

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

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Saturday/Sunday 25th / 26th OCTOBER 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]

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 26th OCTOBER 2025

The gospel story is about the Pharisee and the tax collector who went into the Temple to pray. One thought he was righteous and the other knew he was a sinner. At the beginning of Mass we approach God as sinners.

First Reading: (Sir. 25:16-19) God shows no partiality to the rich and powerful; but he listens to the prayer of the humble. **Second Reading:** (2Tim. 4:6-8,16-18) Paul, a prisoner in Rome, feels that his death is drawing near. His confidence is strong and his hope is in receiving the crown of glory. **Gospel:** (Lk. 18: 9-14): This contains the story of the Pharisee and the tax collector.

REFLECTION

Sinners in Church

If the Pharisee had his way, the tax collector would not have been allowed into the Temple at all. Some people believe that sinners should never go to church. They say hypocrites at those who do. According to them, only saints should be admitted to church. This would make as little sense as a repair shop that accepted only sound things, or a hospital that would only accept healthy patients.

We go to church not because we are worthy, but because we need to. We are brave enough to admit our sinfulness, but are willing to strive for something better. We need the healing mercy of God as well as the support of the community if our efforts at self-improvement are to bear fruit.

Mission Sunday – Thank You -On behalf of Pope Leo, thank you for supporting Mission Sunday. Your kindness means that overseas missionaries can continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people. Please donate at www.missio.ie or call Missio Ireland on (01) 497 2035. **€2,075 was collected** at our Masses last weekend.

ALL SAINTS DAY – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1ST LAUREL LODGE

Mass will be celebrated in Laurel Lodge on Saturday 1st November at 10.00am.

Children's Liturgy Group: Day Chapel activities are on mid-term break, and will be back on Sunday 9th November. **New Junior Ministers of the Word** Children who have made their First Holy Communion and would like to read at the 9.30am Family Mass are very welcome to become a Junior Minister of the Word. Training will be provided. Parents/guardians can leave their contact details with the parish office or sacristan.

Day Chapel Team New volunteers welcome!

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO DURING OCTOBER: 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.

NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH: Please take one, include the names of your deceased relatives and friends on it and return it to the Parish Office as soon as you can.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH OF IRELAND CASTLEKNOCK - ECUMENICAL GRAVEYARD
SERVICE WITH BLESSING OF THE GRAVES **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9TH 3.00PM**. ALL WELCOME

The Bible Timeline course will not be on Monday 27th October for the Bank holiday and will resume on Monday 3rd November at 7.30.
The last session will be on Monday 10th November.

THANK YOU – The total raised for Summer Dues this year was **€5,820**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30 pm MONTHS MIND – Brian Fleming & Catherine Brereton

SUNDAY: 9.30 am Máirtín O'Meara (3rd anniversary)

SUNDAY: 11.30 am Thomas Quinn (4th anniversary)

Deirdre O'Connor (2nd anniversary) Una Meenan (4th anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Rebecca Daly and Nicholas Hanaphy whose funerals took place during the week

Also, George Nash, Tommy McKenna, (recently deceased)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Maureen and Joe Cahill, Brigid O'Connor, Anne Forde, Sean Hollingsworth, May Downs, Robert Deasy