

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

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Saturday/Sunday 4th / 5th APRIL 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]

EASTER SUNDAY – 5th APRIL 2026

EASTER DAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

This is the day when Christ rose from the dead and pledged for us the hope of eternity. His resurrection is for all of us;

He wants us to share in his victory over sin and death.

First Reading: (Acts 10:34.37-43) This is part of a sermon preached by St. Peter in which he says that the risen Jesus is to be the Saviour of those who believe in Him. **Second Reading: (Col. 3:1-4)** Through our Baptism we already share in the risen life of Christ. **Gospel: (John 20:1-9)** On finding the tomb of Jesus empty, the truth of the resurrection begins to dawn on the disciples.

Reflection As long as the sun comes over the hills, scatters the darkness and fills the world with light. As long as the fields get green again, and the primroses and violets return. As long as the trees fill up again with leaves, there is hope for us and for the world. So come, let us follow the footsteps of Spring. For the snow has melted and life is awakening from its sleep and wanders through the hills and valleys. Come, let us ascend the heights and gaze upon the waving greatness of the plains below. O come, let us rejoice on this Easter Day for death has folded up his tent and gone away.

POPE'S INTENTIONS APRIL 2026 - For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Parish Partnership Pilgrimage To Knock Joining The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage - Saturday 25th April - UPDATE

This year's theme is 'Baptised and Sent'. The pilgrimage includes workshops, Confession, the Sacrament of the Sick, and our pilgrimage Mass. A bus will be going from the churches in our parish partnership of Castleknock (leaving at 8am), Porterstown (leaving at 8.15am) and Laurel Lodge (leaving at 8.30am) - please arrive 15 mins early. 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 Castleknock parish office or sacristy, with your name and tel. no. All age groups are welcome.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP meeting will resume on Thursday of Easter week, 9th April.

"THE JOY OF HOPE" is a four-part video course filmed on the Greek Island of Patmos where St John wrote the Book of Revelation.

It begins **Wednesday 15th April** in OLMC Parish Centre, Castleknock at **7.30pm. Admission is free.** To reserve a place text or phone Marian 087 295 8363 or Aengus 087 2161199.

MASS INTENTIONS

ALL MASSES ON EASTER SUNDAY ARE CELEBRATED FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Denis Boyle, David Noonan and Phyl Davidson (*recently deceased*) and those whose anniversaries occur at this time
Edward Murphy Snr., Edward Murphy Jr.,
Frank Furlong, Mary Conroy, Gerry McCarrick

EASTER PASTORAL OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT