

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

NATIONAL CARERS WEEK: Monday 9th June to Friday 13th June—The Carers Association, Blanchardstown Programme - Monday 9th June 10.30 am to 12 noon—Information stand in Cabra Library

Tuesday 10th June 10.30 am to 1 pm—Flower Arranging in our Resource Centre in Blanchardstown

Wednesday 11th June—Social night in The Roselawn Inn, Roselawn Shopping Centre

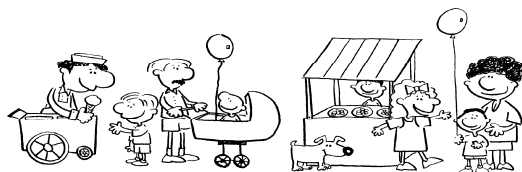
Friday 13th June 10 am to 12 noon—Information stand in Blanchardstown Library.

For more information please contact the office 01 8119555 (notice at the back of the church).

KNOCK SUMMER YOUTH FESTIVAL:

Living life to the full? Looking for something more? This is what you're looking for! Time out for you... **Knock Summer Youth Festival 24th to 27th July** in Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. May. Age strictly 18-35 yrs. Places are limited so book now. For more information and to book your place, please contact 094 9388100 / 087 6927850 or check out www.knock-shrine.ie/youthministry.

ST MOCHTA'S PARISH PICNIC: This year's Parish Picnic will be held next **Sunday 15th June** beginning after 12 o'clock Mass. It will be held in the usual place, the park behind the church. It is always a great family fun day and all are welcome to attend. We will be looking for helpers to set up and run the day as well as doing a tidy up afterwards. So if you can help please give your name to Fr. John after Sunday Mass. Don't be shy there is plenty of work for you to do!!!!



ATTENTION ALL MOUNTAINEERS:

This Sunday, **June 8th**, we are taking another trip into the wilds of Wicklow Mountains. This year we aim to climb a mountain that overlooks two beautiful lakes—Upper Lough Bray and Lower Lough Bray. The walk offers great views of Wicklow. On a clear day it is possible to see Wales from up there. It is not a difficult climb, and should take an hour and a half at most. As some of the terrain is likely to be wet, hiking boots or wellies are welcome. A walking stick would be very useful on the way back down. We will meet at the Church car park at **1.30pm** and go in convoy. Come on get those wellies on.

A NIGHT AT THE DOGS: St. Mochta's P.A. & Scout Unit have organised a night in Harold's Cross Greyhound Stadium this **Monday 9th June at 8pm**. Tickets are on sale in the school or by contacting 086 2336622. This is a social and fundraising event for all the family. For more details see the poster on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

CASTLEKNOCK GAA SUMMER CAMP

2008: There are three camps this Summer. **Week 1**—Mon 7th to Fri 11th July (Hurling), **Week 2** Mon 14th to Fri 18th July (Football—This is the Cul Camp), **Week 3** Mon 18th to Fri 22nd August (Combined Camp—Hurling and Football). **Registration** dates are **7th, 14th & 21st June** at Tir na nOg (beside Castleknock Community College) between 10 & 11.30 am. **Castleknock GAA Football Mini Leagues** are scheduled for **Mon 16th to Sat. 21st June** and are open to all budding young footballers from 4 to 12 years of age. These leagues are open to all boys and girls, members and non-members and will be run in a fun and friendly atmosphere. For all queries, please contact Club Coach Brendan Phelan 085 1329397.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 8TH JUNE, 2008

10TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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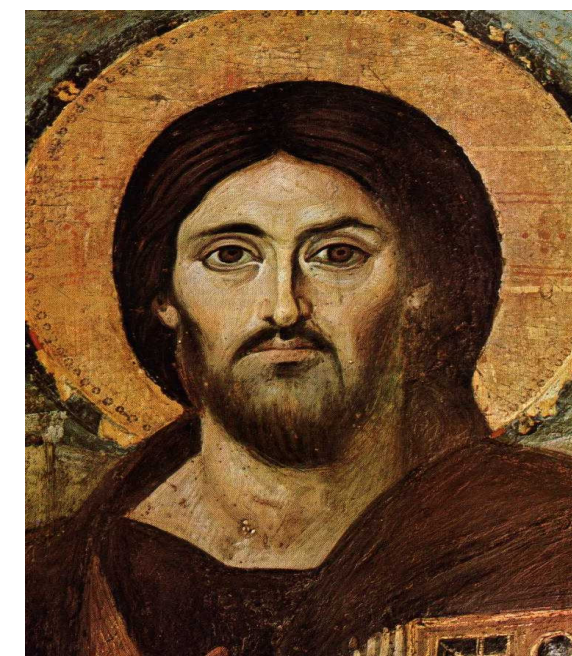
Parish Web Address: www.stmochtasparish.ie

