

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

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Saturday/Sunday 1st / 2nd AUGUST 2026

MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday to Friday at 10.00am - Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30pm

Sunday Masses: 9.30am and 11.30am

In Porterstown: Saturday 6pm and Sunday 11am

In Castleknock: Saturday 6pm and Sunday 10am and 12 noon

[Mountview parish have a Sunday evening Mass at 6pm]

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2026

The people followed Jesus to a lonely place forgetting everything else in order to listen to his words and to seek healing for their sicknesses and he showed his comparison for them.

First Reading: (Isaiah 55:1-3) Come and eat.

Second Reading: (Rom. 8:35.37-39): No created thing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ.

Gospel: (Mt. 14:13-21): The feeding of the five thousand.

REFLECTION (*Feeding the Hungry*)

The multiplication of the loaves happens in our fields every year between sowing and harvest time. Like the miracle of Jesus, this miracle too is brought about by the power of God. And just as Jesus need the hands of the apostles to distribute the bread to the people, so God now needs human hands to make this abundance available to the hungry.

In some countries today the problem is over-eating. In other countries the problem is getting anything to eat at all. Today we don't need anyone to multiply the loaves for us. The food is there. What is not always there is the will to share it.

POPE'S INTENTIONS AUGUST 2026 – *for evangelisation in the city.* Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

NEW SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE FOR OUR PARISH PARTNERSHIP

**ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE
LAUREL LODGE**

Monday to Friday - Mass at 10am
Vigil of Sunday Mass at 6.30pm on Saturday
Sundays - Mass at 9.30am and 11.30am

**OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE
CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK**

Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays - Mass at 10am
Tuesdays and Thursdays - Mass at 7.30pm, Sundays - Mass at 10am and 12 noon
No 6pm Saturday Vigil of Sunday Mass in OLMC in July or August

**ST MOCHTA'S
PORTERSTOWN**

Monday and Friday - Mass at 10am
Wednesday – prayer service at 10am
Sunday - Mass at 11am
**No 6pm Saturday Vigil of Sunday
Mass in St Mochta's in July or August**

BAPTISMS

Frances, Ryleigh, Clodagh, Maisie, Tom, Conor, Rebecca, Harvey, Donagh, Lily, and Róisín were baptised in our church in July. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



Thank You - we would like to say a very big thank you to all those who generously donate flowers to our church. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.



SUMMER DUES APPEAL 2026

Envelopes available at the back of the church. Thank you for your support

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30pm Rally (Mary Bridget) McArdle (anniversary)

SUNDAY: 9.30am Oliver Leahy (anniversary)

SUNDAY: 11.30am Karl Andrews (8th anniversary)
Brendan Sammon (7th anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those recently deceased
MARY LANE whose funeral took place during the week

Also, Glen Hansard, Maura Heneghan,
Theresa Hickey, Monsignor Tom Coonan

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

John Reilly, Jim Fitzgerald, Martina Griffin, Muriel McCarthy,
Tony Dooley, Annie Keenan