

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

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Saturday/Sunday 9th / 10th MAY 2026

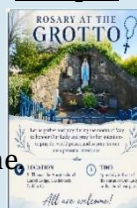
MASS TIMES FOR THE COMING WEEK
Monday to Friday at 10.00am - Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30pm
Sunday Masses: 9.30am and 11.30am
 In Porterstown: Saturday 6pm and Sunday 11am
 In Castleknock: Saturday 6pm and Sunday 10am and 12 noon
 [Mountview parish have a Sunday evening Mass at 6pm]

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 10th MAY 2026
 If we truly show our love of the Lord then we keep his commandments. This means listening to his words and living by them. We need the help of the Lord to do this.

First Reading: (Acts. 8:5-8.14-17): We learn about the enthusiastic reception the Samaritan gave the gospel. **Second Reading:** (1Pet. 3:15-18) Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful under pressure in their attachment to Christ. **Gospel:** (Jn. 14:14-21): To love Christ is to listen to his words and with the help of the Holy Spirit to put them into practice in our lives.

REFLECTION *Learning from Seagulls*
 It's a chilly day by the seaside. Far too windy for my comfort. But the gulls don't seem to mind the wind. In fact, they seem to enjoy it. I watch them flying about. They go with it, they go against it. They soar into the sky, they plunge back to earth. All the time they are testing the wind. They are availing of its power. And I reflect on how, we the disciples of Jesus are easily blown off course by the winds of adversity. Lord, send us the Holy Spirit who will enable us to turn the hard and easy to our advantage, so that everything that happens to us may bear us along the road to your kingdom.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO:
 St. Thomas the Apostle Church carpark (at the statue of Our Lady) at **4.00pm daily during May.** All are welcome.



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.

TEEN HOPE is a parish-based faith outreach to young teenagers. It is a space where they can build friendships, and encounter an experience of welcome, belonging and discipleship. Volunteers willing to train as leaders are essential for the programme to expand in this area. Training programme for leaders commences on May 19th. If interested, see poster on parish website or email natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie

"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.

Church of the Holy Family, Aughrim Street Dublin 7 is hosting *Salve Regina: an afternoon of hymns and readings to Our Lady* on Sunday 17th May at 3pm.



CASTLEKNOCK LIONS CLUB ARE HOLDING A QUIZ IN AID OF ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE BLANCHARDSTOWN ON FRIDAY 22ND MAY 8PM IN CASTLEKNOCK TENNIS CLUB. €60 FOR TABLE OF 4. CONTACT BRIAN @ 086 6089629 FOR TICKETS

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30pm Sheila Dolly (anniversary) Mai Burke (recently deceased)
SUNDAY: 9.30am Joseph Maher (6th anniversary)
SUNDAY: 11.30am Terence Reilly (**Months Mind**) Gretta Geraghty (anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those recently deceased
 John Byrne whose funeral took place in our church during the week
 Also, Janette Keane, Kevin Ennis
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time
 Dr. John Dillon, Alice Pratt, Terese Leogue, Padraig O'Meara, Patrick Walsh, Eileen Bolster, Imelda Hinz, Deceased members of the Leahy and Fitzgerald Families