

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

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Saturday/Sunday 31st JANUARY/1st FEBRUARY 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]



ST. BRIGID, ABBESS, SECONDARY PATRON OF IRELAND

1st February 2026 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Born at Faughart in 456; she followed her calling to consecrate her life to God. With St. Conleth she founded a monastery in Kildare. She expressed her faith and love of God by caring for the sick; feeding the hungry and showed concern for animals, nature and the earth. She died on 1st February 524 and is buried in Downpatrick with St. Patrick and Columba.

First Reading: (Zephaniah. 2:3;3:12-13): Those who seek the Lord will live a humble and good life; they will do no wrong and tell no lies.

Second Reading: (Cor. 1:26-31): God's ways are different to ours. He chose what is weak and foolish by human reckoning to shame those whom the world thinks common and contemptible. **Gospel:** (Matthew 5:1-12): Those who live the Beatitudes are blessed and know what makes them happy.

REFLECTION

THE BEATITUDES ARE THE BADGES OF A TRUE DISCIPLE OF CHRIST. THEY ARE THE MARKS OF A CHILD OF GOD. THEY MAKE US RICH IN THE SIGHT OF GOD. THEY OPEN OUR MINDS AND HEARTS TO A NEW WAY OF SEEING AND JUDGING. THEY GIVE US A NEW SENSE OF BEARINGS. THE THINGS THAT THE BEATITUDES STAND FOR ARE VERY BEAUTIFUL AND PRECIOUS, SUCH AS PEACE, GOODNESS AND JOY, GENTLENESS, COMPASSION, MERCY AND INTEGRITY.

POPE'S INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 2026 - For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

PORTERSTOWN, LAUREL LODGE & CASTLEKNOCK PARISHES PILGRIMAGE TO

LOURDES: Departing Monday 24th August 2026 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 contact June secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie. A deposit of €200 will secure your place. We only have a few places available. Please see the poster at the back of the church or on our website www.stmochtasparrish.ie.

PLEASE NOTE – CHANGE OF DATE FOR FUNDRAISING PUB QUIZ

DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO DEFER THE TABLE QUIZ DUE TO TAKE PLACE IN KAVANAGHS PUB IN AID OF THE KILTEGAN FATHERS FROM WEDNESDAY, 28TH JANUARY TO **MONDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY**. APOLOGIES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED. CONTACT FRAN LEAHY 0879473333.

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

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Saturday, 25th April. A bus will be going from our parish partnership of Castleknock, Laurel Lodge and Porterstown. Further details soon.

Christian Meditation Prayer Group: Starting on **Thursday 5th February in St. Thomas the Apostle day Chapel at 10.30am to 11.10am**. 'Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Holy Week' is a series of four short Lenten talks by Dr Brant Pitre in which he connects the events of Holy Week with the Old Testament persons and events that prefigure and foreshadow them. It starts Monday 16th February St. Mochta's Parish Centre (two days before Ash Wednesday). See posters for details.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY
BLESSING OF THROATS BEFORE AND AFTER THE 10.00AM MASS

BAPTISMS in January - Please keep Edward & Finn & their families in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30pm MONTHS MIND
Martha Brophy, Frances Brereton, Annie Killoch

SUNDAY: 9.30am Jack Ryan (anniversary)

SUNDAY: 11.30am Frank Kelly (anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS - Mary Cusack (*recently deceased*)

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time
Paddy Ward, Liam Mullin, Frankie O'Reilly, Phen Redmond, Lily O'Neill, Nancy Grimes and Leahy and Fitzgerald Families