

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

LEAVING CERT STUDENTS: Free one-to-one career and course guidance for students who have just received their Leaving Cert results on college, jobs, PLC courses, grants, etc. in Blanchardstown Area Partnership (beside Power City) on Monday and Tuesday, **17th & 18th August from 10am to 5pm.** Drop in or make an appointment—phone Noeleen or Catherine 01 8209550. All leaving cert students and parents from Dublin 15 welcome.

WIN A NEW CAR:

This year our Golf Classic will be held on **Thursday 17th September.** One of the big attractions on the day will be the opportunity to win a brand new Mercedes car at our "Holy hole-in-one" competition on one of the par three holes. This year will be our last time to hold the event in Luttrellstown Castle Golf & Country Club. So the day offers us a final chance to play this magnificent course before it closes at the end of the year. **We hope to have two shot gun starts the first at 9am and the second at 2pm. Entry for a team of 4 is €500 euro and includes a four course dinner with wine.** You will also have an opportunity to win a brand new car with our hole-in-one competition. Even if you do not play golf you can help support the day by sponsorship of one of the holes (€100). All proceeds raised will go the pay off the debt on our new Parish Pastoral Centre which is currently over €400k. Each year our loans repayments will cost the parish €66,500 euro. So every bit of fundraising is of great benefit to our parish. We look forward to seeing you on the date. **For more details please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church or see Fr. John after Mass.**



SUMMER HUMOUR: A priest and a rabbi are in a car crash and it's a bad one. Both of their cars are demolished but amazingly neither one of them is hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the rabbi says, "So you're a priest. That's interesting; I'm a rabbi. Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but we're unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace." The priest replies, "Oh, yes, I agree. It's a miracle that we survived and are here together." "And here's another miracle," says the rabbi. "My car is destroyed but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink the wine and celebrate our good fortune," he says, handing the bottle to the priest. The priest nods in agreement, opens the wine, drinks half of it, and hands it back to the rabbi. The rabbi takes it and puts the cap back on. "Aren't you going to have any?" asks the priest. "Not right now," says the rabbi. "I think I'll wait until after the police make their report."

A priest visits an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sits on the couch he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. "Mind if I have a few?" he asks. "No, not at all!" the woman replied. They chat for an hour and as the priest stands to leave, he realizes that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he emptied most of the bowl. "I'm terribly sorry for eating all your peanuts, I really just meant to eat a few." "Oh, that's all right," the woman says. "Ever since I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off them."

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

1. How does Jesus feed us?
2. What does Jesus offer us if we are fed by him?
3. Why did Jesus want to give himself to us?
4. How do we receive the bread of life today?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: 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 16TH AUGUST 2009

20TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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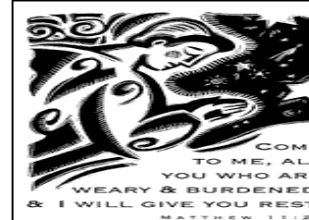
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The Banquet of the Eucharist

We hunger for many things. However, only God can satisfy our deepest hungers. We are gathered in God's house to celebrate the Eucharist, the banquet God has provided for us, his pilgrim people. Let us prepare ourselves to receive the nourishment God wants to give us in this banquet.



Please pray for those who are sick or housebound at this time:
Sarah Harris, Miriam Soughley, Ruth Dayman, Eileen O'Shea.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



20TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Alice Russell (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Sick of the Parish
10.30 am Paddy & Pat Molloy (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Paddy Ryan M/M
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday:

10.00 am: Nancy Power (Anniv.)

Tuesday:

10.00 am: Special Intention

Wednesday: Feast of St. Mochta

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday: St. Bernard

10.00 am Special Intention

Friday: St. Pius X

10.00 am Intentions of the Sick of the Parish

Saturday:

10.00 am Con Lydon (1st Anniv.)

21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Daniel Rogers (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am
12.00 pm Donal Rooney M/M
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 site is: www.stmochtasparrish.ie

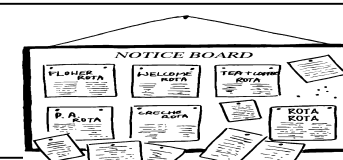
MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to have Mass offered for someone or offered for a particular intention please see our sacristan, Mary after Mass.

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.



