

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

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**Saturday/Sunday – 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025**

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**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19 January 2025**  
*Catholic Schools Week Begins Today*  
 Jesus changed water into wine at the marriage feast of Cana. There are many things that should be changed. Jesus' power is available to us too. Let us reflect on the changes we need to make in our lives.

**First Reading:** (Is.62:1-5) We hear of a new wedding feast between God and his people.   
**Second Reading:** (1Cor.12:4-11) Though there are many spiritual gifts, they all come from the same Spirit and should be used for building up the community.  
**Gospel:** (Jn.2:1-11) Jesus fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah. The changing of water into wine is a symbol of the old order yielding to the new.

<b>R E F L E C T I O N</b>	Jesus brought the wine of God's love into the world	<b>R E F L E C T I O N</b>	
	Everywhere he went the old was made new		
	For the couple at Cana the water was changed into wine		
	For the widow of Nain		
	For Zaccheus he changed		
	For the thief on Calvary he		he changed tears into joy
	And on Easter morning		selfishness into love
			changed despair into hope
			he changed death into life.
	Lord, be present with us today and throughout our lives		
And when, through human weakness the wine is found wanting			
Touch our hearts and strengthen our wills			
So that we may taste the wine of unselfish love			

**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.

**PORTERSTOWN, LAUREL LODGE & 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, email [secretary@stmochtasparish.ie](mailto:secretary@stmochtasparish.ie) or see Fr. Paul. **A deposit of €200 will secure your place.** Places are limited. €695 per person sharing, €855 single room. Places are limited as there is only one plane going to Lourdes airport on the day.

**SYCAMORE** returns to St. Mochta's Parish Centre, Porterstown on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30 pm. A series of talks and informal discussions on Christian faith, based on the Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Presenter is Fr. Stephen Wang, esteemed speaker and author. Course running in union with parish partnership of St. Mochta's, St. Thomas the Apostle and Our Lady Mother of the Church (OLMC). Please join us, starting with refreshments at 7.30pm. Newcomers very welcome

Thank You from Dianne Steen recently retired from Scoil Thomáis N.S. - I would like to thank the many members of the parish, young and old, for their generosity and many kindnesses over the years. It has been a privilege to be part of such a lovely community. May the parish's spirit of unity and support continue for many years to come.

**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY: 6.30 pm Olive Somers (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary)**  
**SUNDAY: 9.30 am Molly and Kevin Lyons (anniversary)**  
**Sean Bergin (recently deceased)**

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**11.30 am Kieran Friel (8<sup>th</sup> anniversary)**

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**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**  
**Peter Walsh whose funeral took place at the weekend**  
 Bridie Porter, Lilly McCabe, Noel Murray, Justin Mullen  
*(recently deceased)*  
**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time**  
 Elizabeth Quinlan, Francis Niblock, Christian Hempel, Eileen Mooney,  
 Gordon O'Riordan, Geraldine Garland, Eddie O'Grady

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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.



**Northside Home Care Services Meals on Wheels**

is a service that delivers meals Monday to Friday to clients in their homes. Would you like us to deliver a meal to a family member or neighbour that could benefit from a nutritious meal and a dessert for €5.50 per day?

Contact Amy or Catherine 018058574/ 0864194566

**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)

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).