

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

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Saturday/Sunday – 27th / 28th July 2024

MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday to Friday at 10.00 am - Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30 pm

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(St Philip the Apostle Mountview – 6.00 pm)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 28th July 2024

CHRIST FED THE HUNGRY AND DID SO WITH GREAT GENEROSITY. HERE HE FEEDS US WITH THE BREAD OF THE EUCHARIST. WE RECEIVE THIS PRECIOUS FOOD NOT BECAUSE WE DESERVE IT BUT BECAUSE WE NEED IT.

First Reading: (2Kings 4:42-44): The miracle described shows God's concern for his people during a period of famine.

Second Reading: (Eph. 4:1-6): Here Paul pleads with the Ephesians to live a life worthy of the gospel.

Gospel: (John 6:1-15): Like Elisha, Jesus the prophet of the new covenant feeds the hungry people.

REFLECTION: All day from that deep well of life within Himself has he drawn healing from the press of folk, restoring strength, forgiving sin, quieting frenzy, comforting distress. Shadows of evening fall, yet wildly still they throng him, touch him, touch his garment's hem, fall down and clasp his feet, cry on him, till the Master, spent, slips from the midst of them and climbs the mountain for a cup of peace. Taking a sheer and rugged track untrod save by a poor lost sheep with a thorn-torn fleece that follows on and hears him talk with God.

SUMMER DUES - Please support your priests through the Summer Dues collection. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.
Thank You.

LAUREL LODGE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP are seeking new volunteers to get involved in gardening, planting projects and litter picking in and around Laurel Lodge. We meet 11am every Sunday at the Community Centre. All Welcome

IV World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

This weekend marks the fourth World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Francis always issues a strong message for the occasion and this year he reflects on a line from Psalm 71: "Do not cast me off in my old age".

We've had it printed on a leaflet for all the parishioners across our Parish Partnership to take home and enjoy. Please take a copy to your elderly relatives and to your neighbours who are housebound. Pope Francis tells us: "By remaining close to the elderly and acknowledging their unique role in the family, in society and in the Church, we will ourselves receive many gifts, many graces, many blessings! On this Fourth World Day devoted to them, let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families."

Youth 2000 Summer Festival 2024 will be taking place very soon, **August 15th-18th**, for Catholics aged 16-35 in Clongowes Wood College, Co Kildare. Find details and book your place at <https://youth2000.ie/summer-festival-2024/>

2024 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES PARISH PARTNERSHIP OF CASTLEKNOCK, PORTERSTOWN & LAUREL LODGE from Sunday, 25th August for 4 nights / 5 days full board staying in the 4* Hotel Padoue. We hope you can join us. **We still have a few places. The balance / full amount is due by Tuesday, 30th July at 12 o'clock.** Places cannot be guaranteed after the 30th July. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office. Email secretary@stmochasparish.ie , phone 01 8213218 or call up during office hours.

WEDDING BAND FOUND IN THE CHURCH WEEKEND OF 25/26 MAY
CONTACT PARISH OFFICE

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:	<u>MONTHS MIND</u>
	6.30 pm Patrick Gallagher, Anne O'Connor, Anne Hunt
SUNDAY:	9.30 am Muriel McCarthy (3rd Anniversary)
	Stephen Spizer (1st Anniversary)
	11.00 am Brendan Sammon (5th Anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Liam Fortune whose funeral took place last week
Pam Mulhaire, Eithne Balfe (*recently deceased*)
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time
Nuala Molloy, Eithne Devlin, Margaret Garvey,
Noreen and Noel O'Donoghue, Tony Dooley
James and Alice Madden (Birthday Remembrance)

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The Pope's Intentions July 2024 - FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer on those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

ADORATION: TAKES PLACE IN LAUREL LODGE CHURCH EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 8 PM TO 9 PM. ALL WELCOME.

AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH WEBCAM: WWW.LAURELLODGEPARISH.IE

ALSO IN - **ST MOCHTA'S, PORTERSTOWN** - SUNDAYS 7PM TO 8PM
AND **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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Friday mornings: 9.00 am – 9.30 am:
Saturday evenings: 5.00pm – 5.45pm : **Rite II** (communal celebration)
after the 6.30 pm Mass on the 1st Saturday of the month

BAPTISMS: Baptism Ceremonies are held on the first Sunday of the month and the third Saturday of the month.
Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



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.



Sharing Mass Intentions: A very strong characteristic of our parish is your desire to have the Holy Mass offered for your loved ones, especially for those who have "fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection". The demand often far exceeds the number of Masses we have available. Sometimes there can be a no Mass intention free for several months, especially for those seeking a Sunday Mass. In many other parishes, people have been asked if they would be so gracious as to share a Mass intention with another family seeking to remember a loved one, particularly in the case of Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses, and this has worked well. So, it is my hope that this solution will be acceptable to you and your families.
Fr. Damian



Aware, the National Mental Health Charity, is recruiting volunteers

Aware provides free support, education and information services to those impacted by mental health and mood conditions. We are now recruiting and training volunteers for our **National Support Line, Support & Self Care Groups** and our **Life Skills Online** services. Volunteering can be remote or in person.
Please visit www.aware.ie email info@aware.ie or call 01-661 7211 to learn more about becoming an Aware volunteer!

ALONE: "Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> for more information, contact Fiona on fiona.boyle@alone.ie or on 086 1366539."

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.

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.