

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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Saturday/Sunday – 26th / 27th November 2022

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)

A D V E N T

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 27th November 2022

Today we begin a new liturgical year. The Advent season invites us to come to the house of God, so that God may teach us his ways and to walk in his light.



FIRST READING: (Is.2:1-5)

This vision of a world at peace under God challenges Christians to work for this new world which was inaugurated by Christ.

SECOND READING: (Rom. 13:11-14)

This contains a wake-up call and urges us to turn away from the darkness of evil, and to walk in the light of Christ.

GOSPEL: (Mt. 24:37-44)

This gospel tells us to stay awake because we do not know the day nor the hour when Christ will return.



REFLECTION: Circle me Lord, Keep protection near, keep danger afar
Circle me Lord, Keep hope within, keep doubt without
Circle me Lord, Keep light near, keep danger afar
Circle me Lord, Keep peace within, keep strife without
Circle me Lord, Keep love within, keep hate without AMEN

CASTLEKNOCK LIONS CLUB WILL HOLD AN OUTDOOR COLLECTION AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN AID OF LOCAL CHARITIES. YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

Prepare the Way with the Sacrament of God's forgiveness

To give everyone the chance to welcome God's mercy before the holy season of Christmas, there will be **Rite II Confessions** available after Sunday Masses over the coming weeks of Advent:

After 6.30 pm Saturday 26th November

After 9.30 am Sunday 4th December

After 11.00 am Mass 11th December

After 12.30 pm Mass 18th December

Make Christmas special by welcoming forgiveness and the joy of a new beginning.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP ADVENT ACTIVITIES - THE JESSE TREE

The Jesse Tree is an Advent tradition that introduces Jesus' ancestors, and tells the story of God and of God's people in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.

The image of the Jesse Tree originates from the words of the prophet Isaiah: "A shoot will spring from the stock of Jesse, and from his roots a bud will blossom." (Isaiah 11:1)

On this first Sunday of Advent our decorations symbolise:

Adam and Eve – a red apple

Noah and the flood – a rainbow and a dove

Abraham, father of God's people – a man looking up at the stars

The sacrifice of Isaac – a dagger

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:	6.30 pm	<u>Months Mind</u> Mairtin O'Meara
	9.30 am	Jane and Gerry Fallon (Anniversary)
	11.00 am	John Bourke (Anniversary)
	12.30 pm	Mary Moore and Dominic Foley (Anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for: Michael Barrett, Rose Mullin, Michael Kirwan, Helen Clifford (*Recently Deceased*)

Also: Bartley O'Flaherty, Martin Killock, Peter McMahan, Jim Maguire, Joe Ryan, Marie Jeffers, Tony Reilly, Sheila Fitzpatrick
Whose anniversaries occur at this time

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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.

The Novena of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

has recommenced and is on every Monday morning.

Adoration - takes place in the Church every Wednesday from 8 pm to 9 pm. All welcome. Also available on the parish webcam:

www.laurellodgeparish.ie



The poster features a central image of a large, green Christmas tree against a dark, starry night sky. Above the tree, a white dove is shown in flight. The text on the poster includes the event title, date, location, time, and a 'Thank You' message with a charity number.

St. Francis Hospice
A Time to Remember
Thursday 1st December

A TIME TO REMEMBER
Tree of Life Ceremony
St. Francis Hospice
Blanchardstown
Thursday, 1st December
@ 8 pm
Refreshments will be served
All Welcome

Thank You
Charity No: 10568

***Parish Alpha News and Dates*:** Alpha: a series of talks and discussions exploring life, our Christian faith, and the meaning of life in a friendly, inclusive environment. Alpha continues at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock - on Monday **28th November, 5th and 12th December**. All welcome to as many evenings as suits you, or even just one to try Alpha.

Booking is not required. Please email

alphacastleknock@gmail.com with any questions.

Peter McVerry Trust's Christmas Carol Concert will take place in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin on Saturday, 3rd December 2022.

For more information and tickets you can visit the webpage www.pmvtrust.ie/christmas-carol-concert.