

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

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Saturday/Sunday 27th/28th DECEMBER 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]

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
28th DECEMBER 2025

On this feast of the Holy Family we have come from our own families into the wider family of the Church. We have gathered as family to give worship to God and to strengthen our ties with each other.

First Reading: (Sir.3:2-6,12-14)

This reading is a commentary on the commandment; honour your father and mother.

Second Reading: (Col.3:12-21)

This describes the atmosphere which should be obvious in a Christian Community.

Gospel: (Mt. 2:13-15; 19-23): Matthew describes the Holy Family as displaced persons and homeless refugees.

POPE'S INTENTIONS DECEMBER 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

CHRISTMAS PASTORAL OFFERING ENVELOPES (DUES)

are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.

REFLECTION

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If children live with criticism they learn to condemn
If they live with hostility they learn to fight
If they live with ridicule they learn to be shy
If they live with shame they learn to feel guilty
If they live with tolerance they learn to be patient
If they live with encouragement they learn to have confidence
If they live with friendship and acceptance
They learn to find love and God in the world

THANK YOU.....

Our heartfelt thanks to all who worked so hard to prepare our parish church for the Christmas Season:
those who prepared the Advent wreath, Jesse tree, our crib, Christmas tree, flowers, all the preparations by our choirs, ministers of the word and of holy communion, God's housekeepers, the extra work done by those in our sacristy and parish office.
Thanks to all who made our liturgies beautiful. To Fr. Francis, Fr. Brendan, Fr. Dan Joe and Deacon Arkadiusz.
May the Lord reward you according to his wisdom, providential care and according to your need.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30pm Josephine O'Neill (50th anniversary) and also her son Pat O'Neill

SUNDAY: 9.30am Olivia and Bill Newman (anniversary)

SUNDAY: 11.30am Patrick Lyons (anniversary)
Michael Corduff (6th anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Frances Brereton whose funeral took place on Christmas Eve

Patsy Curtin, Robbie McCabe, Laura Flynn, Kathleen Burke
(recently deceased)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Josephine Manning, Jack Dunne, Tommy Fagan, Nancy and Jimmy Grimes, James Murphy and Family, Bernadette McLaughlin