

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

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**Saturday/Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 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]

**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2026**

**First Reading:** (Ezek. 33:7-9): This contains a message from the prophet himself reminding him of his personal responsibilities. God has posted him as a sentinel on the Holy Wall. **Second Reading:** (Rom. 13:8-10): Seven of the ten commandments refer to relationships with our neighbour. Love your neighbour as yourself. **Gospel:** (Mt. 18:15-20) This talks about how a Christian has to correct an erring brother or sister. Every erring person must be brought to repentance.

**REFLECTION**

O, that today you would listen to his voice harden not your hearts. To adapt a hard-hearted attitude is to maintain oneself.

A hard heart is a closed heart so it cannot receive

A hard heart inevitably becomes a barren heart

A soft heart on the other is a blessing

A soft heart can receive and respond

Lord, grant that softened by the rain of your grace and warmed by the sun of your love, our hearts may turn from a desert into a garden.



**BAPTISMS**

Cian, Fionn, Casper, Grace, Alicia, Scott, Mason, Hannah and Cian, were baptised in our church in August. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**POPE'S INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 2026 - For the care of water**

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

**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 Domagała, 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 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!

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION ON THURSDAYS AFTER 10AM MASS IN LAUREL LODGE**

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all who have donated towards flowers for our church. Donations can be left in an envelope marked "flowers" in the boxes at the back of the church or in the parish office.



**GRAVEYARD SERVICES 2026** – St. Mary's Clonsilla on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September, St. Brigid's Castleknock on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November – both are at 3.00pm.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY: 6.30pm** Peter Dowling (14<sup>th</sup> anniv) and Brian Fleming (1<sup>st</sup> anniv)

**SUNDAY: 9.30am** Patrick, Peggy & Patrick Igoe (anniv)

**SUNDAY: 11.30am** Tom Malone (anniv)

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those recently deceased**

**Joe McDonnell whose funeral took place during the week**

Also, Ron Gettinby, Anthony Stains, Eddie Bond, Michael Kerwick, Mary O'Brien, Dolores Johnston

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

Jim Cooney, Denis McKeon, Mary McLaughlin, Louise Murphy, Ryan McDonnell (birthday remembrance)