

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

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Saturday/Sunday 12th / 13th APRIL 2025

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - 13th April 2025

Today we begin Holy Week which commemorates the week in which Christ died. He died because of our sins and out of love for us. Christ forgave those who crucified him. He will also forgive us our sins.

First Reading: (Is. 50:4-7): The prophet suffers in carrying out his mission but is confident that God will vindicate him. **Second Reading:** (Phil. 2:6-11): Because Jesus took on himself our human condition and accepted death on a cross the Father made him lord of heaven and earth. **Gospel:** (Lk. 22:14-23.56): This is Luke's version of the Passion story. Luke presents Christ as merciful and forgiving.

REFLECTION

This week each year Christians are drawn to Jerusalem, if not in body at least in mind. They stood at the foot of the cross beating their breasts and staring with pity at Jesus of Nazareth. They listen with reverence as he prayed for his killers. *Father forgive them for they know not what they do.* But when the week is over they return to their homes to resume their deep-rooted spites and the burden of things they can't forgive. Let us not weep then for Jesus but for our sins, then we may be able to forgive others.

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



THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S MONTHLY COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP - THERE WILL BE NO DAY CHAPEL ACTIVITIES ON EASTER SUNDAY, AND WE WILL TAKE A BREAK FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS AND THE MAY BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND. SEE YOU ON SUNDAY 11TH MAY.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

SUNDAY 13TH APRIL – SUNDAY 20TH APRIL 2025

[All Ceremonies will be live-streamed through our Parish Website]

www.churchservices.tv/laurellodge/ www.laurellodgeparish.ie/webcam

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Saturday Evening 12th April Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Palms blessed in the courtyard and will be available to all

Masses on Palm Sunday 13th April 9.30am and 11.30am

Weekdays of Holy Week 14th /15th /16th April Mass 10.00am

Wednesday 16th April 7.30pm our Parish Partnership Holy Week Penitential Service (Rite II) will take place in Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock.

HOLY THURSDAY (17th April)

5.00pm Family Mass and **7.30pm** MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

8.30pm - 9.30pm Holy Hour in the Day Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY (18th April) *(Day of Fasting & Abstinence)*

10.00am Ecumenical Walk begins at St. Thomas the Apostle Church

12 noon Stations of the Cross for Children

3.00pm SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY (19th April)

10.00am - 12noon Sacrament of Reconciliation Individual Confession (Rite I)

9.00pm EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

EASTER SUNDAY (20th April)

9.30am and 11.30am MASS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

EASTER PASTORAL OFFERING ENVELOPES AND THE EASTER SCHEDULE ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE TABLES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: 6.30 pm Patrick Smith (1st anniversary)

SUNDAY: 9.30 am Teresa McKiernan (recently deceased)
Des and Mairead Murray (anniversary)

SUNDAY: 11.30 am Jerry Reidy (14th anniversary)
Bertie and Bridie Keegan (anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Agnes Moroney, Tim Delaney (recently deceased)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Breeda Coghlan (30th anniversary), John McLaughlin, Nellie Halpin,
Margaret Reddy (5th anniversary), Madge Smith, Bridie Hegarty,
Kathleen Frowley, Deceased Members of the Seymour Family,
John Hanrahan (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.

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.

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.

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

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.

WAY OF THE CROSS
THROUGH THE
PHOENIX PARK - DUBLIN



GOOD FRIDAY
18th April 2025

Starting at **12.00pm** at the
Wellington Monument

Led by the Most Reverend Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin

The procession will
proceed from the
Wellington Monument
to the Papal Cross.

Communion and Liberation

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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.