

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

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**Saturday/Sunday – 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

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

**Sunday Masses: 9.30am and 11.30am**

In Porterstown: Saturday 6pm and Sunday 11am

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

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

**The HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
**29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

We gather here to celebrate the Eucharist; we do so as members of the family of God. Let us pause to reflect on our call to unity and we ask God to remove the things that divide us.



**First Reading:** (1Sam 1:20-22,24-28): This reading tells us about the birth of Samuel and his consecration to God. He had a big influence in the history of Israel.

**Second Reading:** (1John 3:1-2 21-24): We are God's children and we should live a life worthy of our calling.

**Gospel:** (Lk. 2:41-52): The story of how the twelve year old Jesus got lost in Jerusalem and it shows the misunderstanding that can occur in the best of families.

**Reflection**

*Lord, grant us children who will be strong enough to know when they are weak, who will be understanding in defeat, yet humble and gentle in victory.*

*Grant us children whose wishes will not take the place of their deeds, children who will know you and themselves. Lead them we pray you, not in the path of ease and comfort, but rather in the path of difficulties and challenges and after all these things add we pray a sense of humour, so that they can be serious yet never take themselves seriously, then we their parents will dare whisper, we have not lived in vain.*

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

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

**THANK YOU.....**

Our heartfelt thanks to all who worked so hard to prepare our parish church for the Christmas Season: those who prepared the Advent wreath, Jesse tree, our crib, Christmas tree, flowers, all the preparations by our choirs, ministers of the word and of holy communion, God's housekeepers, the extra work done by those in our sacristy and parish office.

Thanks to all who made our liturgies beautiful. May the Lord reward you according to his wisdom, providential care and according to your need.  
Táimíd an-buíoch.

**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@stmochtasp parish.ie](mailto:secretary@stmochtasp parish.ie). A deposit of €200 will secure your place. More information in the Porterstown newsletter shortly.

**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY: 6.30 pm**

**MONTHS MIND**

**Lily Smith, Joe O'Riordan, Florence Griffith**

**SUNDAY: 9.30 am**

Ceila and Colm Burke, Evelyn and William O'Keefe, Chris and Tom Cullen (anniversaries)

**11.30 am**

Olive and Bill Newman (anniversary)  
Joe Bernie (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary)  
Patrick Lyons (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary)  
Mary Bergin (birthday remembrance)

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Liam Fortune, Jim Fogarty, Mary Kennedy (*recently deceased*)

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

Bernadette McLaughlin, Mary and Danny Bell, Chrissie and James Fagan,  
Mary and Maurice Bell, James and Nancy Grimes, Tommy Fagan,  
The Clinton Family