

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

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Saturday/Sunday – 11th/12th MAY 2024

MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday to Friday at 10.00 am - Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30 pm
Sunday Masses: 9.30 am, 11.00 am and 12.30 pm
(St Philip the Apostle, Mountview – 6.00 pm)

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION – 12TH MAY 2024

(World Communications Day)

The mystery of the Ascension is as much about us as about Jesus. It is the goal of our earthly journey; we are meant to share the glory of Jesus.

First Reading: (Acts 1:1-11): Luke has the Ascension coming a few days after the Resurrection. The Ascension marks the termination of the earthly appearances of Jesus.

Second Reading: (Eph. 1:17-23): Here Paul explains the meaning of the Ascension.

Gospel: (Mt. 16:15-20): Jesus commissions his apostles to preach.

REFLECTION: *Go, preach the gospel to all nations.*

This was the farewell command of Christ.

He has no body now on earth but ours

He has no hands but ours to feed the hungry

No feet but ours to seek out the lost.

Lord, take pity on us, your timid and fearful disciples.

Give us the courage to witness to you in the world so that the gospel may be preached and people may find their way into your kingdom



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul are having their monthly collection after all Masses this weekend.



BUILDING HOPE NOVENA BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

You are warmly invited to join once again with every parish in the diocese in a Novena to the Holy Spirit – our dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Novena will take place in the nine days from **12th – 20th May** beginning **this Sunday**, the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. Building Hope Novena Prayer Cards are available at the back of the church.



First Holy Communion: This weekend we remember in our prayers the children from Scoil Thomáis who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday and wish them, their parents/guardians and teachers every blessing.

Sycamore - A new programme of videos and discussion on our Christian faith, asking the big questions of life: The existence of God, A God who speaks, Who is Jesus, The Bible? The presenter is Fr. Stephen Wang with everything grounded in Holy Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

A '**Come and See**' evening takes place next Monday 13th May from 7.30pm to 8.30pm at St Mochta's parish centre, showing the first episode. This course is running from September in union with our Parish Partnership of St. Mochta's, St. Thomas the Apostle and Our Lady Mother of the Church.
Please join us, starting with refreshments at 7.30pm.

THANK YOU - EASTER PASTORAL OFFERINGS

THE AMOUNT RAISED TO DATE IS **€8,160**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30 pm Kathleen Hoey (Anniversary)

SUNDAY: 9.30 am Thomas and Patricia Coyle (Anniversary)

11.00 am Sheila Dolly (2nd Anniversary)

12.30 pm Betty Bohan (Anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Liam Slattery, Dominick Glennane, John O'Callaghan,
Tom Quinn, Teresa Greene (*Recently Deceased*)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Bernie Carty, Charlie, Enda and Cathal Reilly, Dr. John Dillon
May they Rest in Peace



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The Pope's Intentions May 2024

FOR THE FORMATION OF RELIGIOUS AND SEMINARIANS

We pray that religious women and men and seminarians grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

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

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday mornings 9.00am – 9.30am
Saturday evenings 5.00pm – 5.45pm
Rite II (communal celebration) – after the 6.30 pm Mass on the 1st Saturday of the month

Building Hope Prayer

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise. You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts. We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family. Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another, in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation. May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us. May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word, bringing forth truth, justice and peace.

May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more than we can dare to imagine as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.
We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

BAPTISMS: Baptism Ceremonies are held on the first Sunday of the month at 1:30pm and the third Saturday of the month at 3:30pm. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



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.

LOURDES
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CASTLEKNOCK, PORTERSTOWN & LAUREL LODGE

4th Hôtel Padoue
25th - 29th Aug 2024
Single room supplement €160 (limited availability)

INCLUDED

- Return flight Dublin Lourdes
- 4 nights' accommodation in 4* hotel Padoue
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner served each day
- Train Lunch on the day of departure
- Pilgrimage programme
- Services of Mass/Pilgrimage guide throughout
- Mobility & Special needs
- All transport insurance (Local, UK, Euro)
- Travel Insurance up to €5,000,000 (max per person)

FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT
Your Parish Office

Accompanied by Spiritual Director
Fr. Paul Ward

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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 10.00 am Mass on the day.

