

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

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**Saturday/Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> 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]

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus.

He was baptised in the waters of the Jordan by his cousin.

He did this so that he might free us from the power of sin.

Let us remind ourselves that baptism introduces us into the family of God.

**First Reading:** (Isaiah 42:1-4.6-7): Here we are given a picture of a true servant of God. It is something that is perfectly realised in Christ.

**Second Reading:** (Acts 10:34-38): This contains a reference to Jesus' baptism and is an example of the early Christian preaching to non-Jews.

**Gospel:** (Mt.3:13-17): At his baptism Jesus true identity was revealed and he was given the power that was needed for the beginning of his mission.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS PASTORAL OFFERING ENVELOPES (DUES)**

Envelopes are available at the back of the church and thank you to those who have already returned theirs. We appreciate your ongoing support.

**REFLECTION**

Baptism was not over and done with the day we were taken to the font

We are baptised by all that happens to us in life

We are baptised by hardship; in its turbulent waters

We are purified of all that is false and useless

We are baptised by suffering; in its murky waters

We grow in humility and compassion

We are baptised by joy in its gurgling waters

We experience the goodness of life

We are baptised by love; in its singing waters

We blossom like flowers in the sun

Baptism is the planting of a seed

It will take a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen



**Tax Refund on donations** - Thank you to those parishioners who have returned their forms. For those who have yet to return their forms please do so as soon as possible.

**Volunteers needed! Are you looking to make a difference in 2026?**

Avista (formerly the Daughters of Charity) provide supports for individuals with intellectual disabilities in your area and we urgently need volunteers to enhance our work. No experience necessary and ongoing support will be provided. We have options for people to volunteer their time for as little as two hours per month. If you are interested in finding out more, contact Liz Farrell, Volunteer Partner Lead, on 087 3792009 or email [liz.farrell@avistaclg.ie](mailto:liz.farrell@avistaclg.ie) for an informal chat.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY: 6.30pm Brian and Breda Farrell (anniversary)**

**SUNDAY: 9.30am Sean Hession (Months Mind)  
Diarmuid Manning (Months Mind)**

**SUNDAY: 11.30am Agnes and Tom Dawdry (anniversary)**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Declan Cameron whose funeral took place this weekend

Also, Mark Brody, Sylvia Deegan, Sr. Stan, Anthony Healy, Annie Killoch  
(recently deceased)

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Andrew Moran, Liz Filgate, Geraldine Garland,  
Paddy Molloy, Padraig O'Meara