PARISH NEWS



TAKING THE ROUGH WITH THE SMOOTH:

One of the recognized authorities on prayer, Saint Teresa of Avila, tells us that there was a period in her life when she seemed to spend her time looking at the sand in her hour-glass. The period of prayer seemed interminable. Like all the rest of us, there were times when she found the going so hard that she wanted to give up. But she also found that there were other times when it was not so hard at all. On these occasions it was as if she was being carried along as distinct from struggling against a strong head-wind. She was to discover that if she did her best to keep going when it was difficult, sooner or later God would provide her with a favourable wind. From this she learned that prayer is primarily the work of the Holy Spirit, described in the Scriptures in terms of fire, breath and wind. In her writings, St. Teresa shares her experience of the wonderful workings of God in her own life, convinced that he will deal with everyone else in a similar way. For Saint Teresa, prayer is simply a conversation with a friend who loves you. She saw this conversation as 'a tête-à-tête in the dark'. You cannot see this friend but you know through faith that he is there. In prayer, as in all conversation there should be both listening and speaking. You seem somewhat perplexed about what to do when 'words fail you'. In conversation with God, where there should be a lot more listening than speaking on our part, this might not be such a bad thing at all. Indeed it could well be a sign of growth in prayer and therefore something to be thankful for. The Holy Spirit is the great listener in the Church. In the Blessed Trinity, he is always listening to the Word spoken by God the Father. But now that the Word has become flesh, we too, are invited to listen in our turn. In our efforts we will not be left to our own limited and defective devices. In a very clear passage in his otherwise very dense and difficult letter to the Romans, St. Paul assures us of this: 'The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness, for when we do not know how to pray properly, then the Spirit personally makes our petitions for us in groans that cannot be put into words; and he who can see into all hearts knows what the Spirit means because the prayers that the Spirit makes for God's holy people are always in accordance with the mind of God' (Rom.8:26-27).



WEEKLY REFLECTION

The Presence of Christ

Christ be near at either hand,
Christ behind, before me stand.
Christ with me where e'er I go,
Christ around, above, below.
Christ be in my heart and mind,
Christ within my soul enshrined.
Christ control my wayward heart,
Christ abide and ne'er depart.
Christ my life and only way,
Christ my lantern night and day.
Christ be my unchanging friend,
Guide and Shepherd to the end.

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 Jn 6:60-69.**

ST MOCHTA:

(Born 445 died cica 535) He was born in Britain but was brought to Ireland as a child by his Christians parents. There he became a disciple of St. Patrick. Legend says that Mochta was educated and consecrated first bishop of Louth in Rome. He first established a monastery in County Meath and then because of local opposition moved north to Louth where he founded a large monastery which soon enjoyed a nationwide reputation. In the village of Louth there stands St. Mochta's house, a single cell oratory with a roof croft over a barrel vault. It dates from the 12th century and stands perfectly preserved with of St. Mary's Abbey in the village. There is also a tradition that he founded a monastery in Kilmore Co. Aimtrim. Legend has it that he lived 300 years because he doubted the ages of the Old testament patriarchs, and even that he had 300 hundred bishops as his disciples. Scholars believe that he, the last of St Patrick's disciples died at the age of 90. He is the patron saint of our parish and his feast day is celebrated on the **19th August**.



WEDDING BELLS:

Congratulations to **Patrick Whelan and Sarah Johnson** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

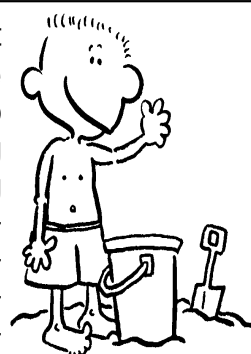
NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Ethan, Caoimhe, Allie and Catherine** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind, and spirit in the years ahead. Anyone enquiring about baptism please take one of the leaflets from the back of the church. Thank you.



RECEPTION VOLUNTEER ROSTERS

for August and September are available in the Sacristy after Mass. Also, please see the notice board at the back of the church. Thank you.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS: Now that schools are closing 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!!!!!!!



NEW MINISTERS REQUIRED:

Fr. John is looking to increase the numbers of ministers of the Word (Readers) and ministers of the Eucharist over the coming weeks. If you feel that you can contribute to the parish through either of these ministries please see Fr. John after Mass. Thank you for your continued support.

