

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Feeding the Hungry

The multiplication of the loaves happens in our fields every year between sowing and harvest time.

Like the miracle of Jesus, this miracle too is brought about by the power of God.

And just as Jesus needed the hands of the apostles to distribute the bread to the people, so God now needs human hands to make this abundance available to the hungry.

In some countries today the problem is over-eating.

In other countries the problem is getting anything to eat at all.

Today we don't need anyone to multiply the loaves for us.

The food is there.

What is not always there is the will to share it.

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 14:22-33.**

WESTMANSTOWN GAA SUMMER

CAMP: Westmanstown Gaels Juvenile Club are holding a GAA Summer camp sponsored by VHI Cul Camp from **Mon-Fri 18th August to 22nd August from 10 am to 2.30 pm.** The price is €65.00 per child. For further details or to book a place please contact Grace O'Boyle at 086 0582453 or e.mail secretary@westmanstowngaels.com

CASTLENOCK 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.

SOME MORE PADDY HUMOUR:

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and says to the first man he meets, 'Do you want to go to heaven?' The man said, 'I do, Father.' The priest said, 'Then stand over there against the wall.' Then the priest asked the second man, 'Do you want to go to heaven?' 'Certainly, Father,' was the man's reply. 'Then stand over there against the wall,' said the priest. Then Father Murphy walked up to Paddy and said, 'Do you want to go to heaven?' Paddy says, 'No, I don't Father.' The priest said, 'I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?' Paddy says, 'Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now.'

✚Paddy was in New York He was patiently waiting and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, 'Okay, pedestrians.' Then he'd allow the traffic to pass. He'd done this several times, and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk. After the cop had shouted, 'Pedestrians!' for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said, 'Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?'

✚Walking into the bar, Paddy said to Charlie the bartender, 'Pour me a stiff one - just had another fight with the little woman.' 'Oh yeah?' said Charlie, 'And how did this one end?' When it was over,' Paddy replied, 'She came to me on her hands and knees. 'Really,' said Charles, 'Now that's a switch! What did she say?' She said, 'Come out from under the bed, you little chicken!!!'



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

1. When Jesus saw the crowds how did he feel?
2. What food did the disciples have to feed them?
3. What was the first thing Jesus did with the food?
4. How much food was left over?

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.

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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 3RD AUGUST, 2008

18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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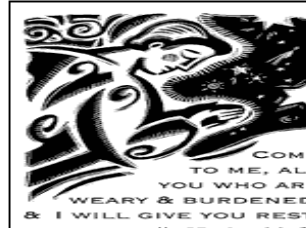


FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

In the Eucharist we taste the love of God. The proof that we have experienced that love will be our willingness to love others.

We may be able to give only in small ways and in small amounts.

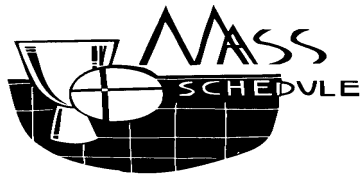
However, from the little boy in the Gospel we see that a small amount can become a big amount when placed in the hands of the Lord.



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, Joan Allen.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Intentions of the Parish
8.30 am: Intentions for the Parish
10.30 am Alan Moore M/M
12.00 pm Kathleen Munster M/M

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: St. John Vianney

10.00 am: Special Intention

Tuesday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

10.00 am: Int. of the Murphy Family

Wednesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

Thursday: Sts. Sixtus and Cajetan

10.00 am Int. of Irene Hoey

Friday: St. Dominic

10.00 am Mass of Thanksgiving

Saturday: Sts. Nathy, Felim and Teresa

10.00 am: Kathleen Donnelly (Anniv.)

19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Martin Moore (1st Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions for the Parish
10.30 am Deirdre Stevenson (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Mary Smalle R.I.P.

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.

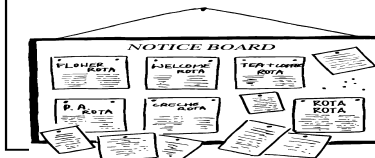
CONFESSION: the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

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

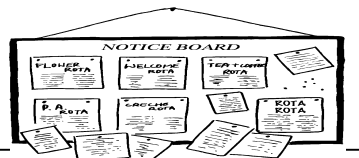
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The August meeting of the Finance Committee takes place this coming Tuesday, 5th August at 8pm in the house. All members are asked to attend.

