

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

CLONMACNOIS YOUTH SUMMER FESTIVAL 12/15 AUGUST:

Youth 2000 invites you to join them for their Summer Festival from 12-15 August 2010 in Clonmacnois, County Offaly. The dynamic weekend programme for **16-35 year olds** includes **music, drama, prayer, talks, workshops, reconciliation and healing service, games and chill time**. The festival will be held along the banks of the river Shannon near the historic monastic ruins of Clonmacnois. It is a **donation only** weekend and all you need to bring is a sleeping bag. Why not take time out this summer to discover more about your faith in an atmosphere of fun and friendship. Check out our website at www.youth2000.ie

WESTMANSTOWN GAELS GAA CLUB

are holding another Summer Camp from **16th to 20th August**. For further information contact Michael Aherne on 087 7758346 or email secretary@westmanstowngael.ie.

CASTLEKNOCK HURLING & FOOTBALL CLUB

are holding another Summer Camp from **16th to 20th August**. For more information please contact Brendan on 085 1322939.

UNISLIM will move to "Mountview Youth and Community Centre, Lohunda Downs, Dublin 15" from **Wednesday 7th July 2010** until further notice. Confidential Weigh in at 7pm with motivational talk at 7.30pm. Contact Triona for more information on 087 8332194.

DAY FARM CAMP AT TOLKA RIVER FARM, BATTERSTOWN

for 3 1/2 to 10 year olds. Staffed by Qualified Primary Teachers. **10th to 13th August**. For more information www.tolkariverfarm.com or 087 0977413 (Be a Nature Detective, Feed the Animals, From Farm to Fork, Arts & Crafts, Build a dam and camp fires, Sports & Traditional Games. Indoor Activities for Rainy Days).

CROSSCARE: Innovation and action for social justice, working on behalf of the Catholic Community in the Dublin Diocese:

Teen Counselling Service now available in Dublin 15—This free and confidential service is for 12-18 year olds and their parents/guardians. Phone 01 4623083 or visit <http://www.crosscare.ie/teencounselling/index.htm>

Living in Ireland Workshop: Sharing Migrant Experiences

Dil Wickremasinghe, Social Entrepreneur and presenter of Global Village on Newstalk 106-108FM. will facilitate a workshop to introduce migrants to Irish culture and provide a space to share their experiences of living in Ireland. The aim of the workshops is to pass on practical information by learning from each other. This workshop takes place at Crosscare, Blanchardstown on **15th July 5pm – 8.30 pm**. To book your place or if you would like further information please contact Nicola Yau on 01 873 2844 or nicolayau@crosscare.ie.

Drink/Drug Counseling: We offer a free counselling service in Blanchardstown for people over 18 years of age. Call 8360911 for more information or to make an appointment.

Is gambling causing a problem in your life? If so, Gamblers Anonymous can help. Meeting every Tuesday at 8.00 pm Crosscare Main Street Blanchardstown. Tel. GA at 01 8721133.

Support Service for Parents

We host a monthly coffee break to meet other parents for support and information sharing. Phone 8360011 or 0868269977 for more information on any aspect of this service.

Free, Confidential Information Service

Monday 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm Crosscare Blanchardstown. Confidential information on a broad range of issues available to all. Service in Polish now available.



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

1. What did Jesus ask his disciples to do ?
2. How did Jesus ask us to pray?
3. What prayer did he give us?
4. How often should we pray?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Well its holiday time at last. Have a wonderful summer break and I hope you get plenty of time to have fun with family and friends. Remember its holiday time for mum and dad too, so don't forget to give a helping hand at home too. Have fun!!!!

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 25TH JULY 2010

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Priest : Rev. John Daly Tel: 8213218

Parish Pastoral Worker: Mary GreeneByrne Tel: 8213218

Parish Secretary: June Phelan Tel: 8213218

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Parish Pastoral Committee: Chairperson George McLellan

Parish Finance Committee: Chairperson John Sherwood

Parish Child Protection Officers: Michael Stacey & Jackie Sherwood

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Parish Web Address: www.stmochtasparish.ie

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



ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

Jesus urges us to ask, seek, and knock. This means our faith has to be an active one. However, sometimes we are too proud to ask, so we don't receive; we are too lazy to seek,

so we don't find;

and we are too timid to knock,

so the door doesn't open to us.

We mustn't wait for things to happen,

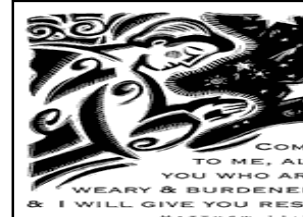
or to fall into our hands.

We must be humble and trustful,

yet bold and energetic,

if we are to receive good things from

our Father in heaven.



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

Chris Bruton, Allsún Henderson, Ena Kelly, Brian Lenihan, Ellen Spring, Christy Hughes.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Angela Hunt & Toddie Hughes (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Anne Lacey (Anniv.)
10.30 am Fr. Joe Caffrey (1st Anniv.)
12.00 pm Stella Spain M/M

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday Ss. Joachim and Anne

10.00 am Baby Fionn Gaughan (seriously ill)

Tuesday

10.00 am: Special Intention

Wednesday

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday St. Martha

10.00 am

Friday St. Peter Chrysologus

10.00 am

Saturday: St. Ignatius Loyola

10.00 am

18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Elizabeth Scarff RIP
8.30 am: Intentions of the Sick of the Parish
10.30 am Patrick Smith (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Christopher Ezeoroli (1st Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH MONTHLY FINANCE JUNE 2010

INCOME

Monthly Parish Offering Contributions € 7,795*
*(269 regular contributors and a few donations)
Receipts from Shrines and Weddings € 3,599
Total income for May €11,394

EXPENDITURE

Pastoral Expenses, Utilities, Wages etc €12,639
Monthly repayment on Parish Loan € 5,544
Contribution re. Schools € 3,283
Total expenditure for May €21,466

Balance: Deficit of (€10,072)

WHAT IS THE PARISH OFFERING? The Parish receives **NO** income from the two Sunday Collections. The only regular income the parish receives is from the **Parish Offering**. We have about 5,000 homes in the parish but as you can see only **269** homes contributed to the Parish Offering in June. You can contribute to the **Parish Offering** by Standing Order or Cheque/Cash Donation. These forms are available from the back of the Church or Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support. **J. Sherwood Chair Fin. Committee**
*Does not include income from Parish Picnic. This figure will be included in the July figures

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 also be 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? 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.**

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.

