

## ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

**CROSSCARE BLANCHARDSTOWN** offers the following services: **Information Clinic** every Monday (excl Bank holidays) from 2pm to 4pm. **Migrant Project**—'Walk In' information and advocacy clinic on immigration, emigration and return migration matters. Free service, no appointment necessary. **Housing & Welfare information.** 'Walk In' information on homelessness services & housing options, etc. Free service, no appointment necessary. **Let's Dance**—Every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm—Dance-Meditation-de-stress session. For more information please see the notice board at the back of the Church or contact Jean Martin, Area Coordinator on 01 8219892 or [jmartin@crosscare.ie](mailto:jmartin@crosscare.ie).

**PARENT & TODDLER GROUP:** A new Parent and Toddler Group will be starting in St. Mochta's Parish Pastoral Centre next **Tuesday, 3rd March, 2009.** It will run on Tuesday mornings from **9.40 am to 11.40 am.** Cost: €2 per adult and 50c per child. Everyone welcome! From Baby to School Going Age. For further information email [mary-oriordan@hotmail.com](mailto:mary-oriordan@hotmail.com) or call into the Parish Office between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm—Mon-Fri.

**TWENTYSOMETHINGS:** Are you a twentysomethings Catholic? The Twentysomethings is an organisation that runs spiritual and social activities for Catholics of this age. This Lent they are running Dublin day retreat on **1st March**, a weekend Monastic Experience, a pilgrimage walk to Santiago, a trip to Malta following the footsteps of St. Paul and an Easter Triduum retreat at their retreat house near Glasgow. For further information contact Jenny Whelan, Lay Chaplain at [jenny@twentysomethings.eu](mailto:jenny@twentysomethings.eu) / [www.twentysomethings.eu](http://www.twentysomethings.eu). More information on the Notice Board.

**CASTLEKNOCK GAA:** Dates for your diary—**Annual Club Mass** takes place in St. Mochta's Church, Porterstown on Saturday, 14th March at 7 pm. **Annual Spring Ball** takes place on Sat. 21st March in the Castleknock Hotel & Country Club. More information to follow. **Club Lotto** takes place every Thursday. If you're not in, you can't win. **Forget the X-Factor**, if you wish to show off your musical, dance or singing talent why not represent the club at Scor, the GAA All-Ireland talent competition. For further information contact Barbara on 086 3782419. The Club has a warm welcome for **New Players** at all ages and levels. For more information please [www.castleknock.net](http://www.castleknock.net) Go on, Give it a Go!

**LENTEN TROCAIRE CAMPAIGN 2009:** Trocaire's campaign for this year highlights the plight of people who have been forced to flee their homes as a result of armed conflict, violence and violation of their human rights. Globally there are 163 million people displaced. No country around the world is untouched by displacement. Of these 26 million have been displaced as a result of war and conflict. The Trocaire box focuses on displacement in Somalia and tell the story of Khalid and his family. Somalia is currently one of the most unstable countries in the world and one of the world's most forgotten crises. The Trocaire Boxes have already been delivered to our schools and parish. Trocaire deeply appreciates the work you undertake each Lent in your home, school and parish. As always your support enables Trocaire to work with the poorest communities in the developing world. Go on take some action.....  
**TAKE A BOX HOME TODAY.**

**TROCAIRE**  
Working for a Just World

### KIDS CORNER:

1. How many days did Jesus go into the desert?
2. Who did he meet in the desert?
3. What were the words of Jesus' message?



**TASK FOR THE WEEK:** It was not just Jesus who was tempted. We are always being tempted too. It can be hard to resist when we try to do it on our own. Each time Jesus was tempted he turned to God for help. That's why saying our prayers is so important. It is how to turn to God and ask for his help. We should pray especially when we feel tempted to do something wrong. God will be our help and our strength.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

# ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

**PARISH NEWSLETTER 1ST MARCH 2009**

**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

## ENTERING THE DESERT

Lent recalls the forty days Jesus spent in the desert, during which time he was tempted by the devil.

But through prayer, fasting, and fidelity to the word of God he overcame the tempter. We too have to face temptation.

Let us reflect for a moment on our temptations and how much we need God's help to resist them.



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

**Bridget Matthews, Joan Allen, Pdraig Byrne, Sarah Harris, Mary Rodgers, Miriam Soughley, Baby Reiltin, Martin Crotty, Ruth Dayman.**

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

7.00 pm: Paddy Callaghan (1st Anniv.)  
8.30 am: William Davis R.I.P.  
10.30 am: Kathleen Hughes M/M  
12.00 pm: Jean Ennis (5th Anniv.)

**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

#### Monday:

10.00 am: Intentions of the Sick of the Parish

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**Wednesday: Service of Word & Communion**

10.00 am:

**Thursday: St. Kieran**

10.00 am: Kevin Brown (Anniv.)

#### Friday:

10.00 am: Altar List of the Dead

**Saturday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity**

10.00 am: Conor Hurst M/M

### 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

7.00 pm: Rose Creaner (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Nuala Langley R.I.P.  
10.30 am: Elizabeth Farnan (2nd Anniv.)  
12.00 pm: Christy O'Connor (Anniv.)

