

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

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Saturday/Sunday – 2ND / 3RD DECEMBER 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)



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
3RD DECEMBER 2023



Advent is a time of watchfulness. We are waiting for Christ at the end of time. These occasions are hidden from us so we have to maintain a state of watchfulness, so that we may be ready to meet the Lord at any moment.

First Reading: (Is. 63:16-17): The prophet recalls God's past goodness to his people and pleads with them to save them from their present sinfulness.

Second Reading: (1Cor. 3-9): As we await the coming of Christ in glory the Holy Spirit keeps us steadfast in bearing witness to him.

Gospel: (Mark 13:33-37): We need to stay awake at our appointed tasks because we do not know the hour when Jesus will return.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – Friday 8th December

VIGIL MASS THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER AT 6.30 pm

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: ADAM, LIADH, AILBHE AND LOUISE WHO WERE BAPTISED IN OUR CHURCH IN NOVEMBER.



The Pope's Intentions December 2023 - For persons with disabilities
We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

REFLECTION

IT IS SAID THAT WHILE THERE IS LIFE, THERE IS HOPE.
THIS HAS AN EVEN DEEPER MEANING IN REVERSE.
WHILE THERE IS HOPE, THERE IS LIFE. HOPE IS STRENGTH.
HOPE SHEDS LIGHT INTO DESPAIRING HEARTS.
IT INSPIRES THE WILL TO LIVE.
IT SHIELDS AGAINST DEFEAT AND FAILURE.
AS LONG AS THERE IS HOPE NO SITUATION IS IMPOSSIBLE.
ADVENT SUMMONS US TO WAIT IN JOYFUL HOPE
FOR THE COMING OF OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE WILL BE ON
MONDAY DECEMBER 11TH AT 7.30 PM ALL WELCOME

The Jesse Tree is an Advent tradition. It tells us the story of God's plan from the beginning of time to bring His people into saving love. It is a countdown to Christmas, starting with the story of God's people in the Old Testament, and ending with Jesus, God's beloved Son. It tells us about Jesus' family tree and reminds us that we are part of his family too. ON THIS FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT OUR DECORATIONS SYMBOLISE:

A RED APPLE – THE STORY OF ADAM AND EVE

A RAINBOW AND A DOVE – STORY OF THE FLOOD AND NOAH'S FAITHFULNESS
AND TRUST IN GOD.

ABRAHAM LOOKING UP AT THE STARS - ABRAHAM'S FAITH IN GOD AND GOD'S COVENANT
WITH ABRAHAM AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

A DAGGER - ABRAHAM'S OBEDIENCE TO GOD.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:	6.30 pm	Rebekah Kiely (17th Anniversary)
SUNDAY:	9.30 am	Dan and Martha Kelly (Anniversary)
	11.00 am	Sophie Ryan and Deceased Members of the Ryan and Griffin Families
	12.30 pm	Terry Lawless (Anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

TERESA HEALY AND ANNA POWER
whose funerals took place in our church during the week
MARY O'CONNOR (MONTHS MIND)
Also- Pat O'Malley and Sinead O'Hanlon - (Recently Deceased)
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Brian Clarke and Barry Clarke, Hughie and Molly McDonald,
Maureen Walters, Bartley O'Flaherty

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ANNUAL NIGHT VIGIL IN KNOCK

In Honour of
*The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
of Our Blessed Lady*

Bus leaves Church Ave, Blanchardstown
Thursday 7th December. Meet at 4.00 pm
Booking – Michael – 086 8650708
Intention – For peace at home and worldwide

A TIME TO REMEMBER - *Tree of Life Ceremony*

St. Francis Hospice Blanchardstown Thursday,
7th December @ 8 pm.
Refreshments will be served. 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.

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.

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 - 9.00 am – 9.30 am
Saturday evenings - 5.00 pm – 5.45 pm
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.

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.