

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

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Saturday/Sunday – 29th / 30th MARCH 2025

MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

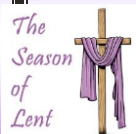
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FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT - 30th March 2025

LAETARE SUNDAY

A clear message running throughout the readings is God's mercy to the sinner. The well-known gospel is the story of the Prodigal Son.

First Reading: (Joshua 5:9-12): The Israelites, free at last from the humiliation suffered in Egypt, enter the land of promise and partake of the produce.

Second Reading: (2Cor.5:17-21): Christ brought about a reconciliation between God and humanity. The Church's task is to bring the benefits of this to all people.

Gospel: (Luke 15:1-3. 11-32): The parable of the prodigal son shows that God delights in showing mercy to repentant sinners.



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.

CASTLEKNOCK & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB: TABLE QUIZ (IN AID OF COOLMINE THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY) ON FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025 @ 8.00 PM IN CASTLEKNOCK TENNIS CLUB - €60 PER TABLE OF 4. TO BOOK TICKETS CONTACT **BRIAN 086 6089629**



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

REFLECTION



The Prodigal Son came home empty handed. He had no trophies to show his father. No achievements with which to earn his praise, his welcome, his love. He was a failure. Worse, he was a sinner. He deserved to be punished – and he knew it. Yet punishment was the last thing he needed. To punish him was like pouring water on a dying fire. What happened? When the father saw his lost son coming towards him, his heart went out to him and next minute they were in each other's arms. It is an extraordinary experience to be loved in one's sinfulness. Such love is like a breeze to a dying fire, Or rain falling on a parched ground. Those who have experienced such love, Know something about the heart of God.

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

A bus will be going from the churches in our parish partnership of Castleknock (collecting at 8am), Porterstown (8.15am) and Laurel Lodge (8.30am) - **please arrive early.** There will be stops for light refreshments in The Radisson Blu, Athlone, on the way to Knock and also on the way back. The return times that evening will be approximately Laurel Lodge 8pm, Porterstown 8.15pm and Castleknock 8.30pm. 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.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: MONTHS MIND
6.30 pm Phyllis Purdue, Maura Flood, Philip Devitt, Tish Gilmartin
SUNDAY: 9.30 am Giuseppe Fidanza (10th anniversary)
SUNDAY: 11.30 am Liam Slattery (1st anniversary)
Tommy and Gretta Kelly (anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Healy, Fr. Dermot Leycock (*recently deceased*)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Kathleen and Seamus Quinlan, Harry Purdue (husband of Phyllis Purdue), Dick and Kathleen Freeman, Breda Ryan, Samuel Ifidon, Mary and John Darragh, Brother Pat Grogan, Nora and Patrick Moran, Derek Canavan, Deceased Members of the Casey Family, Jimmy Keegan and Ann Campion (*Birthday Remembrance*)

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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

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

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.

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.