.30am and 11.30am

St. Stephen's Day - Thursday 26th December, Mass at 10am

Friday 27th December, Mass at 10am

Saturday 28th December, 6.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 29th December - Feast of the Holy Family, Mass at 9.30am and 11.30am

Monday 30th December, Mass at 10am

Tuesday 31st December – New Year's Eve, Mass at 10am

Wednesday 1st January - New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Mass at 10am

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 his 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.
 On this Fourth Sunday of Advent our decorations symbolise-
Joseph the carpenter: a Hammer - Mary the mother of Jesus: a White Flower
John the Baptist: a Writing Board and a Pen - Jesus Saviour of the world: a Star



Christmas GOAL Charity Mile: Join fellow-parishioners and friends for a run/walk/jog in aid of GOAL'S humanitarian and development work in developing countries on **Christmas Day at the Pope's Cross, Phoenix Park**, any time from **10.30 to 12 noon**.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: 6.30 pm Seamus Carroll (deceased) and Patrick Irwin (3rd anniversary)

SUNDAY: 9.30 am Michael Corduff (5th anniversary)
 Joan Armstrong (1st anniversary)

11.30 am Aidan Boushel (5th anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Helen McCann and Jerry Bergin
 whose funerals took place during the week

Elisha Meade-Todd, Sarah Delaney, Brendan Jordan (*recently deceased*)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Josephine Manning, Elizabeth O'Connell, Peg and Patrick Browne,
 Jack Dunne, James, Anne and John Murphy, Mary Kealy
 Daniel O'Connor and Eddie Boyle (Birthday Remembrance)

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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.

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.

Archdiocese of Dublin
Ard-Deoise Átha Cliath

CHRISTMAS MASSES IN IRISH
IN THE ARCHDIOCESE, 2024
Διημερη Πόλλας ἡθροῖζε
son Ard-Deoise, 2024

TUESDAY 24th, CHRISTMAS EVE:
UCD UNIVERSITY CHAPEL, BELFIELD, 9 PM

ΔÉ MÁIRC, OÍCHE NOLLAS
ΔΙΗΜΕΡΗ ΝΑ ΣΙΝΕ
ΣÉIPÉAL OULLSCOILE BELFIELD
05 9 pm

Ceiliúnaí: An tAcht. Pádraig Ó Beasáin
Ceol: Cón N. Míchil, Dún Laoghaire

WEDNESDAY 25th, CHRISTMAS DAY
ΔÉ CÉADAOIN, LÁ NOLLAS
Διημερη na Maidine*

sa Tuaiscear:

9 am Domhnach Ceanna
(caolúit ó 8.45 am)
9.30 am Sias Naíon
10 am Baile Dúll
11 am Droighneán (Sorab)

san Iarthuaiscear:

9 am Cluain Dolcáin
9.30 am Baile an tSaoir

san Oirthuaiscear:

9 am Bré, Naomh Pearab
9.30 am Ascaill Chóil na bhFeá
(Roghnaíoch)
10.30 am Dún Laoghaire

* Beidh ceol ag móramh na náifreann maidine seo.
Ní níos seanmór i nGaeilge in aon cás. In eaglais nó
dhó bíonn téacs an Afriain dátheangach.



André-Jules Chartres:
Notre Dame de la Belle Verrière
(Maire na Funneioige Allie)
Glaine daite, 1180.
Íomhá: Wikimedia Commons



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CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY
APPEAL FOR FAMILIES IN NEED
DONATE ON LINE AT CROSSCARE.IE

PORTERSTOWN, LAUREL LODGE AND CASTLEKNOCK PARISHES
PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Departing Tuesday, 19th August for 4 nights staying in the
4* Hotel Padoue. Spiritual Director, Fr. Paul.

If you are interested in travelling with us, please leave your name and contact no. in the Sacristy after any Mass or email secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie. A deposit of €200 will secure your place. More information in the Porterstown newsletter shortly.

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.