

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

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**Saturday/Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 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: No Saturday Mass during July & August. Sunday 11am

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

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

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 17 AUGUST 2025**

The gospel can be a great comfort to us as well as a challenge. We are encouraged to opt for the light instead of darkness, to be for Christ rather than against him.

**First Reading:** (Jer. 38:4-6.8-10): This describes the persecution of the prophet Jeremiah, whom Christians see as a figure of Christ.

**Second Reading:** (Heb. 12:1-4): Readers are encouraged to persevere in the faith, drawing strength from the example of Christ.

**Gospel:** (Lk. 12:49-53): The coming of Christ marks a time of division in which people will be asked to declare their loyalties.

**REFLECTION - True and False Peace**

A swamp may look nice on the surface  
But its depths are full of rotten things  
Peace that is based on injustice is like that  
It is a false peace and Jesus came to disrupt it  
But then there is true peace – A peace in which all of  
God's children have their basic rights respected and are  
able to live in freedom and dignity  
This is the peace that Jesus came to bring

**SUMMER DUES**

**2025:** Envelopes  
are available at  
the back of the  
church. Please  
support your  
priests through  
the Summer Dues  
appeal. Thank you

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR PEACE** from 3.00pm on **SUNDAY AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>** to 3.00pm on **MONDAY AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>** in Our Lady Mother of the Church Castleknock. In response to Archbishop Farrell's call to prayer, we will host 24 hours of continuous prayer for peace, especially in Gaza, before the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady Mother of the Church starting at **3pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August and continuing right through till 3pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August.** As before in our Parish Partnership, we will be inviting parishioners to commit to staying for certain hours of prayer throughout the day and night. Please see sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Some of these hours will be led by prayer groups. By our persevering prayer, may our world become more open to God's dream of peace, justice and dignity for every human being. Fr. Damian

**Jubilee Year Spiritual Holiday to Rome** – organised by Fr. Robert Smyth, PP of Whitehall and Beaumont Parishes. Departing 16th November 2025 – 4 nights with guided tours, visits and religious programme. €1099 euro per person sharing. Details on our Parish Noticeboard, bookable through JWT.



**DO YOU LIKE TO SING?** Laurel Lodge Ciunas Choir is looking for new members. The members rehearse each Wednesday from 7-8pm in the Community Centre and they don't hold auditions!! They sing mostly popular classics with a few challenging pieces. If you feel this is your cup of tea further details can be obtained by sending an email to [ciunaschoir2022@gmail.com](mailto:ciunaschoir2022@gmail.com)

**WEDDING** Congratulations to Marie and Niall who got married in our church on Friday. May God's grace guide and strengthen them as they begin their married life.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY: 6.30 pm Tony and Sarah Dunne (anniversary)**

**SUNDAY: 9.30 am Michael Quinlan (anniversary)**

**SUNDAY: 11.30 am Patsy Britton (6<sup>th</sup> anniversary)  
Eileen Ward (anniversary)**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Billy Carrie (recently deceased)

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

Birdie Noonan, Paul McDermott, Luke Bellew,  
Thomas Kealy, Bríd Kennedy, Oliver Leahy