

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.**



FRENCH for children 3-13 years:

La Jolie Ronde French classes had a very successful first term in St. Mochta's Parish Centre: some 30 children learn a lot of French through games, songs and rhymes. French native teacher is using the excellent La Jolie Ronde methodology (www.lajolieronde.co.uk) with excellent books & CDs to practise between classes. Very young children learn French so easily and it is an excellent preparation for secondary school for older children. Small classes per age group. Enrolment is now taking place for new term starting early in September 2009. To ensure your child starts this September, please contact Mrs Sabine Maher on 087 227 9027 or 01 442 8237. Merci!



AWARE—DAISY DAYS: Are you free to help on 10th, 11th or 12th September? Give a couple of hours to Aware and help raise funds for depression support and suicide prevention. Every year more than 500 people in Ireland die by suicide. Aware works to prevent this tragic outcome by providing support to individuals and families affected by depression. You can help in your local area. Support Aware's largest annual fundraiser DAISY DAYS. To volunteer or for more information please phone 01 6617211, email fundraising@aware.ie or visit www.aware.ie. Thank you.

FR. MICK'S SECOND HIKE FOR HOS-

PICE: Fr. Mick Cullen PP, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Laurel Lodge is putting on his mountain boots and haversack again this year to walk part of the El Camino de Santiago. He will be setting off over weekend.

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

1. Why did some of Jesus' disciples stop following him?
2. What did Jesus ask the 12?
3. What did Peter say to Jesus?
4. How can we follow Jesus today?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Well the summer holidays have flown by. I hope you all got a good rest and are ready to return to school next week. We ask God to watch over all those who are beginning school for the 1st time next week. Remember to say thank you to God in your prayers for all the good things you enjoyed during the summer.



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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 23RD AUGUST 2009 21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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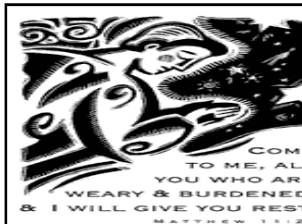
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Will you also leave me?

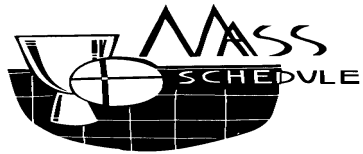
In the Gospel we read how many people left Jesus, and walked no more with him. Many still leave him. But by the grace of God we are here. Each Sunday gives us an opportunity to confirm our faith in him who alone has the words of eternal life.



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

Sarah Harris, Miriam Soughley, Ruth Dayman, Eileen O'Shea, Michael O'Kane, Baby Elliott.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Daniel Rogers (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am Ciss Scarff (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Donal Rooney M/M
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: St. Bartholomew

10.00 am: Special Intentions

Tuesday: Sts. Louis & Joseph

10.00 am: Special Intention

Wednesday:

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday: St. Monica

10.00 am Intentions of the Sick of the Parish

Friday: St. Augustine

10.00 am Margaret & Francis Grimley (Anniv.)

Saturday: The Beheading of St. John the Baptist

10.00 am Fr. Martin Murnaghan (Birthday Mass)

22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Mick Doyle (Anniv.)
8.30 am: James Mahon (7th Anniv.)
10.30 am Christy O'Riordan (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Jimmy Barrett (Anniv.)
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.

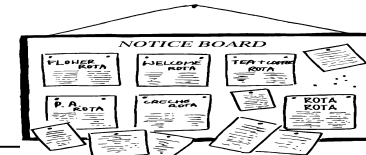
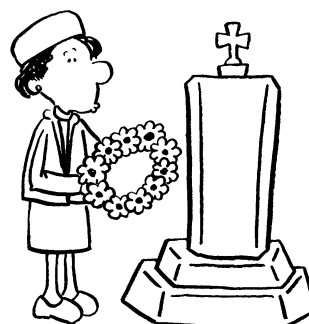
NEW MINISTERS REQUIRED:

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.

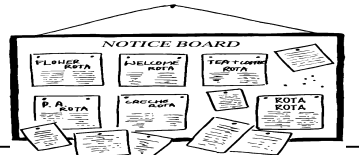
RECEPTION VOLUNTEER ROSTERS for August and September are available in the Sacristy after Mass. Also, please see the notice board at the back of the church. Thank you.

CEMETERY SUNDAY:

Esker Cemetery—The Annual Mass for the Dead will take place (weather permitting) in Esker Cemetery on **Sunday, 6th September at 3.00 pm.** All welcome to this celebration.



PARISH NEWS



VIATORES CHRISTI MISSIONARY DEVELOPMENT:

Would you like to use your skills to help others? Since 1960, Viatores Christi has aimed to respond to needs overseas and at home by giving people an opportunity to share their lives and skills with those in need. People from all backgrounds and professions join Viatores Christi—people who want to challenge themselves to make a difference in the world, however big or small. Lay missionary development workers are assigned to projects which deal with a range of social and justice issues throughout the world including AIDS/HIV projects, displaced peoples, healthcare, intellectual disability, education and indigenous people. We need people from all disciplines. **Information & Recruitment Session on 29th August from 11 am to 2 pm** in the Irish Aid Volunteering & Information Centre, 27/31 O'Connell St. Upper, Dublin 1. For further information and/or to book your place at this information session, please contact Colette Rooney 01 8689986 or email Colette@viatoreschristi.com www.viatoreschristi.com.

BLESSING FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR:

There will be a family Mass **next Sunday, 30th August** at 12 noon as we begin a new school year. All those returning to school will receive a blessing for the coming year, especially those beginning school for the 1st time.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: The National Maternity Hospital is having their Annual Remembrance Service on **Sunday 6th September at 3 pm in St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row, Dublin 2.** They warmly welcome all the parents and the families of the babies who died in the hospital in the last year. (This includes miscarriages, stillbirths and neonatal deaths.) Light refreshments will be served and you will have an opportunity to meet the hospital staff and other parents. No need to book just come along and bring family members with you. Street parking is available in the vicinity of the church on the day. For more information please contact the Chaplaincy Dept at 01 6373121 or email chaplain@nmh.ie.



WEEKLY REFLECTION

Will you also leave me?

When many of his disciples were leaving him, Jesus turned to the apostles and said, 'Will you also leave me?'

These words are addressed to us too.

It's not the Lord who leaves us, but we who may leave him.

But why would we want to leave the Lord, who alone has the words of eternal life?

We need to make our own

Peter's profession of faith.

Every Sunday we get a chance to do so.

We need the Lord to strengthen our faith.

We also need to confirm one another.

Lord, confirm our decision to stay with you.

Draw us closer to you in bonds of trust, so that we may follow you in love and freedom.

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 7:1-8.14-15.21-23.**

WHATS SO SPECIAL ABOUT SUNDAY:

The sabbath, whether we celebrate it on Saturday or Sunday (or on Friday as the Muslims do), is not just a day of rest. It is also the Lord's day, when we give a bit of time to God. That seems like a simple and cheering idea. The father of monasticism, Saint Benedict, had a lovely phrase for it: *vacare Deo*; finding space for God. It means changing the tempo of our lives, taking it easy, stopping after a week's work to see where we are going. For some people that means slowing down, if they have a demanding job on weekdays. We get in touch with God in different ways: through sitting with our family over a meal, through taking time out to stop and stare at God's creation, or to join the community of our neighbours in the ancient but simple shared worship of the Mass.

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.