**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

### 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.



**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting takes place this coming **Monday 2nd February at 8.00pm** in the Parish Centre. All members are asked to attend.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** Would anybody have a cooker or buggy in good condition to donate to VDP? If so, please contact John Kane, VDP on 086 0780697. Thank you.

**NEW VOLUNTEER ROSTER** for Coffee Dock/Reception available in the Sacristy and Parish Office. Thank you.

## 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.

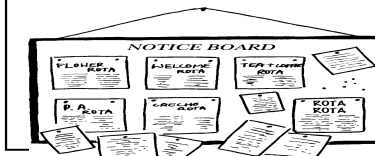
**HOSPITAL VISITATION:** If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

**ACCORD ANNUAL APPEAL:** The appeal for the Diocesan Marriage Advisory Service raised **€1,789**. Thank you for your ongoing support.

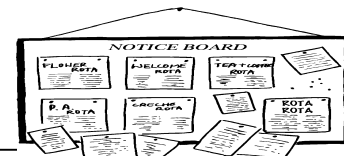
**1st FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:** This coming Friday is the 1st Friday of the month. Mass will be offered in the morning for all those whose names appear on the Altar List of the Dead.

**EXPOSITION:** This period of prayer and quiet time before the Lord takes place every Sunday from 7pm—9pm and every Monday morning after the 10am Mass. This offers everyone in our parish during these 40 days of Lent the opportunity to spend some time in presence of the Lord.

**LENTEN MEDITATION GROUP:** If anyone is interested in joining a small meditation group for the period of Lent which will spend some time praying with the scriptures and in silence with the Lord. Please see Fr. John after Mass for more details. Again it offers us an opportunity to use Lent as a time to renew our relationship with God.



# PARISH NEWS



### WEEKLY REFLECTION

**Lent: springtime of the spirit**

Each year the trees give us a lesson in renewal.

First the bud, then the blossom,  
and finally the shoot.

Spring dresses the trees in a new robe,  
and makes them young again.

But this is possible only because in autumn  
they let go of their old leaves,  
and in between endured a period of nakedness.

Lent is in the springtime of the spirit.

Lord, help us not to be afraid  
to let go of old habits,  
and to face our spiritual poverty,

In order that you may renew us, and so at Easter  
we will feel young again in our discipleship.

**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 9:2-10.**

### PARENTS MEETING 1st COMMUNION :

The third meeting for parents in the Programme for Preparation for First Holy Communion will be held in St. Mochta's Parish Pastoral Centre next **Tuesday, 3rd March, 2009 at 8 pm**. This meeting will be about Penance and Reconciliation for your children. This will be celebrated in St. Mochta's Church on Tuesday, 10th March for St. Patrick's N.S. and Thursday, 12th March for St. Mochta's N.S. Please ensure that at least one parent or guardian attends this meeting.

### ALMSGIVING FOR LENT (Charity):

While Lent is about giving something up (i.e. fasting), it is also about putting something positive in its place. The best way to remove a vice is to cultivate a virtue. Lent has been a traditional time of helping the poor and doing acts of charity and mercy. Lent is a good time to examine ways to get involved and to make resolutions to actually do them. Giving alms can be done in more ways than just giving out money. It can be done by helping your family, friends, and neighbours out with your time or sharing your talent/gifts/skills or with someone in need of help. It means getting out of your comfort zone a little bit during these 40 days of Lent and reaching out to God by reaching out beyond our own needs to see and recognise the needs of those around us. This is how Lent become a time of joy and renewal for you and those you help through acts of Charity.

**MAKING THE MOST OF 40 DAYS:** Lent is a time for conversion. During these weeks we try to renew our faith, coming to a fresh acceptance of the presence of Jesus in our lives and a renewed readiness to be one with him in all things. Conversion means turning to . We turn again to our Lord. He is the deepest love of our lives and we treasure these weeks as the quality time that every relationship needs. During Lent we come to him again so that he is truly the centre of our being . We want to let his Holy Spirit guide our perceptions, our thoughts, our decisions and our actions. We want to be one with him and him to be one with us. In striving for this intimacy with the Lord we pay heed to the guidance and teaching of the Church., which is his body. In listening and pondering on this teaching we come to realise how far we are from real identity with our Lord. There are so many ways in which we take our own pathway of thought, or action, rather than following his. For every disciple, then, life involves a constant conversion, so that we are continually starting again. The unfailing mercy and compassion of God permit us to do this. St. Paul's conversion is familiar to us all. From the blindness that struck him, he came to an entirely new life. May God bless us in these weeks of Lent. May he bring about within us a renewal of faith, of hope and of love. May our journey of conversion be profound. It may not always be easy, but it will be truly liberation if we trust ourselves entirely to the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus and ministered to us in the Church.

**NEW CHRISTIANS:** This coming Easter Vigil we hope to baptise eight children and one adult who will also receive Holy Communion for the first time and be confirmed. The children will be making their 1st Communion or Confirmation this coming May .

**RITE OF ELECTION:** This Sunday they will be presented to the parish at 12 Mass and the parish will be asked to give them their blessing as they head to the Pro-Cathedral for the Rite of Election. This Rite is where the Church calls them and accepts them as catechumens who will be received into the Church at Easter. This is a new beginning for our parish as we implement the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) in our parish for the first time. Please keep all of our catechumens in your prayers over these coming weeks. Thank you.