

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

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Saturday/Sunday 7th / 8th 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]

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – 8TH MARCH 2026

The gospel today tells the story of the encounter between the Samaritan woman and Jesus. He wanted to give her the gift of God – living water. Jesus offers us the same gift as we celebrate this mystery of his love.

First Reading: (Ex. 17:3-7): Despite their ingratitude God shows his care for his people by providing for them in the desert.

Second Reading: (Rom. 5:1-2.5-8): God has proved his love for us by the fact that Jesus died for us while we were sinners. **Gospel:** (John 4:5-42): This story tells us of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman.

REFLECTION

There is a thirst in every human heart
Each of us is like that lonely Samaritan woman
We are thirsting for something
Something that will satisfy all our human longings
But often we look in the wrong places
We draw water from many wells
The water of praise to quench our thirst for self-esteem
The water of success to quench our thirst for importance
The water of pleasure to quench our thirst for joy
But we still get thirsty
Only God can give us what we are looking for

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



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.

TAIZE AT CHRIST CHURCH - Taize Evening Prayer with Brother Jean-Marie. A meditative prayer with the chants of the Taize community. Jean-Marie, a brother of the Ecumenical Monastic Community, will be present as part of a short visit to Ireland. **7.30pm, Monday 23rd March**, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin D08 TF98. All are welcome, especially the young and young at heart. For further information contact taizedublin@gmail.com.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION (CGA)

Annual Outing to Glendalough/Kilmacurragh Botanic Gardens **Thursday 9th April**. For more information and to indicate your interest please contact John (086 234 8147 or Donal (087 246 1916). All are welcome.

BAPTISMS: Jude, James, Danny, Troy, and Cody were baptised in our church in February. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Parish Partnership Pilgrimage To Knock Joining The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage - Saturday 25th 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 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 Teresa Morley (1st anniversary)

Bill Britton (8th anniversary)

SUNDAY: 9.30am Kathleen O'Neill (recently deceased)

Elizabeth Coughlan (anniversary)

SUNDAY: 11.30am Maura Cosgrove (anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those recently deceased

Monica Bunyan, Lesley Folan

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Harry and Phyllis Purdue, Edward and Johanna Gorman, Michael O'Brien,
Jimmy Kiernan, Martha McVeigh, Catherine Mitten,
William and Julia Keogh, Kathleen Henry