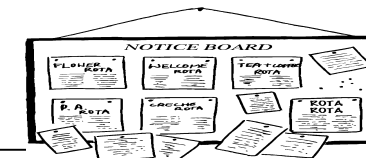
NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Alex, Hannah, William and Danny** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. We pray that they may continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit in the years ahead. Anyone enquiring about baptism please take one of the leaflets from the back of the church or see Fr. John after Sunday Mass. Thank you.



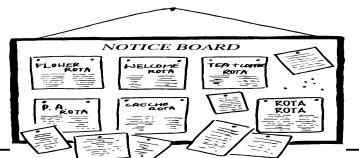
WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **John Merriman and Helena McIntosh** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office is closed and will reopen on **Monday 23rd August**. If you need assistance, please phone 01 8213218 and leave your name, contact number and a short message. Messages will be picked up each day. Or email Fr. John directly—frjohn@stmochtasparrish.ie Thank you.

PARISH CENTRE: The Parish Pastoral Centre is closed until 1st September.

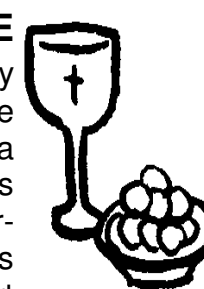


PARISH NEWS



PRAYER: Prayer is something we are all invited to do. There is a variety of ways to pray. St. Luke devotes many references to Jesus and prayer. Jesus is presented as the measure for how we should try to pray. Jesus prayed and he taught people how to pray. Throughout his life, Jesus prayed in a continual way to his heavenly Father. There are two versions of the Our Father in scripture—the prayer that Jesus taught. St. Matthew has the version that is familiar to most of us. Luke's words are similar but shorter. It could be argued that Luke's words are the most similar to what Jesus might have used. The prayer of Jesus is followed with a brief parable about a neighbour who arrives unannounced and knocks repeatedly at the door. The unexpected knock of a door at night in any house could mean disturbing the happiness of those inside. It is with reluctance that the door is opened. The story if followed up with some Opracitcla application on prayer. Prayer is asking. It is searching. If necessary it involves a banging on the door. May of us can relate to this when we bang on God's ear for a request. God is not a reluctant responder. If we use the right title—the message is clear—if we call God Abba (Father), he will not just give us what we as but even more. It was assumed by Jesus that the apostles were already people who prayed.. This is important, because Jesus said “when you pray.” Having a prayer relationship with Jesus is important. It needs to happen regularly. Hunger is an experience that many of us will never have to experience .. Each day as we received nourishment through food, we also receive similar nourishment from God. God gives to each of us a “daily” reminder of his presence in our lives. God is faithful. Sometimes we forget this. We are reminded in this Gospel today that we can contact God anytime, through any method and anywhere and he will faithfully respond. Our prayer is to be able to do the same.

BEING THERE FOR THE BELL: Each part of our Sunday Mass is important for the whole celebration. So being in Church a few minutes before we begin is good as it helps us prepare ourselves for the celebration. It gives us time to give thanks as we start and to examine our conscience to ask for forgiveness for our failings before being nourished by God.



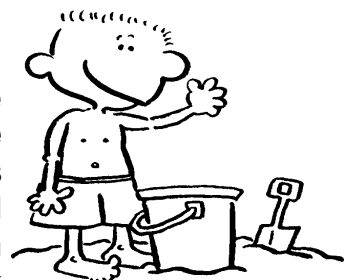
WEEKLY REFLECTION

I asked for health that I might do great things;
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.
I asked for riches that I might be happy;
I was given poverty that I might be wise.
I asked for power
that I might have the praise of men;
I was given weakness
that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for,
but everything I hoped for.
Almost despite myself
my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am, among all people, most richly blessed.

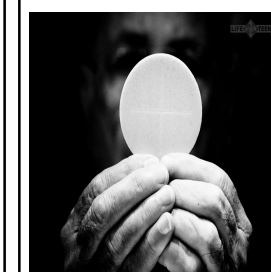
SCRIPTURE READING: Each week we suggest a piece of Scripture to use in prayer. Light a candle and read slowly the passage, re-read it a couple of times and reflect on it and listen to what God is saying to you. **This week's passage is Lk 12: 13-21.**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS:

Now that 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 must you rest, enjoyment and renewal. We look forward to welcoming you back looking well tanned and rested. Enjoy, enjoy, enjoy!!!!!!!



BECOMING A CATHOLIC?: Are you or someone you know interested in finding out more about the Christian Faith and the Catholic Church. If so please contact Fr. John after Mass or make enquiries to the Parish Office. We will begin our preparation for **Adults** wishing to be baptised or indeed make their 1st Communion or be Confirmed in the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil next Easter soon during the month of September.



EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Takes place each Sunday evening from 7pm –9 pm and offers each of us an opportunity to spend some quiet time with the Lord.