

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

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Saturday/Sunday 15th / 16th 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: Sunday 11am
In Castleknock: Sunday 10am and 12 noon
[Mountview parish have a Sunday evening Mass at 6pm]

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 2026

We come together in the house of God to pray. This is where the family gather to pray. We ask God to make us one in mind and heart so that our prayer may rise like the incense before him.

First Reading: (Is. 56:1.6-7): This reading reflects a time during the period of restoration after the return from Babylon (538BC)

Second Reading: (Rom. 11:13-15. 29-32): God never takes back his gifts. Those who return to him are sure of obtaining mercy. **Gospel:** (Mt. 15:21-28): This story of a pagan woman who had very strong faith in Christ and how that faith was rewarded.

REFLECTION

Lord, grant us a strong and courageous faith; a faith that burns brightly even in times of darkness; a faith that doesn't falter even when there are no miracles or happy endings;

A Good Friday faith that trusts in the dawn of Easter; a faith that is rooted in your love for us and that expresses itself in love for others.

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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

August

Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays - Mass at 10am
Tuesdays and Thursdays - Mass at 7.30pm, Sundays - Mass at 10am and 12 noon

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

PARISH PARTNERSHIP FAMILY FUN DAY: Everyone is very welcome to our Parish Family Fun Day. Lots of fun games for all ages, face painting, plus music and refreshments
Date: Sunday 30th August - Time - 2:00–5:00pm
Venue – The Green beside Our Lady Mother of the Church Beechpark Lawn Castleknock. If you can help or have any queries, please contact - Brian Kealy 0866089629 or Martina Kealy 0868246077

FLOWERS Thank you to those who have contributed towards purchasing flowers for the church. If you would like to make a contribution please leave your donation in an envelope marked "flowers" in the boxes at the back of the church or in the parish office. Thank you.



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.

SPINA BIFIDA HYDROCEPHALUS IRELAND ARE HAVING A COLLECTION OUTSIDE THE CHURCH AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30pm Marie Lynn (recently deceased)

SUNDAY: 9.30am Mary O'Neill (recently deceased)

SUNDAY: 11.30am Patsy Britton (7th anniversary)
Maureen and Sean Campbell (anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those recently deceased

William Weldon, Maura Heneghan

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Sorcha O'Brien, Birdie Noonan, Brid Kennedy, Thomas Kealy, Luke Bellew,
Tom & Margaret Crowe, Michael Coughlan,
Thomas Crawley and Annie Coughlan (Birthday Remembrance)