

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

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Saturday/Sunday 6th/7th SEPTEMBER 2025

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7 SEPTEMBER 2025

How does being a Christian affect my life? In the gospel today the two short parables make the point that discipleship is a serious calling.

First Reading: (Wis. 9:13-18): Without the gift of divine wisdom we would be unable to fathom the mysteries of the universe. **Second Reading:** (Philemon. 9-10.12-17): Paul urges Philemon to take Onesimus his former slave as a brother. **Gospel:** (Luke 14:25-33): Being a disciple involves self-renunciation.

REFLECTION

Jesus fulfilled the ideal of love Paul speaks about. He was never in a hurry and was always kindness itself. He never envied anyone and never boasted about himself. He preferred to remember the good things and to rejoice in them. He never lost trust in God or in people. He never lost hope; he never gave in. He never stopped loving.

BAPTISMS - Congratulations to Leo, James, Daisy, Olivia, Daisy, Mila, Oliver and Mila who were baptised in our church in August. May God bless them and their families as they begin their journey of faith.

**The 2025
Graveyard Services
in St Mary's and
St Brigid's
will be on the
following dates -**

St Mary's, Clonsilla -
Sunday 28th
September at 3pm

St Brigid's,
Castleknock - Sunday
9th November 3pm

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on **Monday 8th September**. She has asked us to pray the Rosary and pray for peace.

The first 5 Saturdays of Devotion were instructed to Sr Lucia of Fatima by Our Lady. This devotion is a crucial means to bring about peace for the world

This will be celebrated on the first Saturday of each month in

Our Lady Mother of the Church. 10 am Mass, Rosary, and Confession.

For more information contact Paul 087 7928218 or Aileen 086 830 6463

DUBLIN 15 TOASTMASTERS Public Speaking Social Club invites adult visitors to our meetings in St Mochta's Parish Pastoral Centre. Meet 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

For more information phone Tony on 086 822 1274

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY—ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH GOLF CLASSIC

This year our Parish Golf Classic will be held on **Thursday, 16th October in the magnificent Luttrellstown Castle Resort**. Details will be available shortly.

'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible'

In 'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible,' Jeff Cavins brings us through the underlying story that holds all the scriptures together, from Genesis to the Acts of the Apostles. This video-driven course will start in St Mochta's Parish Pastoral Centre, Porterstown, D15 Y580, on **Monday 15th September at 7:30 pm** and continue for **8 Monday evenings**. Admission is **FREE**. For further details or to reserve a place, phone or text Aengus 087 2161199, or Marian 087 2958363.

TEEN HOPE is a parish-based faith outreach to teenagers geared to 1st and 2nd Year.

Next Session: **FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 7-8.30pm** in the Pastoral Centre beside St. Brigid's Church Blanchardstown. Please see poster at the back of the church.

Further information from office@blanchardstownparish.ie

Adoration with music will take place on the 3rd Friday of every month, at Our Lady Mother of The Church, beginning 19th September, 7pm until 8pm. All welcome

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30 pm Peter Dowling (13th anniversary)

Eamonn O'Connor (anniversary)

SUNDAY: 9.30 am George Caffrey (5th anniversary)

SUNDAY: 11.30 am Tom Malone (anniversary)

Jim Cooney (anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Brian Fleming whose funeral took place in our church this weekend

George Nash, Tony Boyle, Tomas Byrne, John Osbourne (recently deceased)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Mary McLaughlin, Louise Murphy & Ryan McDonnell (birthdayremembrance)

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To arrange an anniversary Mass or Mass for a special intention please phone the parish office (01 8208112) or email office@laurellodgeparish.ie with the details. Mass intentions can also be booked with the Sacristan. Early booking is recommended.

Adoration

Takes place in **Laurel Lodge Church** every Wednesday from 8pm to 9pm. All Welcome.

Available on the parish webcam: www.laurellodgeparish.ie

Also in - **St Mochta's, Porterstown** - Sundays 7pm to 8pm

PRAYERS/INTENTIONS

A basket will be left at the altar for people to place their intentions/prayer requests. These will be prayed for at the 10.00am Mass on the day.



PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Thursday, September 4, to September 9, led by Archbishop Farrell. Please remember in your prayers all of those travelling.

Jubilee Year Spiritual Holiday to Rome

organised by Fr. Robert Smyth, PP of Whitehall and Beaumont Parishes.

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.

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday mornings:

9.00am–9.30am

Saturday evenings:

5.00pm–5.45pm:

Rite II (communal celebration) after the 6.30pm Mass on the 1st Saturday of the month.

BAPTISMS

Baptism Ceremonies are held on the first Sunday of the month at 12.30pm and the third Saturday of the month at 3.30pm. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077.

Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.

AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS

If you or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information visit www.aware.ie.