

## **PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

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*Saturday/Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> March 2022*

### **Mass times for the coming week**

Monday to Friday at 10.00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 9.30 a.m. 11 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

(St Philip the Apostle, Mountview – 6 p.m.)

### **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**

Last Wednesday we began the season of Lent. It is an opportunity for us to examine our commitment to Christ and his Word. Lent is a time for us to turn away from sin and believe in the gospel.

***First Reading: (Deut. 26:4-10)***

Through the ceremony of offering the first fruits, the Israelites had recognised all that God has done for them in the past.

***Second Reading: (Rom 10:8-13)***

The core of the Christian credo is that Jesus is our risen Saviour. Anyone who can say that and live by it, will be 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 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.*

*We must be touched by grace.*

*Lord touch our hearts with your grace so that we may produce the fruits of repentance.*

### **The Pope's Intentions (March 2022)**

*For a Christian response to bioethical challenges*

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

### **SISTER CHRISTINA – Parish Sister**

Sister Christina has retired from her position as parish sister. Her time here was rewarding and committed. We thank her for her time especially in the sacramental preparation of the children. She will be missed. As she returns to her order in Harold's Cross she does so with our blessing and good wishes.

### **Children's Liturgy Group**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RESUMING CHILDREN'S LITURGY ACTIVITIES THIS WEEKEND AT 9.30AM MASS ON SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022. ALL BOYS AND GIRLS ARE VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US IN THE DAY CHAPEL FOR GOSPEL STORIES AND LENTEN ACTIVITIES. PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE VERY WELCOME TOO. A CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTER WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE DURING LENT FOR YOUNGER PARISHIONERS.

### **Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

Organised by St. Mochta's, Porterstown

Welcoming parishioners from Castleknock and Laurel Lodge Parishes

For further details please contact St. Mochta's Parish Office

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### **BEALTAINE**

"Bealtaine" Music Group, renowned for its versatile and easy listening music, require two female singers and two male singers to balance the complement. "Bealtaine" sings for just two Sundays in the month, for the 12.30 Mass. Further details: contact Rosalind – 086 3346493

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday:	6.30 p.m.	Thomas Walsh (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
Sunday:	9.30 am	Nora Flynn (7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
	11.00 am	Eileen Kinsella (18 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
	12.30 pm	Maura Cosgrove (Anniversary)

### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Dympna Faughnan, Thomas Crawley, Louis Sharkey, Joyce Lalor,  
Dominic Kenna, Tony Weldon - *(Recently Deceased)*  
Martha McVeigh, Patrick, Elizabeth and Angela McEvitt, Michael O'Brien,  
Marie Noone, Nora and Patrick Moran, Stuart McLaughlin  
*(Whose anniversaries occur at this time)*

***MAY THEY REST IN PEACE***