

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

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**Saturday/Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> 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]

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026**

(World Communications Day)

This is a day of joy and hope. Jesus has returned after his earthly mission to prepare a place for us. Jesus is still with us helping us in our daily struggle.

**First Reading:** (Acts. 1:1-11): This describes the ascension of Jesus into heaven and his promise to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples.

**Second Reading:** (Eph. 1:17-23) Here Paul describes the meaning of the Ascension. God has raised Jesus and made him head of the church and Lord of creation.

**Gospel:** (Mt. 28: 16-20): Jesus appoints the disciples to preach the gospel to all nations and promises to remain with them always.

**REFLECTION**

We are born in exile and die there too. As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life we begin our return. We spend our lives dreaming of a homeland we have never seen. Like homing birds that are released in a strange country and know no rest until they return home. So it is with us. We do not so much go to God as return to him. You have made us for yourself O Lord and our hearts will never rest until they rest in you.

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

**Confirmations** – Please keep in your prayers the children from Scoil Thomáis who made their confirmation during the week.

**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.

**NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT - Novena Prayer**

*Mary, Mother of the Church*, stand with us at this Spirit-filled time. Grace us with your faithful presence as we pray, reflect and plan.

*Mary, our Mother*, wrap your mantle of gentleness and courage around us. Inspire us to say "yes" to your Son, as we breathe in the Spirit of Truth and Love, to renew our communities of faith around Jesus.

*Holy Mary*, you stood at the foot of the Cross, broken-hearted. You witnessed the joy of the resurrection and the wonder of Pentecost. You walked great distances in your time. Be with us now on our Synodal Journey, Building Hope.

*Beloved Mother*, open our heart generously to our baptismal calling. Encourage us into ever deepening communion with your Son, with each other, with those most in need and with all of God's creation.

*A Mhuire Mháthair*, hold us close to you as we embrace God's loving invitation to wholeness, healing and peace. *Amen.*

**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](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie)

€2,977.21 was collected at The St. Vincent de Paul Society's monthly collection last weekend. Thank you to all the parishioners for your generosity.



**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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY: 6.30pm** William Brophy (31<sup>st</sup> anniversary)  
Con Dennehy (6<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

**SUNDAY: 9.30am** Emmet O'Donoghue, (anniversary)

**SUNDAY: 11.30am** Baby Benjamin Izogie (anniversary)  
John Kinsella (anniversary)

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those recently deceased**

Victoria Oladapo, Patrick Heneghan, Patty Cannon, Mai Burke,

**And those whose anniversaries occur at this time**

Eddie McGrath (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary), Brian Reddy, Liam Shelly, John Murphy