

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

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**Saturday/Sunday – 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025**

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**Monday to Friday at 10.00am - Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30pm**  
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**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS - 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

In his gospel St. John tells us: "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us". Our religion is founded on this great mystery. As we gather here to celebrate this Eucharist, Christ is present among us.

**First Reading:** (Sir.24:1-2.8-12): This is a poem in praise of wisdom that has pitched her tent among God's people.

**Second Reading:** (Eph:1:3-6.15-18): We hear of God's plan of salvation which is centred in Christ and raised through him.

**Gospel:** (John1:1-18): This is a great hymn to the Word of God, the source of all life, whose coming among us makes us children of God.

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - MASS MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

LAUREL LODGE CHURCH AT 10.00am  
OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK  
AT 10.00am and 7.30pm.

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

AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH WEBCAM: [WWW.LAURELLODGEPARISH.IE](http://WWW.LAURELLODGEPARISH.IE)



**BAPTISMS** - Please pray for Jamie, Sadie and Ella who were baptised in our church in December.

**The Pope's Intentions January 2025 - FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

**Reflection**

**A Prayer for the New Year**

Lord, in this New Year which we have begun  
May we have enough happiness to keep us agreeable  
Enough trials to keep us strong  
Enough sorrow to keep us human  
Enough freedom to keep us happy  
Enough failure to keep us humble  
Enough success to keep us eager  
Enough wealth to meet our needs  
Enough faith to banish depression  
Enough hope to look forward  
Enough love to give us comfort  
And enough determination to keep going.



***Thank You from GOAL*** - Many thanks to the many families and individuals who came out to support GOAL's annual Christmas Day Mile in Phoenix Park. Your generous donations on the day and online raised over €12,500 for GOAL's humanitarian work in developing countries.

**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY: 6.30 pm** Dympna Walsh (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) and  
Padraig (Pat) Walsh (2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary)  
Jerry Twomey (recently deceased)

**SUNDAY: 9.30 am** Frances Creighton (recently deceased)

**11.30 am** Dominic Kenna (3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary)

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Mary Morrissey, (recently deceased)

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

John Noonan, Patrick Sheehan (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary), Agnes McLaughlin,  
Brigid O'Hagan, Sr. Celine O'Mahoney, Patsy Moohan, Lillian Hughes,  
Brendan Cullen, James McKiernan, The Kenna Family

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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.



**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 12.30pm and the third Saturday of the month at 3.30pm. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**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.

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ALSO IN - **ST MOCHTA'S, PORTERSTOWN** - SUNDAYS 7PM TO 8PM  
AND **OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH** - THURSDAYS 8PM TO 9PM

**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 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. For more information visit [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie).