

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

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Saturday/Sunday – 8th / 9th MARCH 2025

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First Sunday of LENT - 9th March 2025

Last Wednesday we were invited to start on our Lenten journey which culminates on Easter Sunday. Lent calls us to change our ways and begin a fuller living out of the gospel.

First Reading: (Deut.26:4-10): Through the ceremony of offering the first fruits, the Israelites recognised all that God had done for them in the past especially during the Exodus. **Second Reading:** (Rom.10:8-13): The core of our Christian belief is that Jesus is risen. Anyone who says that and believes is already saved. **Gospel:** (Lk.4:1-13): Jesus was tempted like we are but did not sin. Through his grace we can resist temptation and overcome sin.

REFLECTION: Repentance of itself is not enough, grace must also be available. But if grace is offered and not accepted, then nothing comes of that either. There is no point in putting up a sail if there is no wind. There is no point in planting a seed if the ground is frozen. It is not enough to cut into people's hearts in order to save them. They must be touched by grace. Lord touch our hearts with your grace so that we may produce the fruits of repentance.



THERE WILL BE STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY TUESDAY MORNING DURING LENT AFTER THE 10.00 AM MASS



THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S MONTHLY COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

The Pope's Intentions March 2025 - FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS: It is with joy that we can announce that, from 21st February, Archbishop Dermot Farrell has appointed Fr Francis 'Femi' Oladiipo as a Curate in our partnership Parishes of Castleknock/Laurel Lodge and Porterstown. Fr Francis is from Oyo Diocese in the South West of Nigeria.

THANK YOU: A big thank you to all who supported the charity pub quiz in Kavanaghs last Monday night in aid of the Kiltegan Fathers schools and vocational training centre in Riwoto, South Sudan. To date a total of €5,461 has been raised between donations and monies raised on the night of the quiz. This money will help to improve the lives of children and disadvantaged young adults in the Parish.

PARISH PARTNERSHIP OF CASTLEKNOCK, LAUREL LODGE AND PORTERSTOWN
Pilgrimage to Knock joining the DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Saturday 26th April. 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, collecting at each parish. There will be stops for light refreshments in The Radisson Blu, Athlone, on the way to Knock and also on the way back. The price per person is €50, including these refreshments. To register your interest, please email your name, telephone number and the number of people going to parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie. **Please pay by 19th April by dropping an envelope marked Knock Pilgrimage into the sacristy or parish office, with your name and telephone number.** All age groups are very welcome; our Diocese is encouraging young people in particular to come along - why not make it your first visit to Knock Shrine!

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: 6.30 pm Anne Murphy, Margaret and Pat O'Donnell and the O'Donnell Family

SUNDAY: 9.30 am Pat Bohan (22nd anniversary)

SUNDAY: 11.30 am Bill Britton (7th anniversary)
Jimmy and Flo Harrison (anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Teresa Morley whose funeral took place in our church last Friday

Grace McGarvey, Seamus Mohan (*recently deceased*)
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time
Dylan Kelly, John and Julia Byrne, Martha McVeigh,
Deceased Members of 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 with the details. Mass intentions can also be booked with the Sacristan. Early booking is recommended.

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.

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.

Permanent Diaconate. Do you have an interest in learning about the permanent diaconate? Rev. Deacon Eric Cooney (Monkstown parish) will talk about his experience and the diaconate vocation on **Thursday March 13th 19:30-21.00**. The venue; Knights of St. Columbanus, Ely House, 8 Ely Place, Dublin 2. All are welcome.

Dublin Fleadh 2025 - To celebrate **International Women's Day**, Dublin Fleadh 2025, Slí Dhála CCÉ and friends present 'Beyond Brigid': An evening of music, song, dance and spoken word. Sunday 9 March, 7pm at St Brigid's Church, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. Admission free. Booking essential at dublinfleadhevents2025@gmail.com or text 0872454143.

ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE 5K SPRING MEMORIAL WALK

Do your own 5K Spring Memorial Walk in the months of March and April to remember a loved one and raise funds for St. Francis Hospice. Your support helps us provide high quality care for patients and their families at no charge. Funds are raised through a registration fee of €25 per adult, children under 16 are free. You can raise additional funds by requesting a sponsorship card. Any time, any place you wish, arrange to walk with family, friends, and pets during the month of March or April. Your walk might be in a place that holds special memories for you.
www.sfh.ie or call 01-8327535.

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

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.