

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

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**Saturday/Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 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]

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

Jesus tells the story of the rich man who refuses to help a starving beggar who lived at the gate. Greed makes us miserable and mean. We need God's forgiveness for the times we have ignored those in need..

**First Reading:** (Amos. 6:1. 4-7): Amos speaks against the wealthy of both Judah and Israel. **Second Reading:** (1Tim 6: 11-16): As Jesus was faithful to his call in the face of adversity that led to his death, so Christians facing persecution should be faithful to God's call. **Gospel:** (Luke 16:19-31): We hear the story of the very rich man who ignores the plight of the poor.

**REFLECTION – How wealth is judged**

A week ago the sycamore tree was loaded with gold  
However, instead of sitting back and enjoying it, it began to give it away  
At first it was just a leaf here and there  
whenever the wind asked for a contribution  
But soon it was giving it away in fistfuls, without being asked  
And without a thought for a wintry tomorrow  
Wealth is judged not by the amount that is accumulated  
But by the amount that is given away  
The only wealth that is worth having is the wealth of the heart  
To close one's heart is to begin to die. To open it is to begin to love



**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY**

The annual Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday takes place **this Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup>**. It's a time when we reflect on the importance of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults in our parishes and communities. Parish Safeguarding Representatives can be contacted through the parish office.

**SCOIL THOMÁIS JUNIOR INFANT ADMISSIONS**  
**2026/2027 APPLY ONLINE – OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>-31<sup>ST</sup> 2025**  
<http://scoilthomais.ie/index.php/admissions> ☎01-8201022

**Mid-Autumn Fair:** Tea, coffee, crafts, and raffle in aid of Mary's Meals Ireland at St. Brigid's Parish Centre, Church Ave, Blanchardstown Saturday 4th October 3pm-7pm & Sunday 5th October 10am-1pm. All proceeds will go to schools sponsored through Mary's Meals Dublin. €22 feeds one child for a year. Contact Sylvia 086 2479012

**Graveyard Services:** St Mary's, Clonsilla **Sunday 28 September - 3pm**  
St Brigid's, Castleknock Sunday 9 November - 3pm

**ADORATION – A Eucharistic Holy Hour** with music, prayers and reflections will take place on the 3rd Friday of every month at Our Lady Mother of The Church 7pm until 8pm. All are welcome. Next date for the Holy Hour is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October



**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm

You are invited to bring your pets for a blessing on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The blessing will be held in the courtyard.



**ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO:** Let us gather and pray during October to honour Our Lady, pray for her intentions, for world peace and our own intentions.  
**Location** - St Thomas the Apostle Church, Laurel Lodge.  
**Time** - 4 pm daily in front of the statue of Our Lady in the church car park.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY: 6.30 pm MONTHS MIND – KATHLEEN CORDUFF**  
Aoife Conway (3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary)

**SUNDAY: 9.30 am** Sheila O'Sullivan (recently deceased)

**SUNDAY: 11.30 am** Diarmaid MacDiarmada (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary)  
Rose Kenna (2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary) Ryan McDonnell (2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary)

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Patrick Hickey whose funeral took place during the week**  
Timmy O'Leary, Angela Massey, Marie Cummins, Michael Cunningham  
(recently deceased)

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time**  
Fr. Felix McLaughlin, Brian Rainey, Ann Campion