

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

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Saturday/Sunday 22nd / 23rd NOVEMBER 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]

THIRTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 23rd November 2025

CHRIST THE KING

We honour Christ the King by helping to spread his kingdom. As Jesus forgave the repentant thief so forgiveness is one of the values of his kingdom

First Reading: (2Sam 5:1-3) We see how David became king of a united country. His kingship prefigures the universal kingship of Christ.

Second Reading: (Col. 1:12-20) Christ is not only head of the Church but Lord of all creation. **Gospel:** (Lk. 23:35-43): Christ reigned from the cross and brought salvation to the repentant thief.

REFLECTION

On the cross Jesus endured insults and mockery
Yet his heart remained open - even to his enemies

He absorbed all the violence, transformed it
and returned it as love and forgiveness

From the depths of his own pain, Jesus reached
out to comfort the thief

By our love people will
know that we are followers of Christ the King

HEALING MASS

There will be a Healing
Mass on **Friday 28th**

Nov in

St Patrick's Church
Corduff at 7.30pm with
adoration and
confession from 7pm.

Celebrant is Fr John
Walsh from Limerick.
All welcome and a cup
of tea after the mass in
the pastoral centre.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SURVEY – HAVE YOUR SAY

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland. The survey is school specific and **needs to be responded to by all parents and prospective parents locally**. It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic education for their children, and the support for sacramental preparation available in Catholic schools, would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parent of a Primary school student. **The survey can be accessed at www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey/**. It closes on Tues Dec 16th.

"Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made the visit of the Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and of her parents, Sts Louis and Zelie Martin, such a grace filled, joyous and blessed time last weekend. Our volunteer team and choirs were wonderful. The Lord knows who you are and all you did to make people feel welcomed in such a prayerful atmosphere. May the Lord reward you according to your need and his providential care. We extend our deep appreciation to Marcie and Pat Sweeney, custodians of the relics, and members of their extended family who made the visit and exhibition possible and who contributed so much of their own energy, faith and devotion." *Fr Damian*



NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD ENVELOPES are available at the back of the Church until the end of November.

St. Mochta's Parish is hosting a Festive Afternoon Tea in our Pastoral Centre on Saturday 29th Nov beginning with Mass at 12 noon. There are only 60 tickets available at €12 each. Tickets are on sale from the Sacristy after any Mass or Parish Office during office hours.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30pm John and Bartley O'Flaherty (anniversary)
Dan Carbery (recently deceased) Mary Kavanagh (11th anniv.)

SUNDAY: 9.30am Ann Power (2nd anniversary)
Elizabeth (Lily) Smith (anniversary)

SUNDAY: 11.30am Pat O'Malley and Eithne McAllister
Kathleen O'Donoghue (2nd anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Des Ward (recently deceased)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joe Ryan, Jim McGloughlin, Tony Reilly, Marie Jeffers, Helen Clifford,
James and Margaret McDonald, Alice Pratt, Brendan Kelly,
Deceased Members of the Defence Forces who died on duty in the Congo,
Sheila Fitzpatrick (Birthday Remembrance)