

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

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.

CLONMACNOIS YOUTH FESTIVAL:

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Clonmacnois, Co. Offaly, **Thursday 14th August to Sunday, 17th August, 2008**. For young people age 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new friends. Donation only. FREE buses available from around the country. For more information, contact 01 6753690 or check our websites: www.youth2000.ie

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED—IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICES:

Each week we need 3,000 units of blood to meet the demand from hospitals throughout the country for the treatment of cancer patients, surgical procedure, neo natal's and A & E and it is especially difficult to meet this target at this time of year when a lot of our regular donors are on holidays. Hence, it is vital for patients' treatments that this target is met so any help you can give us would be most grateful. Our **Blood Donation Clinic** will be in **Castleknock Community College, Carpenterstown Road** on **Monday, 14th July** from **2.30 pm to 4.45 pm** and from **7.00 pm to 9.30 pm**.

DUBLIN PARKS TENNIS LEAGUE:

Low cost subsidised Tennis Coaching takes place for boys and girls from 6 yrs to 17 yrs. Hourly classes operate each weekday for five weeks from **30th June to 1st August** Children can enjoy this fun programme with friends while learning tennis. For more details please phone 01 8338711. www.parkstennis.com

CASTLEKNOCK GAA CAMP 2008: If you would like to join us on one of our Summer camps, please contact Coach Brendan Phelan on 085 1329397 for registration. The camps are on **Mon 14th to Fri 18th July** (Football-This is the Cul Camp) and **Mon 18th to Fri 22nd August** (Combined Camp—Hurling and Football).

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES:

A small boy is sent to bed by his father. Five minutes later...."Da-ad...." "What?" "I'm thirsty. Can you bring a drink of water?" "No. You had your chance. Lights out." Five minutes later: "Daaaaad.....""WHAT?" "I'm THIRSTY. Can I have a drink of water??" "I told you NO!" If you ask again, I'll have to spank you!!" Five minutes later....."Daaaa-aaaad.....""WHAT!" "When you come in to spank me, can you bring a drink of water?"

AND AGAIN.....An elderly gentleman passed his granddaughter's room one night and overheard her repeating the alphabet in an oddly reverent way. What on earth are you up to?" he asked. "I'm saying my prayers," explained the little girl. "But I can't think of exactly the right words tonight, so I'm just saying all the letters. God will put them together for me, because He knows what I'm thinking."



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

1. Which seed produced the biggest harvest?
2. Why did Jesus speak to the people in 'parables'?
3. What is the real meaning of the seed?
4. Who is the ground on which the seed falls?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Well, the school year is over hooray, I hear you say. If you are heading away on holiday soon have a wonderful time and remember that its summer holidays for the rest of your family too. So don't forget to help out at home more too.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER 13TH July, 2008

15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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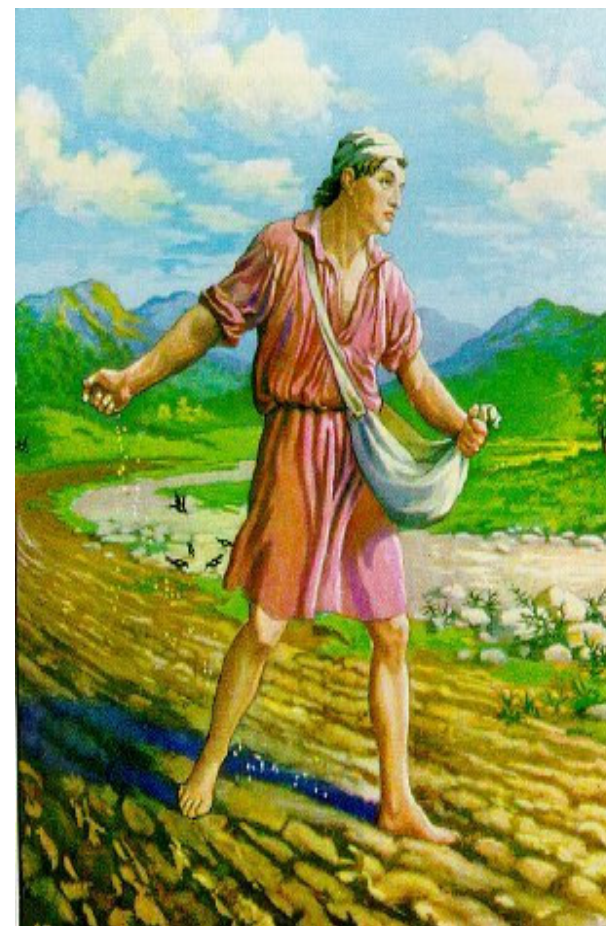
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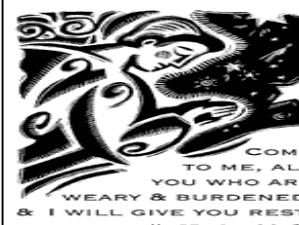
Parish Web Address: www.stmochtasparish.ie

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



THE SOWER

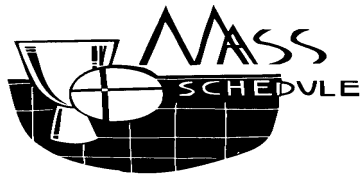
God speaks his word to us in many ways. Jesus compared the Word of God to a seed, a seed which can make our lives fruitful. However, if a seed is to produce a harvest it must be planted in good soil. What kind of soil do we offer God's Word?



