

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

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Saturday/Sunday 23rd / 24th 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]

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 24 AUGUST 2025

We have come from many different directions to come to this house of prayer. We have come to give thanks and to be found worthy of God's kingdom.

First Reading: (Is. 66.18-21): Gentiles will be converted and receive a share in Israel's blessings. **Second Reading:** (Heb. 12.5-7.11-13): As a father shows his concern for his son by training him in discipline, so God trains his children through suffering. **Gospel:** (Lk. 13.22-30): The Kingdom of God is offered not just to the Jews but to people everywhere.

REFLECTION: Jesus said that there are two roads we can follow – The first is wide and easy to travel, it's downhill most of the way. It is the way of comfort and ease, pleasure and self-seeking. Many are fooled and travel down this road. But in the long run it leads them nowhere. They die in the desert. The second road is narrow and difficult. It is uphill a lot of the way. It's the way of struggle and sacrifice. Few take this road but they are the lucky ones. This road leads to the Promised Land.



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 24TH to 3.00pm on MONDAY AUGUST 25TH 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 24th August and continuing right through till 3pm on Monday 25th 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.

ATTACKS ON MEMBERS OF INDIAN COMMUNITY: "It is time to stand up for justice and equality. It is time to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters. It is time to stand up to those who seek to divide our community through rumour and malice. It is time to call out those who peddle racial hatred." Archbishop Farrell's letter on the recent shocking attacks on members of the Indian community in Dublin can be found, along with his statement on the matter, at <https://dublindiocese.ie/indian-community-statement-2025/>.

WELCOME – if you have recently joined our parish we extend a warm welcome to you. Please complete a Welcome Card available at the back of the church and drop it into the Parish Office.

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. €1,099 per person sharing. Details on our Parish Noticeboard, bookable through JWT.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30 pm Brendan Hunt (2nd anniversary)

SUNDAY: 9.30 am Peter Balfe (16th anniversary)

SUNDAY: 11.30 am Sorcha O'Brien (7th anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kathleen Corduff whose funeral will take place here on Tuesday at 11.00am
also Declan Doyle, Catherine Salmon, Catriona Mulchrone,
Albert Murphy, Declan Black (*recently deceased*)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Statia and Ed Tracy