

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

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Saturday/Sunday 11th / 12th 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]

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – 12th APRIL 2026

Divine Mercy Sunday

In the gospel we learn about Doubting Thomas. We too have our doubts. Instead of denying them we, like Thomas, should bring them to the Lord.

First Reading: (Acts.2:42-47): The early Christian community was characterised by worship of God and loving service towards one other.

Second Reading: (1Peter 1:3-9): Faith in the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our hope of eternal life, a hope which gives us the strength to deal patiently with the trials of life. **Gospel:** (John 20:19-31): When he touched the wounds of the risen Lord, Thomas' doubts were turned into faith.

REFLECTION

Some people think that if you have enough faith life will be plain sailing for you, but this is not so. The fact that we can swim doesn't prevent us being knocked about by the waves. In the same way, faith does not shield us from the hard knocks of life or death.

What then does faith do? It gives us bearings and thus enables us to live in a topsy turvey world, without getting lost or giving in to despair. Just as swimmers trust that if they don't panic and if they do a few simple things, then the power of the sea will uphold them. So believers entrust their lives to a power greater than us all.

This power is the power of God, who brought Jesus back from dead.

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.

"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.



The St. Vincent de Paul monthly collection takes place this weekend after all Masses.

BAPTISMS in MARCH:

Ted, Robyn, Clodagh, Fiadh and Tadhg were baptised in our church in March. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30pm Andrew Myler (17th anniv.) and Kathleen Hoey (3rd anniv.)

SUNDAY: 9.30am Nora Murray (anniv.) and Pat Lawlor (anniv.)

SUNDAY: 11.30am Rita Carbery (14th anniv.) and Jerry Reidy (15th anniv.)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those recently deceased

Philomena Davidson and Terence Reilly

whose funerals took place in our church during the week

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Breeda Coghlan (31st anniv.), Patrick Smith, John McLaughlin, Nellie Halpin, Madge Smith, Bridie Hegarty, Val Keoghan, Annie Brennan, Oliver Leahy (remembrance)