

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

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Saturday/Sunday 21st / 22nd 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]

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 22nd MARCH 2026

In the gospel we have a sad story – people grieving over the death of a loved one. Jesus is at the centre of the scene and He is the one who brings hope.

First Reading: (Ezek. 37:12-14): The exile of the people to Babylon is described in terms of death. Their return home is described in terms of resurrection and spiritual renewal. **Second Reading:** (Rom. 8:8-11): It was the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. Now the same Spirit lies in us.

Gospel: (John 11:1-45): By raising Lazarus from the dead Jesus clearly shows that He is the Lord over life and death.

REFLECTION

What can I say to you, my friend

In your hour of grief.

Just a word from my heart.

In the midst of your sorrow, seeds are being sown.

Seeds of consolation, hope and resignation
and even gratitude.

This winter will pass, and Spring will again visit the
garden of your heart.

You will see these seeds grow, blossom and bear
fruit, then your sorrow will turn into joy,
A joy no one will be able to take from you.

**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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP

Continues every Thursday in St. Thomas the Apostle Day Chapel from 10.30am to 11.10am. Meditation is a way of pure prayer, marked by silence, stillness, and simplicity.

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30pm Christina Byrne (14th anniv.) Nicky Byrne (7th anniv.)
Hugh Byrne (recently deceased)

SUNDAY: 9.30am Bridget McCabe (recently deceased)

SUNDAY: 11.30am Philip and Joan Devitt (anniversary)
Declan Cahill (1st anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those recently deceased

P.J. Grimes whose funeral took place during the week.

Also - David Hoban, Michael Currid, John Howe

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Peter Crowe, Bill Norris, Peggy Wilson (1st anniv.), Gerry Phelan (2nd anniv.),

Des and Nellie Finnegan, Nora and Patrick Sheehan, Mary Holton

Deceased Members of the Seymour Family