

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

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**Saturday/Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<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]

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today

Catholic Schools Week begins today

Jesus is the chosen one of God who came to take away our sins.

As we celebrate this Eucharist let us bring our sins to the Lord and ask for forgiveness.

**First Reading:** (Is. 49:3.5-6): This reading talks about the servant God has chosen to bring back Israel to him and not just Israel but all peoples.

**Second Reading:** (1Cor.1:1-3): Here Paul reminds the Christians at Corinth of their call to holiness. **Gospel:** (John 1:29-34): Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Jesus. He is God's chosen servant who takes away the sins of the people and baptises them with the Holy Spirit.

**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.

**Tax Refund on donations**

Thank you to those parishioners who have returned their forms. For those who have yet to return them please do so as soon as possible.

**REFLECTION - Healing the wounds of the heart**

All of us are wounded by sin  
The part of us which is most deeply damaged by sin, is the heart  
The heart is so beautiful, so innocent  
but it can be betrayed, scorned and broken  
Darkness of the heart is the blackest night of all  
Emptiness of heart is the greatest poverty of all  
A heavy heart is the most wearisome burden of all  
A broken heart is the most painful wound of all  
Only love can heal the wounds of the heart  
Lord, send your Holy Spirit to us to heal the wounds of hearts  
So that we may produce the fruits of love



**FUNDRAISING PUB QUIZ** in Kavanaghs Laurel Lodge on Wednesday

January 28<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in aid of the schools run by St Patrick's Missionary Society (Kiltegan Fathers) in Riwoto, South Sudan. Table of 4 €40.

Contact Fran Leahy 0879473333 for further details.

**Children's Liturgy Group** - Day Chapel activities will take a break until 1st Sunday of Lent, 22nd February 2026. New volunteers welcome! All volunteers are Garda vetted and training will be provided. Leave your details with the parish office/sacristan, or contact Claire 0879886722

**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY: 6.30pm Oliver Somers (2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary)**

**SUNDAY: 9.30am Carmel and Brendan Ralph (anniversaries)**

**SUNDAY: 11.30am Don Lister (Months Mind)**

**Kieran Friel (9<sup>th</sup> anniversary)**

**Stjepan (Steven) Repinec (anniversary) Tomislav Kralj (anniversary)**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Carmel Farrell, Helen Tallon, Laura Flynn (*recently deceased*)

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

Peter Walsh (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary), Elizabeth Quinlan, Brendan Rainey,

Eddie O'Grady, Martin and Mary Burke, Mary Walsh