

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

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Saturday/Sunday – 23rd / 24th DECEMBER 2023

MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

MASSES ON THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER 6.30 PM

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER – 9.30 AM, 11.00 AM AND 12.30 PM

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE – SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER
5.00 PM (CHILDREN), 7.00 PM AND 9.00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY – MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER
9.30 AM, 11.00 AM AND 12.30 PM



MASSES ON THE WEEK DAYS

TUESDAY 26TH DECEMBER (ST. STEPHEN'S DAY) AT 10.00 AM
WEDNESDAY (27TH) THURSDAY (28TH) AND FRIDAY (29TH)
DECEMBER AT 10.00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 24th DECEMBER 2023

As the birth of Jesus draws near our attention is focused on the mother. It is no surprise that Mary is at the centre of our gospel today. Her only concern was to do God's will.



First Reading: (2Sam. 7:1-5): David sets about building a temple for God. It is the Lord who will build a dynasty for David and this dynasty is fulfilled in Jesus.

Second Reading: (16:25-27): God's plan for Jew and Gentile finds fulfilment in Christ.

Gospel: (Lk. 1:26-38): This is the account of the annunciation of the birth of Jesus. Luke presents Mary as the model disciple.

REFLECTION: THE LIGHTS HAVE COME ON IN OUR STREETS AND IN OUR HOMES IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS. LIGHT IS A VERY APPROPRIATE SYMBOL OF CHRISTMAS. THE COMING OF THE SAVIOUR IS DESCRIBED IN THE SCRIPTURES AS THE COMING OF A GREAT LIGHT. A LIGHT THAT NO DARKNESS COULD OVERPOWER. LORD, MAY WE WELCOME YOU AS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.



RITE II CONFESSIONS: Sunday 24th December after the 12.30 pm Mass

CHRISTMAS CAROLS: BEALTAINE WILL SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE CHURCH FROM 8.30PM ON CHRISTMAS EVE.



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 his 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.

On this **Fourth Sunday of Advent** our decorations symbol:

Joseph the carpenter – a hammer

Mary the mother of Jesus – a white flower

John the Baptist – a writing board and a pen

Jesus Saviour of the world – a star



We will resume Day Chapel activity on Sunday 14th January 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30 pm Tommy Fagan (Anniversary)

SUNDAY: 9.30 am Edward Murphy (Recently Deceased)

11.00 am Jack Dunne (11th Anniversary)

12.30 pm Patrick Irwin (2nd Anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Nicholas Hennigan (*Recently Deceased*)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Josephine Manning, Mary and Danny Bell, Christine and Jimmy Fagan, Celia and Colm Burke, Evelyn and William O'Keefe, Chris and Tom Cullen, Deceased members of the Leahy and Fitzgerald Families, Michael Corduff, Peggy and Patrick Browne, Sarah Cooney
Daniel O'Connor, Eddie Boyle and Isaac Banaag Jr.
(Birthday Remembrance)

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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.

Christmas GOAL Charity Mile: Join fellow-parishioners and friends for a run/walk/jog in aid of GOAL'S humanitarian and development work in developing countries on **Christmas Day at the Pope's Cross, Phoenix Park**, any time from **10.30 to 12 noon**.

Adoration takes place in Laurel Lodge Church every Wednesday from 8 pm to 9 pm.

All Welcome. Also available on the parish webcam: www.laurellodgeparish.ie

St Mochta's, Porterstown - Sundays 7pm to 8pm

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.

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.

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.

Archdiocese of Dublin
Ard-Deoise Átha Cliath

Διφρην na Nollag i nGaeilge
san Ard-Deoise, 2023
CHRISTMAS MASSES IN IRISH IN
THE ARCHDIOCESE, 2023



SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE
9 PM, UCD UNIVERSITY CHAPEL,
BELFIELD, DUBLIN 4

Διφρεann Na Sine
Dé Domhnaigh, Oíche Nollag:
SÉIPÉAL na hOLLSCOILE
BELFIELD, 9 PM

Ceiliúrad: An cAch. Leon Ó Giolláin S.J.
Ceol: Cór P. Mhichil, Dún Laoghaire



MONDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY
Dé Luain, Lá Nollag
Διφρην na Maíoine *

sa Cuaiscearc
9.00 am Domhnoch Ceanna
(le canúit ó 8.45 am)

9.30 am Glas Naíon

10.00 am Baile Dúill

11.00 am Draighneán (Sora)

san Iardheiscearc

9.00 am Cluain Dolcáin

9.30 am Baile an tSaoir

san Oirdheiscearc

9.30 am Ascaill Choill na
bhFeá (Raghnalúch)

9.30 am Braé, Naomh Peabair

10.30 am Dún Laoghaire

* Beidh ceol ag móramh na nAifreann ach ní níos seanmóir i nGaeilge i ngach cás. In eaglaisí áirithe bíonn téacs an Aifreinn dátheangach.



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