Parish Office Hours : Monday - Friday : 9.30am – 12.30pm

JESUS, THE FRIEND OF SINNERS

In today's Gospel we see Jesus eating and drinking with sinners.

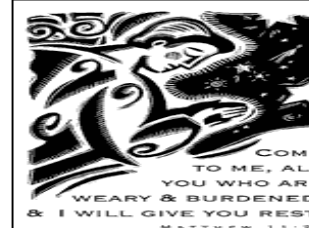
We are gathered around the Lord's Table, not because we think we are better or more deserving than others, but because we know we are sinners, sinners who need the Lord's forgiveness and healing so that we may do better.



KIDS CORNER: Having listened to the readings, please answer the following:

1. Who did Jesus meet?
2. What did he ask him to do?
3. Who did Jesus have dinner with?
4. Who did Jesus come to save?

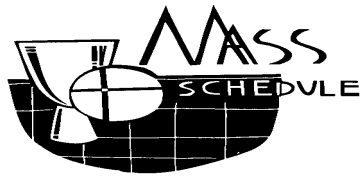
TASK FOR THE WEEK: Its exam time at the moment. Maybe you have an older brother or sister doing the Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate. The exams started last week so please keep them in your prayers over the coming weeks.



Please pray for those who are sick or housebound at this time:

Irene Hoey, Sheila Doyle, Bridget Matthews, Harry Silcock, June Shannon, Stuart O'Neill, Margo Lynn, Thomas Monks Bernie Byrne.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



10TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Ethel Hynes (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Fr. Gerry Ellis (2nd Anniv.)
10.30 am Martin Convery (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Mary Dignam (M/M)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: Sts. Columba and Ephrem

10.00 am: Intentions of Raymond Brophy

Tuesday:

10.00 am: Margaret Kinsella (Anniv.)

Wednesday: St. Barnabas

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

Thursday:

10.00 am Int. of Sick of the Parish

Friday: St. Anthony of Padua

10.00 am Int. of those sitting exams

Saturday: St. Davnet

10.00 am: Mass of Thanksgiving

11TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Our Masses
8.30 am: this weekend
10.30 am are offered for the
12.00 pm People of the Parish
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Nicholas Walsh and Gabrielle Mulgrew** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Christopher, Odhran, Isaac and Saoirse** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind, and spirit in the years ahead. Anyone enquiring about baptism please take one of the leaflets from the back of the church. Thank you.



PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: The June meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council takes place this coming Monday 9th June at 8pm in the house. All members are asked to attend.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

If you are a new parishioner or just visiting St. Mochta's you are very welcome and we, the existing community, hope you feel at home. If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to Fr. John. I would be also grateful if you could fill out a **Registration Form** in order to register with the parish. These can be found at the back of the Church.

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?

Are you on the parish data base? If you have not registered with the parish please fill out one of the forms at the back of the church and return it to Fr. John. It is very important that we continue to build our data base and keep it up to date. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE: For all parish enquires please ring our secretary June on 8213218 or email: secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie **Our parish office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.**

PARISH WEBSITE: The address for our new site is: **www.stmochtasparrish.ie**

MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to have Mass offered for someone or offered for a particular intention please see our sacristan Michael after Mass. Thank you.

