

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

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**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2025**

At the beginning of Mass we are invited to examine our conscience and to call to mind our sins. This means calling to mind our own sins and not those of another. We must not blame others for our sins but accept responsibility for our own sins.

**First Reading:** (Eccl.27:4-7): A person's talk shows the kind of person he or she is.

**Second Reading:** (1Cor.15:54-58): The resurrection of Christ takes the sting out of death for those who believe in him.

**Gospel:** (Lk.6:39-45): A blind guide cannot lead others. A person's words flow from the heart.



**REFLECTION:** WHEN I WAS YOUNG AND FIRED WITH THE LOVE OF GOD, I THOUGHT I WOULD CONVERT THE WHOLE WORLD. BUT SOON I DISCOVERED THAT IT WOULD BE QUITE ENOUGH TO CONVERT THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN MY OWN TOWN. AND I TRIED FOR A LONG TIME TO DO THAT, BUT DID NOT SUCCEED. THEN I REALISED THAT MY PROGRAMME WAS NOT TOO AMBITIOUS. SO I CONCENTRATED ON THOSE IN MY OWN HOUSEHOLD. BUT I FOUND I COULD NOT CONVERT THEM EITHER. FINALLY IT DAWNED ON ME I MUST WORK ON MYSELF. WHEN PEOPLE COMPLAIN ABOUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD, THEY ARE USUALLY BLAMING SOMEONE ELSE. THEY SHOULD LOOK AT THEMSELVES FIRST.

**The Pope's Intentions March 2025** FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

**SHARE THE GOOD NEWS:** It is with joy that we can announce that, from 21st February, Archbishop Dermot Farrell has appointed Fr Francis 'Femi' Oladiipo as a Curate in our partnership Parishes of Castleknock/Laurel Lodge and Porterstown. Fr Francis is from Oyo Diocese in the South West of Nigeria. We thank God for the gifts and energy he will bring among us and thank Archbishop Farrell for this great blessing upon our community. **FR DAMIAN MCNEICE**

**CHARITY QUIZ** - THERE WILL BE A CHARITY QUIZ IN KAVANAGH'S PUB, LAUREL LODGE ON **MONDAY 3RD MARCH AT 8PM.** ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO DIRECTLY TO SUPPORT THE **KILTEGAN FATHERS'** WORK IN THE NURSERY, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AS WELL AS A NEW VOCATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING CENTRE IN RIWOTO, SOUTH SUDAN. THERE ARE OVER 1200 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOLS. **€40 PER TABLE OF 4. CONTACT FRAN LEAHY (VOLUNTEER IN RIWOTO) AT 087 9473333 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**

**Permanent Diaconate.** Do you have an interest in learning about the permanent diaconate? Rev. Deacon Eric Cooney (Monkstown parish) will talk about his experience and the diaconate vocation on **Thursday March 13th 19:30-21.00.** The venue; Knights of St. Columbanus, Ely House, 8 Ely Place, Dublin 2. All are welcome.

**Sycamore** - Sycamore meeting next **Monday 3rd March** in St. Mochta's parish centre, Porterstown starting at 7.30pm with refreshments. Video talks and discussions about Faith matters.

**BAPTISMS IN OUR CHURCH IN FEBRUARY**

Please keep Ellis, Senan, Ollie, Pádraig, and Grace. in your prayers.

**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY: 6.30 pm** Denis McArdle (anniversary)

**SUNDAY: 9.30 am** Pat, Peggy and Patrick Igoe (anniversary)

**SUNDAY: 11.30 am** Hugh Henegan (20<sup>th</sup> anniversary)  
Breda Harmon (anniversary)

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Damian Darragh, Barry Kelleher, David Packham, Cecille Richards  
(recently deceased)

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time**

Marie Noone (10<sup>th</sup> anniv.), Thomas Walsh (6<sup>th</sup> anniv.), Mary and John Darragh, Michéal O'Brien (4<sup>th</sup> anniv.), Stuart McLaughlin, Paddy Callaghan, Members of the Leahy and Fitzgerald Families

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**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 10.00am Mass on the day.



**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](mailto:office@laurellodgeparish.ie) with the details. Mass intentions can also be booked with the Sacristan. Early booking is recommended.

**Adoration:** Takes place in **Laurel Lodge Church** every Wednesday from 8pm to 9pm. All Welcome.

Available on the parish webcam: [www.laurellodgeparish.ie](http://www.laurellodgeparish.ie)

Also in - **St Mochta's, Porterstown** - Sundays 7pm to 8pm  
and **Our Lady Mother of the Church** - Thursdays 8pm to 9pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Friday mornings:** 9.00am–9.30am

**Saturday evenings:** 5.00pm–5.45pm:

**Rite II** (communal celebration) after the 6.30pm Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.

**BAPTISMS** - Baptism Ceremonies are

held on the first Sunday of the month at 12.30pm and the third Saturday of the month at 3.30pm.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**PARISH PARTNERSHIP OF CASTLEKNOCK, LAUREL LODGE AND PORTERSTOWN**

**Pilgrimage to Knock joining the DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE SATURDAY 26TH APRIL**

Our pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Farrell. A bus will be going from our parish partnership of Castleknock, Laurel Lodge and Porterstown, collecting at each parish. The price per person is €50 including these refreshments. To register your interest, please email your name, telephone number and the number of people going to [parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie](mailto:parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie) All age groups are very welcome.

**AGE ACTION** is hosting Digital Training for Older People in the Castleknock Community Centre on Fridays from 10:15 – 12:15. Please call the Getting Started team on 01-4756989

**Dublin Fleadh 2025**

**OPEN SESSION**, Friday 7 March, 8.30pm, The Wren's Nest, Strawberry Beds, D20 XK64. All welcome.

Email: [dublinfleadhevents2025@gmail.com](mailto:dublinfleadhevents2025@gmail.com) for more information.

To celebrate **International Women's Day**, Dublin Fleadh 2025, Slí Dhála CCÉ and friends present 'Beyond Brigid': An evening of music, song, dance and spoken word. Sunday 9 March, 7pm at St Brigid's Church, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. Admission free. Booking essential at [dublinfleadhevents2025@gmail.com](mailto:dublinfleadhevents2025@gmail.com) or text 0872454143.

**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](http://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. For more information visit [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie).