

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

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**Saturday/Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY / 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 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 LENT – 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2026**

On this the second Sunday of Lent the gospel is about the transfiguration of Jesus. His face shone and his clothes became dazzling. We too can experience transfiguration. Virtue transfigures us; sin disfigures us.  
We ask the Lord to help us change our ways.

**First Reading:** (Gen. 12:1-4): This tells the story of the call of Abraham. Thanks to his faith in God, the human race has been changed. He is called the father of faith. **Second Reading:** (2Tim. 1:8-10): Faith in the gospel enables the Christian to face the sufferings that life presents. **Gospel:** (Mt. 17:1-9): On Mount Tabor the three disciples get a glimpse of the glory of Jesus.

**REFLECTION**

The gospels show clearly that Peter was a man of action. He always needed to be doing something. So on Mount Tabor instead of contemplating in silence and wonder the glory of his Lord, he wanted to build three tents. There is a time for stillness, for contemplation, for wonder, for adoration in the presence of God. A time to heed words of the psalmist.

Be still and know that I am God.

Sometimes we are too busy.

We would be better to be silent, to be listening, to be wondering,  
to be adoring in the presence of God.

**POPE'S INTENTIONS MARCH 2026**

*For disarmament and peace*

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**Bekind Ireland**

We would like to convey our deepest gratitude and appreciation to the parishioners for the wonderful outpouring of generosity to Bekind Ireland. Donations from the three masses last weekend amounted to **€6,607**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AFTER THE 10.00 AM MASS**

**EVERY TUESDAY MORNING DURING LENT**

**IN ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH**



**Parish Partnership Pilgrimage To Knock Joining The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

The pilgrimage includes the Sacrament of the Sick and our pilgrimage Mass. A bus will be going from our parish partnership of Castleknock, Laurel Lodge and Porterstown, collecting at each parish. There will be stops for refreshments in The Radisson Blu, Athlone, on the way to Knock and on the way back. The price per person is €60, including these refreshments. Please book by emailing [parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie](mailto:parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie) with your name, tel. no., and the number going, or phone 01 640 9601. Please pay by calling in or leaving an envelope marked Knock Pilgrimage into the parish office or sacristy in Castleknock, with your name and tel. no. All age groups are welcome.

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**SATURDAY: 6.30pm**      **MONTHS MIND**  
**NEIL McADAM**

**SUNDAY: 9.30am**      Sean McDermott (anniversary)

**SUNDAY: 11.30am**      Breda Harmon (anniversary)  
Christy & Nora Rogers (anniversary)

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those recently deceased**

Jim Doyle, Geraldine Barniville, Don Lister, Kathleen Hanratty  
**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time**  
Catherine & Denis & Nan O'Brien, Vincent & Frances O'Brien,  
Rosena & Denis O'Brien, Stuart McLaughlin, Dympna Faughnan