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

Irene Hoey, Sheila Doyle, Bridget Matthews, Harry Silcock, Bernie Byrne, Doug Boucher, Carol Meehan, Stuart O'Neill.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Maurice Hartigan (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am: Intentions of Barbara Smith
12.00 pm: Angela Hunt (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: St. Camillus de Lellis

10.00 am: Jack Harte R.I.P.

Tuesday: St. Bonaventure

10.00 am: Intentions of the Sick in the Parish

Wednesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

10.00 am: Service of Word and Communion

Thursday:

10.00 am: Intentions of Michael Swan

Friday:

10.00 am: Special Intentions of Ross Family

Saturday:

10.00 am: Mass of Thanksgiving

16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Gerry Boyle (1st Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions for the Parish
10.30 am: Patrick & Margaret Sharkey (Anniv.)
12.00 pm
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

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.

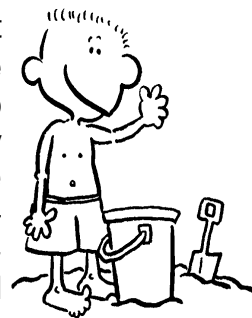
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

PARISH CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMM.:

There is a meeting for all members this coming Thursday at 8pm in the house. All are asked to attend. Thank you.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS: Now that schools are closing people will be taking to the hills, beaches and to the air. To all those heading away on holidays this coming week we must you rest, enjoyment and renewal. We look forward to welcoming you back looking well tanned and rested. **Enjoy, enjoy, enjoy!!!!!!!**

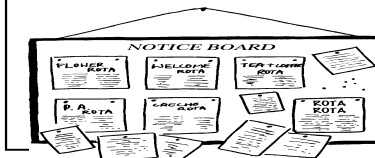
ST VINCENT de PAUL: The St. Vincent de Paul collection for July takes place after each Mass this weekend. Last months (June) collection realised **€1,049.00** for which St. Mochta's Conference members are most grateful. New members are always welcome to come and join the work of the Conference.



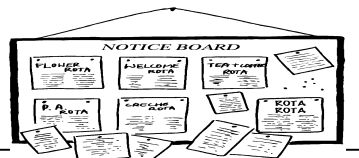
WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Gordon Harris and Elaine Whelan** and **Conor Ryan and Eimear Fitzgerald** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

NEW CHRISTIANS:

We welcome **Lara, Conor, Thomas, Fionn and Shay** 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.



PARISH NEWS



UPDATE FROM WORLD YOUTH DAY:

As you know the parish sent three of our Young Adults to Sydney for World Youth Day. I received an e.mail from them during the week which you can read below. All seems to be going well for them and from the email you can see that its having a great impact on them. We pray that the Lord will continue to watch over them. "I am sitting here in an internet cafe ion Melbourne at the moment and it is my first chance to get to an e.mail! The weather here is freezing!!!! really really cold - but the atmosphere is electric! Last night we went to the Telstra Dome (a huge stadium in Melbourne - held the World Cup final in Melbourne a few years ago) for our commissioning mass! The stadium seats about 50,000 people - and I'd say about 70% of it was full. The place was completely alive with young people. A mass which lasted 90 minutes (I think) passed in a heart beat! It was celebrated by the Archbishop of Melbourne with many many concelebrants and priests in attendance. Before the start of the mass there was a small concert, during which the Irish delegation (called by the MC the best country outside of Australia) got a Mexican wave going! I don't thing I have ever seen a more fitting sight than 600 priests doing a Mexican wave surrounded by thousands of young people! It really summed up the atmosphere of the place! we were all equal - no matter what our status was, or where we came from. The mass was beautiful! in fact - the congregation often broke in to spontaneous applause throughout- just due to the power of the event itself. The feeling during the recessional at the end of mass was so intense that I tried to capture it on my camera, but failed miserably. However - for someone who wasn't at the mass - it does show it well. Everyone was singing and dancing - including the procession out of bishops Running out of time - talk soon"
Maria, James and Patrick.



WEEKLY REFLECTION

Receiving the Word

The word of God is to the human heart
what a seed is to the earth.

However, just as a seed needs soil,
so the word needs a receptive heart.
The earth responds to the rain and sun
so that even the desert blooms.

But the arid human heart has the power to resist
so that it remains barren.

Lord, soften our hearts with your grace,
open them with your gentle love,
so that the precious seed of your word
may take root in our hearts,
and bear fruit in our lives.

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 13:24-43.**

PARISH MONTHLY OFFERING: A big thank you to all those who support the Parish Monthly Offering. **During the month of June this amounted to €8,669.** This is the only source of income for the running of the parish. At the moment just under 400 support the Parish Offering. Thank you for your continued generosity. We have had over **50** people join the Parish Offering in the last month and I would sincerely like to thank them for their generosity and support of the parish. If you would like to join the Parish Offering and help support the parish financially please see Fr. John or fill out one of the Registration Forms and return it to the Parish Office.

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: The painting of the Centre should be finished this coming week. We've also being connected to the main sewage system. We will have electricity by the end of the month with the Gas hopefully following soon after. Once we have the phones connected we will be able to begin the transfer of the parish office and get the final fit out completed. We will be doing some work on the entrance from the church side. The tall trees will be coming out and a new path will be laid with new fencing and indigenous trees planted. This should open up the whole area and make movement from church to centre and car park so much easier. Watch this space for further updates.