

## 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](http://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](http://www.youth2000.ie)

### 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](http://www.parkstennis.com)

### CASTLEKNOCK GAA CAMP

**2008:** There are a limited number of places left for the Camp in **August— Mon 18th to Fri 22nd** (Combined Camp—Hurling and Football). For further information please contact Brendan Phelan, Coach on 085 1329397.



**NEW FOOTPATH:** You'll notice that Fingal County Council have built a new footpath on the church side of the road which will make life much safer for all concerned. Double yellow lines will also be put down making it illegal to park on the road and so ensure the safety of pedestrians and ensure the flow of traffic on Sunday mornings. I would like to thank Minister **Brian Lenihan, Councillor Mags Murray and Tommie McManus** from Fingal County Council for all their help and assistance.

**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.



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

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

1. What is the Kingdom of God like?
2. What grew in the field?
3. What happened to the weeds?
4. What happened to the wheat?

**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 20TH July, 2008**

**16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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**Parish Pastoral Committee:** Chairperson George McLellan

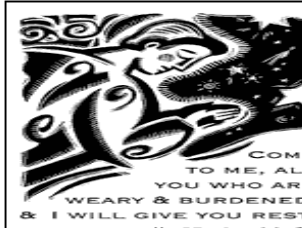
**Parish Finance Committee:** Chairperson Colm O'Neill

**Parish Web Address:** [www.stmochtasparish.ie](http://www.stmochtasparish.ie)

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

## WEEDS AMONG THE WHEAT

A Church that admitted only saints would make as much sense as a hospital that admitted only people who are well, or a repair shop that accepted only things that are not broken. The Church is not a museum for saints, but a school for sinners.



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

**Irene Hoey, Sheila Doyle, Bridget Matthews, Bernie Byrne, Carol Meehan, Stuart O'Neill, Joe Reilly, Maureen Malone.**



## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### 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: Intentions of Youth in Sydney  
**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

#### Monday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

10.00 am: Int. of Maureen Malone (ill)

#### Tuesday: St. Mary Magdalene

10.00 am: Requiem Mass Dougie Boucher

#### Wednesday: St. Bridget

10.00 am: Service of Word and Communion

#### Thursday: St. Declan

10.00 am: Intentions of the Sick in the Parish

#### Friday: St. James, Apostle

10.00 am: Int. of Lourdes Pilgrims

#### Saturday: Sts. Joachim & Anne

10.00 am: Mass of Thanksgiving

### 17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Lucy O'Rourke & John O'Rourke  
8.30 am: Intentions for the Parish  
10.30 am  
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](mailto: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](http://www.stmochtasparrish.ie)

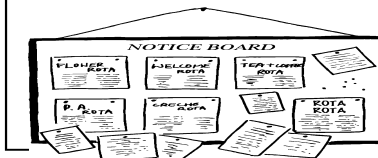
**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like to have Mass offered for someone or offered for a particular intention please see our sacristan Michael after Mass. Thank you.

**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.

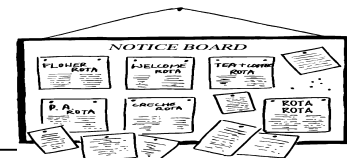
**HOSPITAL VISITATION:** If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

**STEPHEN RYAN RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Stephen who died after a short illness. Stephen was 92 years of age and was one of those visited on the 1st Friday of each month. We offer our sympathy to his daughter Ellen Dimetriou and all of his family. Stephen was taken to his native county Limerick to be laid to rest. May he rest in peace with God. Amen.

**DOUGIE BOUCHER RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dougie who died in hospital on Saturday morning after a long illness. We offer our sympathy to all his family and friends. Dougie will be received into Church on **Monday evening at 6pm with Requiem Mass being celebrated on Tuesday morning at 10am.** May he rest in peace. Amen.



# PARISH NEWS



### LATEST FROM WORLD YOUTH DAY:

As you know the parish sent three of our Young Adults to Sydney for World Youth Day. The first of thousands of colourfully dressed young people have set off on a three-hour pilgrimage through Sydney to Randwick Racecourse, where Pope Benedict XVI will conduct the final mass of the Catholic World Youth Day celebrations tomorrow. Throughout the day, pilgrims will walk the 9km from North Sydney, through central Sydney and the eastern suburbs to Royal Randwick. The Sydney Harbour Bridge was closed at 2am (AEST) for only the third time in its history while roads in the city centre and 25 suburbs have also been closed for the pilgrimage. The Pope will participate in a vigil this evening with the pilgrims, which will include a candlelight ceremony. Many of the pilgrims will sleep over at the racecourse tonight ahead of tomorrow's final papal mass, which at least 300,000 people are expected to attend. Before this evening's vigil, the pontiff will spend today dedicating a new altar at St Mary's Cathedral and lunching with Australian bishops. Before his appearance in the evening, the pilgrims will be entertained by an afternoon of outdoor concerts. We pray that the Lord will continue to watch over **Maria, James and Patrick.**



### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

This coming Saturday 26th July will see a group of parishioners head to Lourdes on pilgrimage. The 150th anniversary of the Marian apparitions to Bernadette at Lourdes takes place this year. Please keep our pilgrims in your prayers this coming week. If you would like a petition to be taken to Lourdes and left at the grotto please place the petition or intention in a sealed envelope and drop it into Fr. John's house before Friday. Do **NOT** place any money in the envelope. Thank you.

### WEEKLY REFLECTION

#### Sow good seed

In general we reap what we sow.

We can't expect to reap good if we have sown evil.

We must sow peace if we do not want to reap conflict.

We must sow loyalty if we do not want to reap betrayal.

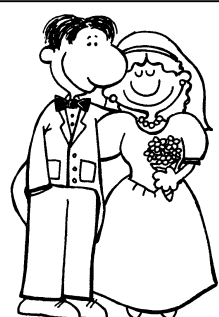
We must sow honesty if we do not want to reap deceit.

Even though we have no absolute guarantee that what we sow will always fall on good ground, or that someone else may not come along and sow contrary seed, nevertheless, if we are careful to sow good seeds we can, within reason, trust our expectations because nature has shown that if what is planted bears fruit at all, it will yield more of itself. So, let us sow good seed.

**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 13:44-52.**

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOUG DERG:

Fourteen of us headed off last Monday to land on the sacred island for a three day pilgrimage of penance, fasting and prayer. Our first duty was to remove our socks and shoes and begin to pray the stations on the ancient "beds". The all night vigil began at 10pm that eve and lasted till 10pm the following evening. Our only sustenance being prayer, lots of laughs and the famous Loug Derg "soup". We were delighted to be able to jump into our beds on the Tuesday night. We left the island on Wednesday morning after Mass and our final station, however, we had to continue our fast till midnight. It was a tough and exhilarating few days, happy knowing that we had completed our pilgrimage as have countless thousands over the last 1500 years!!! It is a very spiritual and enriching experience, one that every Irish Catholic should partake in at least once in their lifetime. It instills within you a great sense of gratitude for the many luxuries we enjoy but often take for granted in our lives. We'll be going again next year, hopefully if you're free **YOU** will come along.



**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **William Cope and Tracy Taormina** and **Ross Rogers and Cliona Duffy** 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 **Jasmine, Aimee, Aisling and Erin** 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.

