

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

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Saturday/Sunday 29th / 30th 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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2026

In the first reading we see Jeremiah's faithfulness to his God given mission and what that faithfulness cost him. In the gospel we see the faithfulness of Jesus and the kind of faithfulness that is demanded of those who would follow him..

First Reading: (Jer. 20:7-9): Even though speaking God's message to the people has brought Jeremiah nothing but insults he is unable to remain silent.

Second Reading: (Rom. 12:1-2): St. Paul urges the Romans not to live like the people around them. **Gospel:** (Mt. 16:21-27): Jesus foretells his suffering and death and tells his disciples that they too must be prepared to suffer.

REFLECTION: There is a way of losing by gaining. You can win an argument but lose a friend through competition and promotion. I may advance in my profession but in terms of relationships I am impoverished. My energies are focused on efficiency and success that I haven't time to grow emotionally and to develop my capacity for relationships. In one's drive to attain power a person may sacrifice friendship and loyalty. So much so that one ends up alone.

"What good will it do you to gain the whole world if you lose your soul?"

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.

WELCOME FR DOMINIK: We have been blessed with 'news of great joy'. Archbishop Farrell has seen how we have lost both the ministry of Fr Brendan here in Laurel Lodge and Fr Denis in Castleknock since their retirements several months ago. Starting this September, Fr [Dominik Domagala](#), who hails originally from Poland, will be a new Curate in our Parish Partnership. He spent several years working in Bluebell parish here in Dublin with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate and has been ministering in the parish of Rosignano Solvay, near Livorno, Italy, this past year. He is just 34 years old and so brings us youth and energy as well as his many gifts. Some of you might know him already from his writings in the Irish Catholic. Give him a warm St Thomas welcome and pray in thanksgiving to the Lord for this blessing of a priest to minister among us.

The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from September 3rd to 8th led by Archbishop Farrell. Please remember the pilgrims in prayer.

PARISH PARTNERSHIP FAMILY FUN DAY Everyone is very welcome to our Parish Family Fun Day which is on **Sunday 30th August - Time - 2:00–5:00pm Venue – The Green beside Our Lady Mother of the Church Beechpark Lawn Castleknock.** Lots of fun games for all ages, face painting, plus music and refreshments.

The Faith Formation Group have **TWO** new courses starting this September:
WEDNESDAY nights in Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock: 'The Chosen' - see Jesus through the eyes of those who loved him. Season 1 of the acclaimed TV series (a video followed by group discussion) starts Wednesday 9th September at 7.30pm and continues until Wednesday 28th October (8 sessions) AND

MONDAY nights in St Mochta's, Porterstown: 'Hidden King - the Jewish Roots of St Joseph', a series of video talks by Dr Brant Pitre begins Monday 14th September at 7:30pm and continues until Monday 23rd November (not including 12th, 19th, 26th October).

Admission is free in each case and all are welcome. To reserve a place phone or text:

Aengus 087 2161199 or Marian 087 2958363

Please mention which course you are interested in - you can attend both!

ALSO Christian Meditation on Thursdays after 10am Mass in Laurel Lodge

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30pm MONTHS MIND: MARIE LYNN AND SEÁN BRENNAN

SUNDAY: 9.30am David Langan (26th anniversary)
Patrick & Rosie O'Leary & Family

SUNDAY: 11.30am Ena Kellett (anniversary)
Stephen Nangle (Birthday Remembrance)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those recently deceased

Deirdre Garland Homan, Maureen Mulligan, Barney Kelly
And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Niamh Coghlan, Noel O'Donoghue, John & Maura Carroll, Jack Murphy,
Ita Rooney, The Fallon Family, The Melia & Moloney Families