

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

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**Saturday/Sunday 31 MAY/ 1 JUNE 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]

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2025**

World Communications Day

Even though Jesus has returned to the Father, He is still with us. Today's feast is the celebration that He is present both in heaven and on earth.

**First Reading:** (Acts. 1:1-11): We hear of the ascension of Jesus into heaven and of his promise to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples. **Second Reading:** (Eph. 1:17-23): Paul sets out the meaning of the ascension: God has raised Jesus above all earthly powers and makes him head of the Church and lord of creation. **Gospel:** (Luke 24:46-53): Before ascending into heaven Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples.

**REFLECTION:** THE DAY OF THE LORD'S TRIUMPHANT RETURN TO HIS FATHER IS NOT A DAY FOR NARROWNESS OR SADNESS. RATHER, IT IS A DAY FOR OPENNESS AND JOY. THEREFORE LET US LIFT UP OUR HEARTS. LET US RAISE UP OUR MINDS. LET OUR SPIRITS SOAR AND BE FREE. FOR SIN AND EVIL AND DEATH HAVE BEEN OVERCOME. WE KNOW NOTHING OF THE MYSTERY OF THE BEYOND. ALL WE HAVE IS HIS WORD: WHERE I AM, YOU TOO WILL BE. LORD, YOU HAVE KINDLED IN OUR HEARTS THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE. GUARD THIS HOPE WITH YOUR GRACE AND BRING IT TO FULFILMENT IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

**BAPTISMS:** Please keep in your prayers Amélia, Emily, Lucy, and Rosie, who were baptised in our church in May.



**Bealtaine** requires **2 Male Vocalists** and **2 Female Vocalists** to balance the existing Music Group. For further information please see flyers on the porch table or contact "Bealtaine" on mobile 086 3346493 and leave a message.

**24 HOURS PENTECOST PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Beginning on the Solemnity of Pentecost, our Parish Partnership will have **24 hour Eucharistic Adoration and Prayer for Peace** based in **St Thomas the Apostle Church Laurel Lodge**. It is an opportunity to present to the Lord the world's deep need for God's gift of peace. Starting with **11.30am Mass in Laurel Lodge on 8th June**, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will continue there all day and night, and finish with Benediction after 10am Mass on Monday 9th June. (Some of these hours will have led reflections) **SIGN UP!** We are looking for people to sign up from our parish to this mighty prayer event. Each of our three parishes is taking care of at least 7 hours out of the 24. We require a minimum of 3 people present for the entirety of each hour, ideally a mix of male and female. Please only sign up if you can definitely be there. The Sign-up Sheet is on the table at the back of our church.

**Novena to the Holy Spirit 1- 9 June 2025**

A period of Prayer, Reflection and Planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin

*Come, Holy Spirit, revive and renew us  
Come, Holy Spirit, inspire and enthuse us  
Come, Holy Spirit, unbind and release us  
Open our eyes to see God's grace around us  
Open our ears to hear God's voice within us  
Open our hearts to welcome God among us  
Send us out with joy to live the Gospel  
Send us out with peace to act as one  
Send us out with love to build up hope  
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us  
St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us  
St Kevin, pray for us, St Brigid, pray for us*

**Children's Liturgy Group**

**No Day Chapel on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

as it is a bank holiday weekend. *Our last Day Chapel activity will be on Pentecost Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> June. After that we will take a break for the summer, and return in September.* We always welcome new ideas and volunteers! Leave your contact details into the parish office or have a chat with the Day Chapel team. Míle buíochas to everyone in St Thomas the Apostle Parish for their continued support.

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**SATURDAY: 6.30 pm MONTHS MIND**

**Dr. Maurice Brennan, William Brophy,  
Helena Prior, Joan and Philip Devitt**

**SUNDAY: 9.30 am Mary Dorgan (recently deceased)**

**SUNDAY: 11.30 am Aidan Lynch (anniversary)  
Mary O'Toole (recently deceased)**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Eileen Lambert** whose funeral took place during the week

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

**Patsy and Paddy Bourke, Minnie McAnaney, Patrick Kelly, Tommy McLaughlin, Philomena McLaughlin, Micheál O'Driscoll, Alex Keenan**

Please pray for the success of the Capuchin Chapter taking place in Maynooth from 2-6 June