CONFESSION: the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

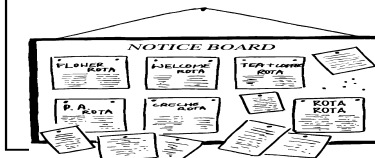


BLESSING OF THE GRAVES: Because of growing numbers for the blessing of the graves in St. Mary's Cemetery, Clonsilla, it has been decided to move the annual celebration to the summer. It will now take place on

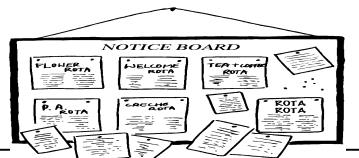
Sunday, 22nd June 2008 at 3.00 pm. All are welcome to attend. (The Castleknock Churchyard blessing will be in November as usual.)

ST VINCENT de PAUL: The St. Vincent de Paul collection for June takes place after each Mass this weekend. Last months (April) collection realised **€1,133.00** for which St. Mochta's Conference members are most grateful. New members are always welcome to come and join the work of the Conference.

PASTORAL COUNCILS GATHERING: A little reminder to all members of the meeting on Saturday **14th June** in the Parish of Brackenstown, Swords at 9.30am. The theme for the day is "Who is my neighbour?" It is important that all members attend this gathering.



PARISH NEWS



VISION 08 : IRISH BISHOPS ON

EDUCATION: The Bishops Conference issued a new pastoral on Education in the month of May. Over the next number of weeks we will be publishing excerpts from the document. "Education and, in particular the role of the Catholic Church in education at all levels, has recently been a source of much discussion in Ireland. Why Catholic schools in Ireland? What is the special character of these schools? How do they contribute to society and the educational system of which they form such a significant part? It is against this background that we, the Catholic Bishops of Ireland, wish to set out our understanding of the nature and purpose of the Catholic school in Ireland today. A Vision of Life Lived to the Full. Catholic schools seek to reflect a distinctive vision of life and a corresponding philosophy of education, based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Catholic schools aim to help each pupil to develop his or her full potential as a human being. Catholic schools propose a sacramental view of reality helping pupils to see God 'in the bits and pieces of everyday life'. Catholic schools aspire to create an open, happy, stimulating and mutually respectful community environment in which pupils are able to develop the full range of their abilities and talents in a balanced, integrated and generous way. Catholic schools seek to transform not only the individual lives of pupils but also of society. Catholic schools value intellectual and practical reason, promoting dialogue and understanding between faith, tradition, culture, and heritage. Religious Education, Prayer and Worship form an essential part of the curriculum, functioning at its core. Such learning is founded on faith and inspired by wonder at the transcendent mystery of God revealed in the complex beauty of the universe. The Catholic school seeks to provide sensitively and effectively for the needs of all its pupils, aiming to accompany them through the important experiences of their growing up years. The challenge is to enable pupils to act with justice and integrity in an imperfect world, now and when they are adults themselves. Concern for others' needs leads to practical local and global outreach and partnerships". Next week we will continue with another excerpt from the Bishops Pastoral on Catholic Education in Ireland.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Gandhi and the untouchables

In India the untouchables did not belong to any caste. They were barred from the temples. In the cities they lived in the slums, and did only the most menial jobs. In the country they were forbidden to use the wells.

Yet it was precisely the untouchables whom the great Mahatma Gandhi befriended.

He ate and drank with them, and played with their children.

He once said: 'I do not want to be reborn.

But if that should happen, I would like to find myself among the untouchables in order to share the suffering they are subjected to.

In this way, I would have the chance to liberate them and myself from their miserable condition.'

SCRIPTURE READING: Each week we suggest a piece of Scripture to use in your prayer. Light a candle and read slowly the passage, re-read it a couple of times and reflect on it and listen to what God is saying to you. **This week's is Mt 9:36-10:8.**

YOUTH CONFERENCE: Takes place on **Sat. 21st June - Sun 22nd June** in All Hallows College, Drumcondra. The theme for the conference is "Holiness is for ordinary People". Everyone between the age of 18—40 is welcome to attend. For more details see the notice board at the back of the church. **FAMILY MASS GROUP** are meeting at 8 pm on Thurs. 12th June in the house.

PRAYER FOR THOSE DOING EXAMS:

Spirit of God, give me a sharp sense of understanding and a retentive memory and an ability to grasp things correctly. Most of all help me to work as if everything depended on me. To pray as if everything depended on you. Grant that I may reflect in the exams I do the best of the work I've done and the best of the teaching I have received. Amen.

