

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

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Saturday/Sunday – 25th/26th JANUARY 2025

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 26 January 2025

Jesus made the words of Isaiah his own when he began his ministry:
 “He sent me to bring good news to the poor”.
 The good news is that God’s mercy is freely available.



First Reading: (Neh.8:2-6) After the Israelites had returned from exile in Babylon, Ezra sought to re-establish the Jewish religion. Here he reads the book of Moses to the people.

Second Reading: (1Cor.12:12-14.27) Just as the human body is one though made up of many parts, so the Church, though composed of different members with different gifts, forms a unity in Christ.

Gospel: (Luke.1:1-4) God’s promises are fulfilled in Jesus, the long awaited Saviour of the poor and the oppressed.

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Human beings are frail and foolish
 We have been told that grace is to be found in the universe
 But in our human foolishness and short sightedness we
 imagine divine grace to be finite and for this reason we tremble.
 But the moment comes when our eyes are opened
 And we see that grace is infinite
 Grace demands nothing from us
 But that we await it with confidence
 And acknowledge it with gratitude
 Grace makes no conditions and singles out none of us in particular
 Grace takes us all to its bosom and proclaims a general amnesty

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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@stmochtasp parish.ie or see Fr. Paul. A deposit of €200 will secure your place. **We need the deposit by Monday 27th January before 12 noon.** Places are limited.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock – Saturday 26th April

As we begin our Jubilee of Hope, our Diocese has launched the 2025 Knock Pilgrimage. The pilgrimage will include workshops, outdoor walks, the Sacrament of the Sick and our pilgrimage Mass, which will be celebrated by Archbishop Farrell. A bus will be going from our parish partnership of Castleknock, Laurel Lodge and Porterstown. To register your interest, please email your name, telephone number and the number of people going to parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie. Thank you.

The Relics of **Saint Sharbel will visit St. Philip the Apostle Church, Mountview, Dublin 15 (D15VK59) on Saturday 1st February 10am Mass/Confession/ Adoration followed by the blessing of the relic and Sunday 2nd February 12 Noon Mass followed by the blessing of the relic.**
 Come and listen about his life and the many cures and miracles attributed to him. Described as the Saint with the Most Miracles Ever. Visit <https://friendsofsaintsharbel.com/> For details of St Sharbel’s life and miracles.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: 6.30 pm MONTHS MIND
Helen McCann, Jerry Bergin, Alanah Meehan
SUNDAY: 9.30 am Carmel Ralph (2nd anniversary and Brendan Ralph (31st anniversary)
11.30 am Sean Flanagan & Sonny Moore (recently deceased) Frank Kelly (32nd anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

JOHN KERRIGAN whose funeral took place during the week
 Brendan Rainey, Triona Killock, Kieran Gallagher, Jonathan Grisenthwaite, Michael McMahon (*recently deceased*)
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time
 Eddie McLaughlin, Kevin Smith, Denis Bradley
 Birthday Remembrance - Brid Bergin and Nora Mullin

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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 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 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.

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
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 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.