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!!!!!!**

ALL NIGHT EUCHARISTIC VIGIL: Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Beech Park Lawn, Castleknock invites you to an All Night Eucharistic Vigil on **Friday, 15th August** on the **Feast of the Assumption** from **10.00 pm to 6.00 am** (Mass). For further details, please see the notice board at the back of the church.



PARISH NEWS



MICHAEL RETIRES : Our Sacristan **Michael Harford** is stepping down after 22 years of looking after our parish church. He began in 1986 when Fr. Peadar Murney asked him would he cut the grass! Little did he know that 22 years later he would be looking after 100 weddings a year and all the other duties of a sacristan. His contribution to our parish community is immeasurable in the time, skill, energy and dedication he brought through the years to our community. He has helped the parish transition from a small country parish to the large thriving parish it is today. He received the Bene Merenti medal from the Vatican in recognition of his work a few years ago. We as a community can't thank him enough for all that he has given to us and ask the Lord to continue to bless him and watch over him in the years ahead. He will be very hard to replace.



UPDATE FROM WORLD YOUTH DAY:

We're home!!! After two long weeks, or three in some cases, the Australia three are home!! We would just like to say thank you so much to everyone who helped us to get to Australia for the most amazing experience we have ever had!!! It was a fortnight full of highs and higher!! Each event was followed by an even better one!! We were blessed to be in the presence of so many amazing people. We will have a full report of everything that went on in the coming weeks once the jet-lag has subsided. But in the mean time some of the main highlights we felt were the arrival of the Pope, the all night outdoor vigil at Randwick and the opening mass in Melbourne where 600+ priests all in white vestments were seen doing a Mexican wave, I kid you not. It was a unique experience where we met young people from all backgrounds gathered together in one faith and one Holy Spirit. It was a surreal experience where parish priest walked around dancing and Archbishops walked around town with every other young person. It was an experience unlike any other we will encounter and one which we hope we will be able to use to help the development of faith in our own parish. Thank you so much for all your support and prayers. **Maria, Patrick and James**

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: I have just returned from the Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes. It turned out to be an extra special Pilgrimage as it is the Jubilee Year, which marks the 150 anniversary of the apparition in Lourdes. As I had never been there before I had no idea what to expect and went with a very open mind. The group travelling to Lourdes comprised of two parishes, our parish, Porterstown, led by Father John and the parish of Donnycarney, led by Father Pat. There was a great variation in age groups from teenagers to the more senior. Each day began with Mass, with the Blessing of the Sick ceremony being the most poignant for me. We always had wonderful singing by our Folk Group led by Joan Cahill. There were various ceremonies laid on each day such as The Torch Light Procession, The Stations of the Cross, The Blessed Sacrament Procession and visiting the Grotto and the Baths but The Torch Light Procession was undoubtedly the most moving experience in Lourdes for me. This spectacular sight of thousands of pilgrims-singing the 'Ave Maria' while holding candles and winding their way past the Basilica as a slow moving river of light. Every day thousands of people filed past the Grotto but yet there was such an air of silence and calm. I was heartened by the amount of young people and the happy and friendly atmosphere in Lourdes. There was great camaraderie between the two parishes with a lot of laughs and great sing-songs with solo performances from Father John and Father Pat! Another nice touch was the lighting of the group candle on our final night beside the Grotto before we prepared to head home. Overall, I found it the one of the most fulfilling and rewarding experiences I have ever had and I have taken away a sense of peace and calm from my visit to Lourdes. (**Yvonne**)



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Neil Cody and Claire O'Brien** and **Christian Reid and Jennifer Mooney** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

WELCOMING SUNDAY:

This weekend we welcome all those who are to be baptised this coming month and introduce them to our community. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit. Anyone enquiring about baptism please take one of the leaflets from the back of the church or see Fr. John after Mass. Thank you.



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA: The new rota is available in the sacristy. Please pick up a copy after Mass. Thank you.