

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

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Saturday/Sunday 12th / 13th 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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

In the gospel Jesus makes it very clear that if we want God to forgive us we must forgive others. We all know how difficult it is to forgive. At the same time we know how lovely it is to be forgiven.

First Reading: (Eccles. 27:30-28:7): In refusing to forgive those who have sinned against us we exclude ourselves from receiving God's forgiveness for our own sins. **Second Reading:** (Rom. 14:7-9): The entire existence of a Christian is for Christ and for others. **Gospel:** (Mt. 18:21-35) We must be willing to extend to others the generous forgiveness God has extended to us.

REFLECTION – Forgiveness: When we forgive we free ourselves of the burden of bitterness and we free the other person of the burden of guilt. But our forgiveness must come from the heart, which means it must be true, sincere and warm. A cold forgiveness is not much use. Forgiveness should start now. Putting it off only deepens the wound, prolongs bitterness and postpones happiness. Life is short, time is fleeting. Today is the day to forgive.

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.

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH GOLF CLASSIC LUTTRELLSTOWN CASTLE RESORT

FRIDAY 2/10/26. For further enquiries contact:

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NEXT WEEKEND (19/20 SEPT) OUR PARISH WILL BE SUPPORTING

THE CROSSCARE ANNUAL APPEAL

Crosscare is the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin, providing practical support to people at some of the most difficult moments in their lives. Every day Crosscare works alongside families worried about losing their home, young people in need of guidance and support, people experiencing homelessness, and migrants and refugees seeking safety and a fresh start.

The theme of this year's Appeal is **Hope & Resilience**. It reflects the remarkable courage shown by the people Crosscare serves every day and the hope made possible through the generosity of parish communities.

Every donation helps ensure that Crosscare can continue to provide practical support, compassionate care and new opportunities for those who need them most. Thank you for supporting this year's Crosscare Annual Appeal. If you are unable to contribute at Mass next weekend, you can still make a secure donation at www.crosscare.ie

THE FAITH FORMATION GROUP: 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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION ON THURSDAYS AFTER 10AM MASS IN LAUREL LODGE

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

FAMILY FUN PICNIC DAY – It was such a pity that we had to cancel this outdoor event on 30th August because of the weather. Mary's Meals came to the rescue and provided a beautiful coffee morning. We had suitable indoor games and arts and crafts and every child went home with a gift. €2,562.45 was collected for Mary's Meals which will feed 116 children for a year. We thank Mary's Meals Team.

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION TAKES PLACE THIS WEEKEND 12/13 SEPT. 

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: 6.30pm Concepta Sheehan (8th anniv.) & Jim Cooney (anniv.)

SUNDAY: 9.30am George Caffrey (6th anniversary)

SUNDAY: 11.30am Ger (Geraldine) Kiely (21st anniversary)

Eddie Boyle (4th anniversary)

Paddy McLoughlin (12th anniversary) & Mary McLoughlin (2nd anniversary)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those recently deceased

Colm O'Callaghan whose funeral took place during the week

Also, John Lowe, Mary O'Brien, Carmel Maher, Paddy Coyle, Jim Fox, Sean Croft

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Joanne Sheehan, Bella & Willie Monahan, Irene, Stephen & Gerry Petruniak,

Brian Dunphy, Charles McCarthy, Tommy McAnaney, Jimmie Walsh,