

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

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Saturday/Sunday 10th /11th OCTOBER 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 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2026

Prisoners Sunday

The Bible uses the image of a banquet in describing the blessings God wishes to bestow on his people; blessings that are now offered to us.

First Reading: (Isaiah 25:6-10): Here Isaiah, the prophet uses the image of a banquet to describe the blessings that God will bestow. Not only on Israel but on all people. **Second Reading:** (Phil. 4:12-14, 19-20): Writing from prison Paul wishes to thank the Philippians for their support given to him and assured them that God will reward their generosity. **Gospel:** (Mt. 22:1-14): Here we have the third of Matthew's parables concerned with the judgement of Israel; the wedding feast.

REFLECTION

God is continually calling us to a deeper and more authentic life here on earth and to eternal life in the hereafter. God's call comes to us not so much as a voice in our ears, as a tug at our hearts. There is something missing in everyone's life, however a sense of something missing is not a curse but a blessing. It is God's way of inviting us to his banquet.

The St. Vincent de Paul Collection takes place after all Masses this weekend. Thank you.



POPE'S INTENTIONS OCTOBER 2026 - *For mental health ministry*

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION ON THURSDAYS AFTER 10AM MASS IN LAUREL LODGE

MINISTERS OF THE WORD (READERS) - St. Thomas the Apostle Parish invites expressions of interest from people interested in becoming Ministers of the Word (Readers). We need additional Readers for all Masses but particularly for the 6.30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings. If interested, please leave your contact details in the Parish Office or email office@laurellodgeparish.ie

ROTA FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - We are creating a rota for the parish Ministers of Holy Communion for 2026-27. If you are willing to join the rota as a **new** or current Minister of Holy Communion, please pick up a survey from the Sacristy or Parish Office, or, preferably, fill it out online at (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LaurelLodgeMoE>). We would be obliged if you could submit your survey response before **18th October 2026**.

SCOIL THOMÁIS ADMISSIONS 2027/28 - Junior Infants for September 2027. Applications close on Monday 2nd November 2026. www.scoilthomais.ie for more information.

NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD ENVELOPES are available at the back of the church. Please take one, include the names of your deceased relatives and friends on it and return it to the Parish Office as soon as you can. All donations which you may include go directly to the priests of our parish, offering these First Friday Masses during the year.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO - Let us gather and pray to honour Our Lady, pray for her intentions, for world peace and our own intentions, in St. Thomas the Apostle Church Laurel Lodge. **4pm daily** during the month of October in front of the grotto in the church car park. Please join us when you can.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY: Declan Fitzpatrick (5th anniv.) & Michael Heneghan (26th anniv.)
6.30pm William Harmon (anniv.)

SUNDAY: Ethel Carr (birthday remembrance)
9.30am David Bergin (1st anniv.)

SUNDAY: Eva Duggan & Victor and Pauline Fitzpatrick (anniv.)
11.30am Eugene Moore (3rd anniv.), Una Meenan (5th anniv.)



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those recently deceased:

Karla Hendrick and Katherine Charleton whose funerals took place in our church this week. **ALSO**, Sean Croft and Anne Meleady

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Michael Roche (1st anniv.), Bob & Lena Furlong, Gertie Phelan (1st anniv.), Barry Walsh, Patrick McCague, Sean Healy (1st anniv.), Christine Carton, Stephen Dennehy, Thomas & Emily Judge, Barry McCallion