

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

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Saturday/Sunday 25th / 26th 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]

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 26th APRIL 2026

Good Shepherd Sunday (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

This is a day of special prayer in work of service in the church. Christ is our Good Shepherd helping us to bring his message of salvation to people everywhere.

First Reading: (Acts 2:14:36-41): Here Peter speaks of Jesus as the risen Lord. He encourages his hearers to repent and accept baptism.

Second Reading: (1Peter 2:20-25): Speaking to slaves, Peter urges them to accept their unjust suffering, with patience as Christ, the Good Shepherd bore his suffering for love of us. **Gospel:** (John 10:1-10): Jesus compares his love for his disciples to the love of a shepherd for his sheep.

REFLECTION

Compassion is not learned without suffering. Unless we have suffered and wept, we really don't understand what compassion is. Nor can we comfort someone who is suffering unless we have walked in darkness. We can't help wanderers to find their way, but if we have suffered we become pathfinders for others. And it is by reaching out to others that we ourselves are healed. Jesus bore the marks of our violent world on his body. Those wounds were proof of his love. These wounds he picked up in caring for his sheep. By his wounds we are healed.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO

Location:
St. Thomas the Apostle Church carpark (at the statue of Our Lady) at 4.00pm daily during the month of May
All are welcome.

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.

Event: 2026 Novena to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, Fill Our Hearts Anew!

Prayer and reflections drawn from the Novena Prayer Booklet.

Music led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group

Date: Monday 27th April 2026 **Time:** 8pm

Venue: Church of Our Lady Mother of the Church, Beechpark Lawn, Castleknock, Dublin 15, D15 X27. **ALL WELCOME**

HEALING MASS NEXT FRIDAY MAY 1ST IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH CORDUFF AT 7.30PM.

CELEBRANT IS FR EAMON MONSON A PALLOTTINE PRIEST FROM HASTINGS IN ENGLAND.

ALL WELCOME ! ADORATION AT 7 PM BEFORE MASS

Fr. Svet, a priest from early days in Medjugorje is visiting St Brigid's Church, Blanchardstown, this Tuesday, 28th April. Rosary will be said at 8pm followed by Adoration until 9pm, then Holy Mass will be celebrated followed by hospitality. All are welcome.

LAY MINISTRY APPEAL - The Lay Ministry Appeal will take place on the weekend of 2nd/3rd May. This collection will replace the Share Collection.

Congratulations to the children from Scoil Thomáis who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday. We thank their parents, guardians, teachers and all who helped them prepare for this special day. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30pm MONTHS MIND - P.J. GRIMES

Phyllis Grimes (4th anniversary) & John Grimes (recently deceased)

SUNDAY: 9.30am Maurice Brennan (1st anniversary)

SUNDAY: 11.30am Gerry Nangle (anniversary)
Dick and Kathleen Freeman (anniversary)
Andre Breton (1st anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those recently deceased

Robertas Gedrimas - whose funeral took place in our church during the week
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Kathleen and William Judge, John and Moira Cullen, Josephine Byrne,
Sheila O'Connell, Kay Faughnan