

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

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**Saturday/Sunday – 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

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**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD-2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

*World Day for Consecrated Life*

The feast of the Presentation is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary. The symbol of the lighted candle is used to proclaim Jesus as the light of the world. Christ is the light to reveal God to the nations.

**First Reading:** (Mal.3:1-4) The Lord will send his messenger whose presence will be a source of purification and refinement to his people.

**Second Reading:** (Heb.2:14-18) Jesus shared the same blood as the human being. He became like his brothers so that he should be as compassionate and trustworthy as the high priest.

**Gospel:** (Luke 2:22-40) What happened when Jesus is presented in the Temple is described in the gospel.

**REFLECTION**

Jesus fulfilled the ideal of love Paul spoke about. He was never in a hurry and was always kindness itself. He never envied anyone and never boasted about himself. He was never snobbish or rude or selfish. He did not take offence easily. Nor did he keep on talking about the wrong things people did. He preferred to remember the good things and to rejoice in them. He was tough and could face anything. And he never lost trust in God or in people. He never lost hope, he never gave in.  
He never stopped loving.

**The Pope's Intentions February 2025**

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life

**Children's Liturgy Group**

There will be No Day Chapel activities at the 9.30am Family Mass on Sunday 2nd February. See you on Sunday 9th February!



Please keep Orianna and Goldie who were baptised in our church in January in your prayers.

**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE**  
**MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**BLESSING OF THROATS BEFORE AND AFTER THE 10.00AM MASS**

**HEALING MASS WITH ANOINTING**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30 am  
Tea/Coffee will be available after the Mass. **ALL WELCOME**

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock – Saturday 26th April.

To register your interest, please email your name, telephone number and the number of people going to [parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie](mailto:parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie).

**PORTERSTOWN, LAUREL LODGE & CASTLEKNOCK PARISHES PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Departing Tuesday, 19th August.** Places are full at the moment but if you wish to put your name on the waiting list please leave your name and contact no. in the Sacristy after any Mass, email [secretary@stmochtasparish.ie](mailto:secretary@stmochtasparish.ie)

There will be no Sycamore meeting next Monday Bank Holiday. Sycamore will resume on Monday 10th February at 7.30pm.

**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY: 6.30 pm** Richard Gallagher & Bridget O'Flaherty (anniversary)

**SUNDAY: 9.30 am** Jack Ryan (deceased) Nancy Grimes (anniversary)

**11.30 am** Veronica Gaffney (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) and Mary Tymond (anniversary)

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Damian Darragh, James Walsh (*recently deceased*)

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

Ken Murphy, Paddy Ward, Eileen Kinsella, Georgina and Alan Hogg, Bridie Porter, Liam Mullin, Frankie O'Reilly, Phen Redmond

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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.



**Sycamore retreat day** will be on Saturday 1st March, starting at 9.30am with refreshments, all welcome to join in. Video talks, discussions, reflection. Spiritual Director, Fr Adrian Crowley. Afternoon will close after Holy Mass at 3pm. Please phone Marian 087 295 8363

**“AGE ACTION is hosting Digital Training for Older People in the Castleknock Community Centre on Fridays from 10:15 – 12:15. Please call the Getting Started team on 01-4756989”**

**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).