

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

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Saturday/Sunday – 15th / 16th MARCH 2025

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Second Sunday of LENT - 16th March 2025

On Mount Tabor, Peter, James and John got a glimpse of the glory that was hidden in Christ. Through faith we too glimpse the glory of Jesus who lives in the Church and in each of us.

First Reading: (Gen.15:5-12 17-18): We learn of the solemn covenant made with Abraham which was the foundation of God's relationship with the people of Israel. Through Christ we are heirs of this covenant.

Second Reading: (Phil.3:17-4:1): Paul encourages his converts to remain true to Christ and promises them that one day they will share in his glory.

Gospel: (Lk.9:28-36): We hear of Luke's version of the transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor.

REFLECTION

All of us can experience moments of great joy.
Because of his goodness God allows us to taste on earth the joys of the world to come. However moments of joy, no matter how wonderful, will never satisfy the human heart. What we long for is a permanent state of happiness, but that is unobtainable here.

So what must we do? Like desert travellers we must go forward from one oasis to another, with the conviction that God has a homeland prepared for us at the end of our journey. This conviction will make it possible for us to travel onwards with an ache in our heart and an unquenchable longing in our soul.

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.

MASS TIMES - ST. PATRICKS' DAY – MONDAY 17TH MARCH

MASSES WILL BE AT 9.30AM AND 11.30AM



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

THE SVP COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND AMOUNTED €3,114.67

THERE WILL BE STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY TUESDAY MORNING DURING LENT AFTER THE 10.00 AM MASS



PARISH PARTNERSHIP OF CASTLEKNOCK, LAUREL LODGE AND PORTERSTOWN - Pilgrimage to Knock joining the DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE - Saturday 26th April

The pilgrimage will include workshops, outdoor walks, the Sacrament of the Sick and our pilgrimage Mass, which 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. There will be stops for light refreshments in The Radisson Blu, Athlone, on the way to Knock and also on the way back. 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. Please pay by 19th April by dropping an envelope marked Knock Pilgrimage into the sacristy or parish office, with your name and telephone number. All age groups are very welcome; our Diocese is encouraging young people in particular to come along - why not make it your first visit to Knock Shrine!

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: 6.30 pm Patrick and Nora Sheehan (anniversary)

SUNDAY: 9.30 am Gretta McLaughlin (anniversary)
Kathleen Foley (anniversary)

SUNDAY: 11.30 am Eugene Kennedy (anniversary)
Maura Cosgrove (anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Tim Delaney, Peggy Moyne, Richie Ryan (*recently deceased*)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Mary Agnes McCallion, Elizabeth Coughlan, Patrick Bergin



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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 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

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 1st 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.

ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE 5K SPRING MEMORIAL WALK

Do your own 5K Spring Memorial Walk in the months of March and April to remember a loved one and raise funds for St. Francis Hospice. Your support helps us provide high quality care for patients and their families at no charge.

Funds are raised through a registration fee of €25 per adult, children under 16 are free. You can raise additional funds by requesting a sponsorship card.

Any time, any place you wish, arrange to walk with family, friends, and pets during the month of March or April. Your walk might be in a place that holds special memories for you.

www.sfh.ie or call 01-8327535.

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 and La Leche League (Blanchardstown) present a music workshop 'Connecting with your baby through traditional Irish music' on Saturday 29th March from 11.30-1.30pm, Blakestown Community Resource Centre, Dublin 15. Suitable for ages 6 weeks to 3 years. Free but booking essential. For more information, contact lalecheleagueireland32@gmail.com.

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. For more information visit www.aware.ie.