

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

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Saturday/Sunday 14th / 15th 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]

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday) 15TH MARCH 2026

There is so much darkness in the world today that the words of Christ:

I am the light of the world, gives us hope.

To give our life direction and meaning we need this light.

First Reading: (1Sam 16:1.6-13): God chose David the least of Jesse's sons to be king of Israel. While people look at appearances, God looks at the heart.

Second Reading: (Eph. 5:8-14): Paul tells the Ephesians that now that Christ has enlightened them, they must live a life in accordance with their new state.

Gospel: (John 9:1-41): Jesus, the light of the world, not only gives sight to the physically blind but the light of faith to the physically blind.

REFLECTION

One night a few years ago, there was a total eclipse of the moon. Everybody was talking about it. Many stayed up till the small hours in the hope of witnessing it. I asked myself – why all the interest in the moon simply because it is disappearing. I was convinced that most of those people wouldn't see a full moon in the sky. Much less stop to admire it. It brought to mind the words of Emerson - The fool wonders at the unusual
The wise man wonders at the usual

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

AFTER THE 10.00 AM

MASS EVERY

TUESDAY MORNING

DURING LENT IN LAUREL LODGE



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.

Christian Meditation Prayer Group - Continues next Thursday 19th March and every Thursday in St Thomas the Apostle Day Chapel at 10.30am to 11.10am. Meditation is a way of pure prayer, marked by silence, stillness, and simplicity.

THERE WILL BE A HEALING MASS IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH CORDUFF ON FRIDAY NEXT 20TH MARCH AT 7.30PM WITH ADORATION FROM 7PM. FR FRANKIE MULGREW FROM SALFORD PARISH IN ENGLAND WILL BE THE CELEBRANT. ARE WELCOME.

Féile Mother's Day Bake Sale - Castleknock GAA Club (Community Centre Castleknock, Laurel Lodge). We are hosting a bake sale from 9.30am-1.30pm Sunday March 15th in aid of Féile football/hurling and camogie competition for our under 15's boys and girls team.

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 Roslyn Cobbe (16th anniversary)
Joan Jordan and Matt and Anne Lawless (anniversary)

SUNDAY: 9.30am Greta McLaughlin (anniversary)

SUNDAY: 11.30am Kathleen Foley (anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those recently deceased

John Marmion, Minnie Toby-Lush

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Fr. Eugene Kennedy, Marion Breen, Mary Agnes McCallion, Teresa Cassin, Josie Coyle, Patrick Bergin, John and Julia Byrne, Eileen Doherty

THANK YOU: The SVP collections last weekend amounted to €2,520.01

