

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

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Saturday/Sunday – 28th / 29th OCTOBER 2023

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)

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 29TH OCTOBER 2023
THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL JESUS TELLS US WHAT THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS ARE: LOVE OF GOD AND LOVE OF NEIGHBOUR. THIS IN A NUTSHELL IS THE WHOLE TEACHING OF THE BIBLE

First Reading: (Ex. 22:20-26): In this reading the Israelites are told that there must be no discrimination against the foreigner, the widow or the orphan.

Second Reading: (1Thess.1:5-10): Paul reminds the people of Thessalonika of the joy with which they took to the gospel.



Gospel: (Mt.22.34-40): Here we have a clash between Jesus and the religious leaders of Judaism.

REFLECTION

To separate the two great commandments goes against the spirit of the gospel. Yet unfortunately this often happens.

Those who have faith have often no love
And those who love often have no faith.

Thus the gospel is torn in two.

Jesus spoke of the two great commandments

The first is – that we should love God

The second is that we should love our neighbour

If we want the total gospel, we must have both.

He himself showed us how to do this.



THE POPE'S INTENTIONS OCTOBER 2023 - For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world. Copies of the **Synod 2023 Newsletter** for this Sunday, October 29th are available at the back of the church. This newsletter can also be found at dublindiocese.ie/synod2023/

REMEMBRANCE MASS and PARISH ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

Our annual parish Remembrance Mass takes place on Friday 17th November at 7.30pm. At this celebration we will remember all our Laurel Lodge parishioners who have gone to the Lord since October 2022. All are welcome. As November, the month of remembrance and prayer for the dead, approaches, you might like to have your deceased family members and friends added to our Parish Altar List of the Dead. Mass on the first Friday of every month will be offered for them. Altar List of the Dead envelopes are available at the back of the church. As St Monica said to St Augustine: “*Only this I ask: that you will remember me at the Lord's altar, wherever you are...*”

ALL SAINTS: Vigil Mass Tuesday 31st October at 6.00 pm
Mass at 10.00 am on Wednesday 1st November

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:	ROSALEEN KENNEDY	JOHN BANKS	
MONTHS	ROSE KENNA	RYAN MCDONNELL	
MIND	6.30 PM	GRETTA O'NEILL	STEPHEN KENNY
SUNDAY:	9.30 am	Kay Kettle (Anniversary) & Eugene Kettle	
	11.00 am	Thomas Quinn (2nd Anniversary)	
	12.30 pm	Rory Bruen (4th Anniversary)	

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Denis McCarrick and Brigid O'Connor
whose funerals took place in our church this week

Also those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

John Gahan, Peter Kilmartin, Bob and Lena Furlong, Myles Leonard,
Sean Kavanagh, Brigid McAnaney, John O'Flaherty, Liam Bergin,
Barry Walsh, Breda Smith, Jane Eastman



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Song for a Synodal Gathering

Please find below a Song for a Synodal Gathering, which is already being sung in some parishes.

***Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,
we walk together on the Way.
Love is our calling, as we journey,
may we continue from this day.***

***All of God's people filled with the Spirit,
walk with each other as we pray.
Mindful that Jesus calls us to reach out,
Sharing with others from today.***

***We are his Body, called to serve others.
We are his people, journeying all.
May we listen to the Spirit
and together answer His call.***

(To the tune of Christ Be Beside Me)

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH OF IRELAND CASTLEKNOCK

Ecumenical Graveyard Service With Blessing of the Graves

Sunday November 12th 3.00pm All welcome

LECTIO DIVINA - Spiritual reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation of the Gospel for the following Sunday - an opportunity to listen, share, discuss and pray the Living Word. Please come on Wednesdays from 10.30 am to 11.00 am in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Beechpark Lawn, Castleknock. For information, contact Marian on 087 2958363.

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

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



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.