

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

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Saturday/Sunday 3rd / 4th JANUARY 2026

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]

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
4th January 2026

The readings of our Mass tells that the mystery of the incarnation still remains. Today's gospel reminds us of this – the Word became flesh and lived among us.

First Reading: (Sir.24:1-2.8-12): This is a poem in praise of divine wisdom, a wisdom that has made a dwelling among God's people.
Second Reading: (Eph.1:3-6.15-18): This reading introduces the theme of God's plan of salvation, a plan which is centred in Christ and realised through him. **Gospel:** (John.1:1-18): This is a hymn to the Word of God, the source of all life, whose coming among us makes us children of God.

POPE'S INTENTIONS JANUARY 2026

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

BAPTISMS – Zachary, Chloe, Alice, Leo, Rían, Alannah and Thea were baptised in our church in December 2025. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

REFLECTION - Prayer at the start of the year

Lord, I sometimes wonder where I am going
And what is the meaning of my life
I wonder especially what the new year holds for me
Will it bring joy or sorrow, Success or failure, Life or death
But then I remember that you came on earth
And that you still travel the road of life with me
And so I say to my soul, Go out into the darkness
and put your hand into the hand of Christ your brother
That will be better than a light And safer than a known path

Thank You from GOAL - Many thanks to the many families and individuals who came out to support GOAL's annual Christmas Day Mile in Phoenix Park. Your generous donations on the day and online raised over €13,000 for GOAL's humanitarian work in developing countries.

PORTERSTOWN, LAUREL LODGE & CASTLEKNOCK PARISHES PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - Departing on Monday 24th August, 2026 at 10.45am for 4 nights staying in the 4* Hotel Padoue. €725 pp sharing / €905 single rooms (limited). Spiritual Director, Fr. Paul. If you are interested in travelling with us, please leave your name and contact no. in the Sacristy after any Mass, see Fr. Paul or email secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie. A deposit of €200 will secure your place. Places are limited and are filling up fast.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:	6.30pm	Tommy and Kitty Brennan (anniversary) Noel Brady (9th anniversary)
SUNDAY:	9.30am	Dominic Kenna (4th anniversary) Aidan Boushel (anniversary)
SUNDAY:	11.30am	Cathal Deasy and the Madden and McCann Families

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Anne Killock, Michael O'Reilly (*recently deceased*)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Agnes McLaughlin, John Noonan, John Purcell, Sr. Celine Mahoney,
James McKiernan, Patsy Moohan,
Christy, Margaret and all deceased members of the McKeon Family,
Mary Bergin (Birthday Remembrance), Oliver Leahy (Remembrance)