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*in partnership with the parishes of Porterstown & Castleknock*

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**Saturday/Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> 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]

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

The season of Lent reminds us of the forty days Jesus spent in the desert being tempted by the devil. Through prayer, fasting and fidelity to the Word of God, he overcame the tempter.

**First Reading:** (Gen. 2:7-9): Adam and Eve were overcome by temptation and caused a rift between themselves and God.

**Second Reading:** (Rom. 5:12-19): By his obedience to God, Christ won back for us the gifts which were lost through the disobedience of Adam.

**Gospel:** (Mt. 4:1-11): Jesus was tempted by the devil but unlike Adam and Eve he did not surrender.

**REFLECTION:** *Pruning time is a painful time for a fruit tree. The pruner rids it of all those suckers which use up a lot of energy but produce no fruit. However the aim of this surgery is not to produce pain but to help the tree produce more and better fruit. Lent is a kind of spiritual pruning time. There is much that is useless and perhaps harmful to our lives which saps our energy and diminishes our spiritual fruitfulness. Of what shall we prune ourselves this Lent so that we may be more and more fruitful branches of Christ the true vine.*

**CHRISTMAS DUES 2025**

THANK YOU

The amount received for the Christmas dues for 2025 was  
**€12,185.00**

**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.



**THERE WILL BE STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY TUESDAY MORNING DURING LENT AFTER THE 10.00 AM MASS IN ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH**

**HEALING MASS**

A healing mass will be held in St. Patrick's Church Corduff on Friday 27th February at 7.30pm. The celebrant is Fr. Peter Muldowney. All welcome

**WEDDING** - We would like to wish Sophie and Conor who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage in our church last weekend every blessing and happiness for the years ahead. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Christian Meditation Prayer Group:** Continues every Thursday in St. Thomas the Apostle day Chapel at **10.30am to 11.10am**

**Eucharistic Holy Hour** with music, prayers, and reflections - 7pm to 8pm Friday 20th February (and every 3rd Friday of every month) in Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock.

'Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Holy Week' is a series of **four** short Lenten talks by Dr. Brant Pitre. Starts **Monday 16th February** in St. Mochta's Parish Centre (two days before Ash Wednesday). See posters for details.

**Bekind Ireland** The church gate collection this weekend is in aid of Bekind Boys' Home in Kolkata for orphaned and abandoned children whose home was once the streets. Please support our home which was opened in 2012. [www.bekind.ie](http://www.bekind.ie) Thank you.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY: 6.30pm** John Leonard (26<sup>th</sup> anniversary) and Patricia Leonard (6<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

**SUNDAY: 9.30am** Tish Gilmartin (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary)

**SUNDAY: 11.30am** Anne Curley (15<sup>th</sup> anniversary)  
Paddy and Patti Madden (anniversary)

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those recently deceased**

Denis Cagney, Betty Egan (Castleknock), Nora Comiskey, Joseph Greevey, John Connaughton, Teresa Staunton  
**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time**  
Gretta and Paddy Reilly, Dinny McArdle, John and Julia Byrne, Mary Ann Drohan, Matt Ryan, Nellie Keenan, Hugh Cooney