

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

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Saturday/Sunday 22nd / 23rd AUGUST 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: Sunday 11am

In Castleknock: Sunday 10am and 12 noon

[Mountview parish have a Sunday evening Mass at 6pm]

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2026

Jesus chose Peter to be the chief shepherd of his flock. Though Peter had his strengths, he also had his weaknesses. We turn to the Lord knowing that He understands our weaknesses.

First Reading: (Is. 22:19-23): Here we read about one man being dismissed from high office and the keys of authority are passed to another.

Second Reading: (Rom. 11:33-36): This is a hymn of praise to the wisdom of God which is far too deep for us to understand. **Gospel:** (Mt. 16:13-20): This contains Peter's declaration of faith in Jesus and Jesus' promise to make him the rock on which he will build his church.

REFLECTION

Peter has been called a stumbling saint.

He is a great consolation to us because all of us are inconstant in our beliefs. But we must not judge ourselves or others by momentary inconsistencies but by commitment given over a long time.

Jesus was well aware of Peter's faults but he saw that in spite of everything his heart was sound which meant he had the ability to love and in the long run love is what counts.

**SUMMER
DUES
APPEAL
2026**

Envelopes available at the back of the church. Thank you.

NEW SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE FOR OUR PARISH PARTNERSHIP

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

LAUREL LODGE

Monday to Friday - Mass at 10am

Vigil of Sunday Mass at 6.30pm on Saturday

Sundays - Mass at 9.30am and 11.30am

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE

CHURCH CASTLEKNOCK

Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays - Mass at 10am

Tuesdays and Thursdays - Mass at 7.30pm, Sundays - Mass at 10am and 12 noon

No 6pm Saturday Vigil of Sunday Mass in OLMC in July or August

ST MOCHTA'S

PORTERSTOWN

Monday and Friday - Mass at 10am

Wednesday – prayer service at 10am

Sunday - Mass at 11am

No 6pm Saturday Vigil of Sunday

Mass in St Mochta's in July or August

PARISH PARTNERSHIP FAMILY FUN DAY: Everyone is very welcome to our Parish Family Fun Day. Lots of fun games for all ages, face painting, plus music and refreshments

Date: Sunday 30th August - Time - 2:00–5:00pm

Venue – The Green beside Our Lady Mother of the Church

Beechpark Lawn Castleknock. If you can help or have

any queries, please contact - Brian Kealy 0866089629

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FLOWERS Thank you to those who have contributed towards purchasing flowers for the church.

If you would like to make a contribution please leave your donation in an envelope marked “flowers” in the boxes at the back of the church or in the parish office. Thank you.



POPE'S INTENTIONS AUGUST 2026

For evangelisation in the city

Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

SPINA BIFIDA HYDROCEPHALUS IRELAND WISH TO SAY A VERY BIG THANK FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT LAST WEEKEND. €2,135 WAS COLLECTED.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30pm Eamonn O'Connor (anniversary)
Brendan Hunt (3rd anniversary)

SUNDAY: 9.30am Peter Balfe (17th anniversary)
Michael Curtin (3rd anniversary)

SUNDAY: 11.30am Alice Canavan (16th anniversary)
Rothwell Family (remembrance)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those recently deceased

Gary O'Dowd, Mary O'Regan, John Lowe
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Kathleen Corduff, Patrick & Nora Moran, Statia & Edward Tracy,
Eithne Devlin, James & Margaret McDonald