

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

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**Saturday/Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT - 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

"Let the one without sin cast the first stone". These words of Jesus are taken from the gospel today. Even though we are sinners, we may have cast the first stone of judgement at others. Let us begin our Mass by admitting we are sinners.

**First Reading:** (Is.43:16-21): The prophet assures the Jews exiled in Babylon that there will be a new Exodus. **Second Reading:** (Phil.3:8-14): Paul has willingly sacrificed everything for the privilege of knowing Christ.

**Gospel:** (Jn.8:1-11): Jesus refuses to condemn a woman caught in adultery.

**REFLECTION**

The quality of mercy is not strained  
It drops as a gentle rain from heaven  
Upon the place beneath it is twice blessed  
It blesses him that gives and him that takes

'Tis mightiest in the mighty  
It becomes the throned monarch better than his crown  
It is enshrined in the hearts of kings  
It is an attribute of God himself  
We do pray for mercy  
And the same prayer doth teach us all  
To render the deeds of mercy

*(William Shakespeare)*



**The Pope's Intentions April 2025**

*For the use of the new technologies*

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person and will help us face the crises of our times.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY  
TUESDAY MORNING DURING**



**LENT AFTER THE  
10.00 AM MASS**

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome Donnacha, Lilly Mae, Callum, and Millie who were baptised in our church in March. Please keep them in your prayers.

**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](mailto: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: 6.30 pm** Pat Lawlor (16<sup>th</sup> anniversary)  
Kathleen Hoey (2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary)  
Stephen Concannon (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary)

**SUNDAY: 9.30 am** Norah Murray (anniversary)  
Des and Mairead Murray (anniversary)

**SUNDAY: 11.30 am** Rita Carbery (13<sup>th</sup> anniversary)  
Andrew Myler (16<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Enda Mullen whose funeral took place in our church on Saturday**

Patrick Joseph McKeon (*recently deceased*)  
**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time**  
John and Moira Cullen, Josephine Byrne, Mary Conroy,  
Aodh Dolan, Jim McKiernan

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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

**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](http://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 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.

**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).