

## ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

**CHRISTMAS FAIR—ST. PATRICK'S N.S.** is hosting its Christmas Fair **this Sunday, 30th November, 2008** from **1 pm to 5 pm** in the school. Prepare to meet Santa, play the Wheel of Fortune, take part in the raffle, etc. Great family day out and great prizes to be won throughout the day. Do not miss it! All welcome.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR—ST. MOCHTA'S N.S.** is hosting its Christmas Fair **on Sunday, 7th December, 2008** from **1pm to 5pm**. The money raised will be used to purchase Interactive White Boards, etc. Your child needs you to support this event. Please give your time to help with or attend this event. It will be a fun day with lots to do for all the family.

### CHRISTMAS BAKERS:

We intend to hold a cake sale for Christmas on **Sunday 7th December** and we are looking for **some volunteers to do some baking for the day**. Mince pies, Christmas puddings and cakes etc. or other Christmas confectionary would be greatly appreciated. So get out that family recipe quick. All proceeds will go to buy equipment for youth to use in our new Pastoral Centre.

### CHRISTMAS DRAW:

Tickets for our Christmas Draw will be going on sale next weekend. All the proceeds this year will be going to cover the cost of installing an electronic striker for the church bell. This will mean that we will be able to ring The Angelus each day and set it to ring for Mass and other liturgical celebrations. It will be a great addition to our celebrations. **Any donations of prizes for the Christmas Draw would be greatly accepted and appreciated.** Please see Fr. John after Mass. Thank you for your ongoing support. Our Christmas Draw will take place on Sunday 21st December after our Carol Service.

**ST. MOCHTA'S WAY:** Donate a brick and be part of the heritage of our Parish. To commemorate our new Parish Centre and to build the heritage of our parish, St. Mochta's Way has been created so that you can make history for your family in the future. Everyone can participate by having a personalised engraved brick placed in St. Mochta's Way. You can order a single brick with up to two lines of lettering or a double brick with up to four lines. The bricks, available in gold lettering, are professionally engraved and hand painted with a long lasting gold infill. You could donate a brick with your family name or for any occasion, e.g. Birth, Christening, Birthday, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Graduation, Engagement, Wedding, Family Remembrance or any special personal or family occasion. Each brick comes with its own unique 'Certificate of Authenticity' that you can frame or present as a gift. If you would like more information about the scheme, pick up a brochure in the church, at the Parish Centre or you can download an order form, on our website. Take a look at 'St. Mochta's Way' at [www.stmochtasparish.ie](http://www.stmochtasparish.ie). **The 1st order of bricks for St. Mochta's Way will take place in November. 1st 250 applications will be accepted.**



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

1. What did Jesus ask his disciples to do?
2. What time will the master of the house call?
3. Who must he not find asleep?
4. What is the meaning of the word Advent?

**TASK FOR THE WEEK:** Why not begin the journey to Bethlehem now! Set up the crib in the front room of your house. Place Mary and Joseph in your bedroom and each day move them a little so as the days pass they move closer to the crib. They should arrive for Christmas Eve.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

# ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

**PARISH NEWSLETTER 29TH NOV. 2008**

**1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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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



### ADVENT WAKE-UP CALL

Unless we are spiritually awake  
we are only half living.

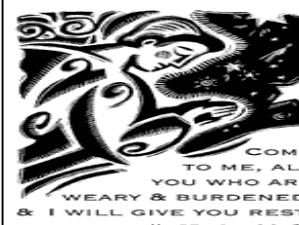
Spirituality is about understanding things,  
seeing things, hearing things.

It is necessary to reflect, to have the will,  
and to be wide awake.

Not to while away the time in drowsiness.

To be spiritually awake means  
to be attentive to God and to others.

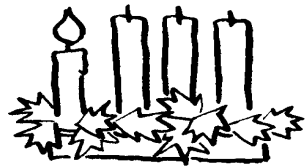
Advent issues a spiritual wake-up call to us.



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

**Irene Hoey, Bridget Matthews, Bernie Byrne, Joan Allen,  
Padraig Byrne, Sarah Harris, Baby Patrick.**

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.00 pm: Michael Traynor (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Special Intention  
10.30 am Peter & Evelyn Duffy  
12.00 pm Lilly McCann (Anniv.)  
**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

#### Monday:

10.00 am: Richard Kinsella (Anniv.)

#### Tuesday:

10.00 am: John Smalle (Birthday Remem)

#### Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

#### Thursday: St. John Damascene

10.00 am: Kathleen & Noel Ahearne (Anniv.)

#### Friday:

10.00 am Altar List of the Dead

#### Saturday:

10.00 am: John & Sarah Mangan (Anniv.)

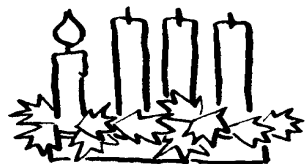
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7.00 pm: Jan & Olive Skrobisz (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Int. of the Parish  
10.30 am Andrew Brennan (Anniv.)  
12.00 pm Joseph Brannigan (Anniv.)  
**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**



**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to Clarie Grimes and Colm O'Callaghan 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 **Alexander and Jack** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May she 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.



## 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, Mary after Mass.

**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.

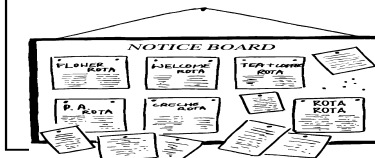
**HOSPITAL VISITATION:** If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

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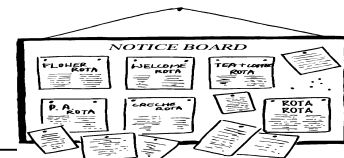
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**CHRISTMAS LEAFLET VOLUNTEERS:** We hope to have our Christmas leaflet ready for next weekend. We'd be grateful if our usual volunteers would offer their services once more. We will be also looking for new recruits for our ever expanding parish. The leaflet contains Mass details for Christmas etc. Please see Fr. John after Mass.

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Meeting takes place this coming **Monday 1st. December at 8pm** in the Parish Centre. All members are asked to attend.



# PARISH NEWS



### WEEKLY REFLECTION

We all need anchors in our lives

By way of true values and enduring truths.  
But we need anchors other than principles.

We need relationships with other people.  
People who have never known a close relationship with another human being are anchorless.

They are at the mercy of the cold winds  
of anguish and loneliness.

But the best anchor of all is the anchor of faith.

It means we have truths to believe in  
and a person to relate to, namely, God.

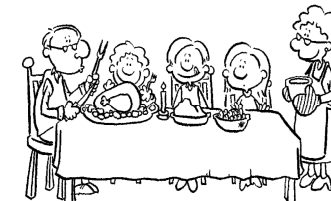
We can make our own  
the beautiful words of Mary:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

The Almighty has done great things for me.  
Holy is his name'.

**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 Mk 1:1-8**

**SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** We are going to host a Christmas Lunch in our new Pastoral Centre on **Saturday, 13th December** beginning with Mass at **12.30 pm** for all the senior members of our parish (65+). There are only 50 tickets available and they are on sale from this weekend costing just €10. Tickets are available in the Sacristy after Mass and in the Parish Centre Mon.-Fri. 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Lunch will be followed by some entertainment. This is a first for our parish so do support it if you are free. It offers a great opportunity to meet some new people.



**GIVE UP YOU AULD SINS:** The sacrament of Confession is available each Saturday evening from 6pm –6.45pm or by appointment during the week. We will have a Reconciliation Service during Advent after the Sunday Masses beginning the 3rd Sunday of Advent 14th December to help prepare us spiritually for the celebration of Christmas.