

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

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Saturday/Sunday 13th/14th SEPTEMBER 2025

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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 14th SEPTEMBER 2025

Today we honour the symbol of life and death. The crucifixion of Christ looked like a tragedy; but it was really a triumph, a victory over sin and death.

First Reading: (Numbers 21:4-9): The hard life in the desert made the people complain about God. But Moses intervened on their behalf. The symbol of the bronze serpent on the standard was a sign of God's healing. **Second Reading:** (Philippians 2:6-11): We should all bend the knee when the name of Jesus is mentioned. His name is a sign of salvation. **Gospel:** (John 3:13-17): God's love for us is expressed in the person of Jesus. To save the world God gave us Jesus.

REFLECTION - A PRAYER TO JESUS CRUCIFIED

Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus, I cast myself on my knees in your sight. And with the most fervent desire of my soul, I pray and beseech you, that you would impress upon my heart, lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, with a true repentance for my sins, and a firm desire of amendment. While with deep affection and grief of soul I ponder within myself and mentally contemplate your five precious wounds. Having before my eyes that which David spoke in prophecy of you. O Good Jesus they have pierced my hands and feet. They have numbered all my bones.

The SVP Society monthly collection will take place after all Masses this weekend



CROSSCARE - This year's annual collection for Crosscare takes place on **Saturday/Sunday, September 20/21**, and will replace the Share collection.

WELCOME! Archbishop Farrell has recently appointed newly ordained permanent **Deacon Arkadiusz Lenkiewicz** to minister in the parishes of Laurel Lodge and Castleknock. As a Deacon, he proclaims the Gospel, preaches, assists at the Eucharist and celebrates the sacraments of Baptism and Marriage. We look forward to his sharing the riches of his gifts and faith with us. We extend a warm St Thomas 'Céad mile fáilte' to him.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary -The 5 Saturdays of Devotion will be celebrated on the first Saturday of each month in **Our Lady Mother of the Church. 10 am Mass, Rosary, and Confession.**

For more information contact Paul 087 7928218 or Aileen 086 830 6463

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY—ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH GOLF CLASSIC

This year our Parish Golf Classic will be held on **Thursday, 16th October in the magnificent Luttrellstown Castle Resort. Details will be available shortly.**

'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible' - This video-driven course will start in St Mochta's Parish Pastoral Centre, Porterstown, D15 Y580, on **Monday 15th September at 7:30 pm** and continue for **8 Monday evenings**. Admission is **FREE**. For further details or to reserve a place, phone or text Aengus 087 2161199, or Marian 087 2958363.

The 2025 Graveyard Services in St Mary's and St Brigid's will be on the following dates -

St Mary's, Clonsilla - Sunday 28th September at 3pm
St Brigid's, Castleknock - Sunday 9th November 3pm

The Sisters from St. Elisabeth Convent Belarus will have a stall outside the church selling their icons and crafts on the weekend of the 20/21 September and would be most grateful for your support.
ST. ELISABETH CONVENT Minsk, Belarus obitel-minsk.org

ADORATION with music will take place on the **3rd Friday of every month**, at Our Lady Mother of The Church, beginning 19th September, 7pm until 8pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30 pm Seamus, Margaret & James O'Connor (anniversary)
Concepta (Ceppie) Sheehan (7th anniversary)

SUNDAY: 9.30 am Helen Kane (recently deceased)

SUNDAY: 11.30 am Geraldine Kiely (20th anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Michael Cunningham, Dermot Flanagan (recently deceased)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Joanne Sheehan, Jimmie Walsh, Jim Fitzgerald, Brian Dunphy, Molly & Kevin Lyons, Oliver Padden, Margaret Healy, Charles McCarthy, Tommy McAnaney

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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

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.



TEEN HOPE is a parish-based faith outreach to teenagers geared to 1st and 2nd Year. Next Session: **FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 7-8.30pm** in the Pastoral Centre beside St. Brigid's Church Blanchardstown. Please see poster at the back of the church. Further information from office@blanchardstownparish.ie

Jubilee Year Spiritual Holiday to Rome

organised by Fr. Robert Smyth, PP of Whitehall and Beaumont Parishes.

16th November 2025

4 nights with guided tours, visits and religious programme.

€1099 euro per person sharing.

Details on our Parish Noticeboard, bookable through JWT.

WELCOME – if you have recently joined our parish we extend a warm welcome to you. Please complete a Welcome Card available at the back of the church and drop it into the Parish Office.

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.