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***in partnership with the parishes of Porterstown & Castleknock***

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**Saturday/Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**

**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]

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Like the apostle Thomas, we all doubt from time to time. This means that we have lots of questions, questions which should not be hidden. We must do what Thomas did – bring them to the Lord.

We will be told to stop doubting and believe.

**First Reading:** (Acts. 5:12-16): This tells us of the high regard that the apostles were held by the people and of the cures they worked for the sick.

**Second Reading:** (Rev. 1:9-13.17-19): John is invited to write a message, one which has meaning for the Church until the end of time.

**Gospel:** (Jn. 20: 19-31): By seeing and touching the wounds of the Lord, Thomas the doubter is cured of his unbelief.

**REFLECTION:** While Jesus was alive, Thomas was as strong as an oak. But when Jesus was put to death he became a reed shaking in the winds of doubt. The truth was, though he didn't realise it at the time, that it was the Master who was the oak. He was a mere sapling growing in the shade. When the oak fell, he was defenceless. We are all shaken by the winds of doubt. We need to look at the Lord's wounds And hear the gentle voice saying to us. Cease doubting but believe.

**Easter Pastoral Offering Envelopes** – thank you to those who have already returned their envelopes. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

**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.

**ALZHEIMER'S TEA DAY 2025**

Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

ODC CHEMIST FROM 9.00 am

Please join us for this very special event

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** Divine Mercy Sunday devotions will be hosted in our Deanery again by our friends in **St. Philip the Apostle Church in Mountview** on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April starting at 3pm.**

The Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed followed by Mass at 4.30pm. All are very welcome.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP:** WE WILL TAKE A BREAK FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS AND THE MAY BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND. SEE YOU ON SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY.

**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY: 6.30 pm** **MONTHS MIND**  
**DECLAN CAHILL AND TERESA MORLEY**

**SUNDAY: 9.30 am** **ELSIE RYAN (remembrance)**

**SUNDAY: 11.30 am** **RITA RYAN (Months Mind)**  
**MICHAEL MANNERS (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary)**  
**GERRY & KATHLEEN NANGLE (anniversary)**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Helena Prior and Dr. Maurice Brennan**

Their funerals will take place in our church on Monday

Joe McCabe, Mary Lawlor, Alan Browne (*recently deceased*)

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time**

William and Julia Keogh, Kathleen Henry,

Kay Faughnan, Harry McLaughlin

James Short and Helen Short, The Rothwell Family (remembrance)