

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

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Saturday/Sunday 7th / 8th 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]

PENTECOST SUNDAY - 8th JUNE 2025

Today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles.
 Through the prayer of the Church the Holy Spirit comes to us today.

First Reading: (Acts. 2:1-11): Luke describes the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and the effect it had on them. **Second Reading:** (Rom.8: 8-17): If you want to lead a Christian life you will need the help of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: (Jn. 14:15-16, 23-26): The risen Jesus gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples and inaugurates the mission of the Church.

REFLECTION

On Pentecost day the apostles spoke a new language
 What was this new language?
 It was the language of peace rather than of war
 The language of co-operation rather than competition
 The language of forgiveness rather than of vengeance
 The language of hope rather than despair
 The language of tolerance rather than bigotry
 The language of love rather than of hate
 Through the gift of the Holy Spirit people of
 different languages learn to profess one faith
 This is the real mystery of Pentecost



The St. Vincent de Paul Society's outdoor collection takes place this weekend. This collection usually takes place on the second weekend every month. **January & August** no collections. **December** – on the first weekend.

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

Please extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude on behalf of myself and all the Service Members of the Open Opportunity Service in Laurel Lodge to all the parishioners for their very generous support to our collection last weekend. We raised a staggering €1700. All of these funds will go towards the fuel and maintenance of our buses to bring our Service Members to and from their life changing Day Service.



Children's Liturgy Group.

Our last Day Chapel activity will be on Pentecost Sunday, 8th 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.

Let us keep all those doing exams in our thoughts and prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30 pm Thomas and Patricia Coyle (anniversary)
 Eugene Moore (Birthday Remembrance)

SUNDAY: 9.30 am Jane and Gerry Fallon (anniversary)
 Brian Lenihan (anniversary)

SUNDAY: 11.30 am Alan O'Neill (anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sean Treacy, Margaret Geoghegan, Theo McCarrick

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Margaret Lynch, Barry McLoughlin, Annie McDermott (2nd anniversary),
 Breda Farrell (4th anniversary), James Grimes, Patrick Walsh,
 John and Elizabeth McGrath, Martin O'Driscoll (33rd anniversary)