

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

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Saturday/Sunday 2nd / 3rd MAY 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 EASTER – 3rd MAY 2026

Jesus, who is our way, truth and life, gives us a sense of belonging. Our ultimate home is to be with our heavenly Father. Jesus even promises a place in that home.

First Reading: (Acts. 6:1-7): This reading shows us the growth of the early Church and how they sorted out in a peaceful and just manner the problems that arose.

Second Reading: (1Pet 2:4-9): This describes the responsibility and special dignity of the members of the early Church. **Gospel:** (Jn. 14:1-12): Jesus consoles his friends who are distressed over his words that he is going away.

REFLECTION

GOING TO HEAVEN
I DON'T KNOW WHEN PRAY DO NOT ASK ME HOW
GOING TO HEAVEN
HOW DIM IT SOUNDS AND YET IT WILL BE DONE
AS SURE AS FLOCKS GO HOME AT NIGHT UNTO THE SHEPHERD'S ARM
IF YOU GET THERE FIRST SAVE JUST A LITTLE SPACE FOR ME
CLOSE TO THE TWO I LOST
THE SMALLEST "ROBE" WILL FIT ME
AND JUST A BIT OF CROWN
FOR YOU KNOW WE DO NOT MIND OUR DRESS
WHEN WE ARE GOING HOME (*Emily Dickinson*)

POPE'S INTENTIONS MAY 2026 - *That everyone might have food*

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers,
be committed to avoid wasting food and
to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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

ROSARY AT THE GROTTA

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.

"JESUS AND THE JEWISH ROOTS OF THE EUCHARIST"

A series of three short video-talks by Dr Brant Pitre in which he explains why the Church accepted the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist from the very beginning. It starts Monday 11th May at 7:30pm in St Mochta's Parish Pastoral Centre, and continues for three Monday nights. Admission is free and all are welcome.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

You are warmly invited to join once again with every parish in the diocese in a Novena to the Holy Spirit – our dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Novena will take place in the **nine days from 17th – 25th May** beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. On Monday 11th May, in preparation for the Novena, you are invited to gather in the Monastery of St Alphonsus, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, D09 HN53 for prayer drawn from the Novena Prayer Booklet with music led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group. **Time: 8pm.** Webcam: www.rednuns.com/webcam

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30pm	Áine Gallagher (7 th anniversary) Ciarán Keating (4 th anniversary)
SUNDAY: 9.30am	Concepta (Ceppi) Sheehan (birthday remembrance)
SUNDAY: 11.30am	Michael Sheehan (recently deceased) Kay Faughnan (anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those recently deceased

Pat Heneghan, William Malone, Gerry Larkin

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Phyl Davidson (Months Mind), Dorothy Purcell, Tom, Sally and Brian Cantwell, Patricia Bradley, Thomas and Margaret Maye, Sean, Nicholas and Maureen Maye, Mary, Patrick and Tom O'Connor, Elsie Ryan, Brendan Ryan (birthday remembrance)