

# ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS:** Now that the school year is over 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!!!!!!**

## THE BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group will not be meeting in the Pastoral Centre in July or August. However members will be available to meet with and talk to people privately throughout these months. If you feel you need to talk to someone please make contact with us on our mobile number 086 2479216. If there is no answer please **DO** leave a message and we will return your call a.s.a.p. **The next training course** for those wishing to become involved in the St. Mochta's Bethany Bereavement Support Group will be held in St. Patrick's Centre, Monkstown **every Thursday** starting **15th September** over 12 weeks. The final session will be held on Saturday 3rd December. For application forms or further information please contact 086 2479216.

**PARISH TAX RELIEF CLAIM 2010:** Many thanks to all those who have returned the completed **Claim Form (CHY2)** to the Parish Office. A reminder letter was issued lately and there has been a good response. However there are still a number of the forms which have yet to be returned. The Finance Committee would be very grateful to all those who have yet to return the form to do so over the coming weeks. The Tax Relief Scheme is of great benefit to the Parish, in most cases increasing the value of a parishioner's annual donation by over 70%. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

**ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH CENTRE** will re-open on Thursday, 1st September. The following groups meet here every week. We will have the new term starting dates shortly.

**Parent, Baby & Toddler Group** meet every Tuesday from 9.45am to 11.45am starting Tuesday, **6th September**. For more information, please contact Mary O'Riordan at mary\_oriordan@hotmail.com

**SMYG** (St. Mochta's Youth Group) meet every second Friday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. SMYG is open to young people from 1st year and upwards.

**Yoga Classes** are on every Tuesday from 8pm to 9.30pm. For more information please contact Jakki Reid (yti dip) on 086 0792469.

**zest4life** nutrition and weightloss. For more information please contact marydunne@zest4life.eu

**Jo Jingles**—music, singing and movement for children from 3 months to 5 years. For more information please contact jotynan@eircom.net

**Flying Colours Art Group** meet every Thursday afternoon. For more information please phone Marie Kimmage on 086 3161779.

**Taichi and Qi Gong** Classes every Monday evening. For more information please contact 087 6162712.

**Vincent de Paul** meet every Tuesday at 7pm. **Legion of Mary** meet every Thursday from 8pm.

**CASTLEKNOCK GAA:** New players interested in giving Gaelic Games a go, just contact the club coach Brendan on 085 1329397.

**WESTMANSTOWN GAELS:** There will be 2 training days for coaches on Monday the 22nd and Friday the 26th of August from 7pm to 8pm in Westmanstown.



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

1. What question did Jesus ask the disciples?
2. What answer did they give?
3. Who gave the right answer?
4. Who did Jesus say that Peter was?

**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.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

# ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

**PARISH NEWSLETTER 21ST AUGUST 2011**

**21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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## PETER'S PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christ chose Peter to be the chief shepherd of his flock.

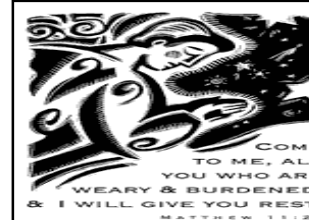
Though Peter had strengths he also had weaknesses.

Peter's story is our story too We too blow hot and cold.

Sometimes we are strong, and other times we are weak.

Without a warm relationship with Christ, we are only on the fringes of Christianity.

We are like someone talking about love compared with someone who is in love.



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

**Baby James Patrick, Nessa Cahill, Carmel Brady, David Keane, Patrick Dempsey, Gillian Dowling, Michael Riordan and Martin McCluskey, Con Dowling.**



## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### 21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: George Geoghegan (40th Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish  
10.30 am: Betty Farrell (2nd Anniv.)  
12.00 pm: Don Lydon (3rd Anniv.)

#### EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

#### Monday Our Lady Mother & Queen

10.00am: Cáit Quinn (2nd Anniv.)

#### Tuesday St. Eugene

10.00am: Special Intention

#### Wednesday St. Bartholomew

10.00am: Service of Word & Communion

#### Thursday St. Louis

10.00am:

#### Friday

10.00am:

#### Saturday: St. Monica

10.00am: Dr. Tom Canty (M/M)

### 22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Mick Doyle (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Baby James Mahon (9th Anniv.)  
10.30 am: Christy O'Riordan (Anniv.)  
12.00 pm: Jimmy Barrett (Anniv.)

#### EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

## JUNE 2011

### INCOME

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Monthly Parish Offering Contributions           | € 9,336        |
| *(291 regular contributors and a few donations) |                |
| Parish Fun Day                                  | € 8,686        |
| Receipts from Shrines and Weddings              | € 1,148        |
| <b>Total income for June</b>                    | <b>€19,170</b> |

### EXPENDITURE

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Pastoral Expenses, Utilities, Wages etc | €21,550        |
| Church and grounds improvements         | € 4,814        |
| Monthly repayment on Parish Loan        | € 3,500        |
| <b>Total expenditure for June</b>       | <b>€29,864</b> |

**Balance:** deficit of **€(10,694)**

**WHAT IS THE PARISH OFFERING?** The Parish receives **NO** income from the two Sunday Collections. The only regular income the parish receives is from the **Parish Offering**. We have about 5,000 homes in the parish but as you can see only **291** homes contributed to the Parish Offering in June. You can contribute to the **Parish Offering** by Standing Order or Cheque/Cash Donation. These forms are available from the back of the Church or Parish Office. Thank you for your support. *John Sherwood Chair Finance Committee*

## 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 also be 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?** 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.**

**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.

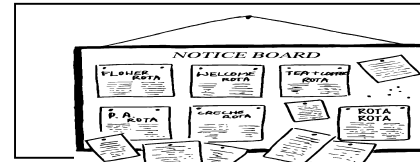
**HOSPITAL VISITATION:** If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.



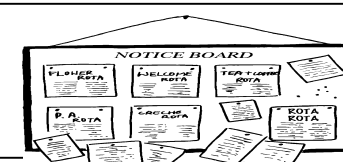
**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Patrick Byrne and Natalie Canavan, Anthony Williams and Louise Ellard and Conor Dalton and Sarah O'Reilly** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

**NEW CHRISTIANS:** We welcome **William, Nathan and Emma** 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 or see Fr. John after Sunday Mass.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** A family in the parish is looking for a **cot** for a new born baby. If you have one to donate please email [naoise.cunningham@gmail.com](mailto:naoise.cunningham@gmail.com) or phone 086 1583877. VDP is always looking for **new volunteers**. If you are interested, please contact Naoise.



# PARISH NEWS



**MAURA CANTY R.I.P:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maura who died last week after a long illness. We offer our sympathy to her children Sheelagh and Siobhan. Requiem Mass will be celebrated for the repose of her soul on Monday at midday. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY GREETINGS:** Greetings from Madrid!!! Just finished our 3rd catachesis with the archbishop from saint lucia! We're all having a really good time meeting many people from every corner of the world from Miami to Alaska to new Zealand! Last night we were among a million people to welcome the pope to Madrid! We can't believe how fast the time is going, we don't want to come home!! we would like to thank all the people of porterstown who have supported us and who have given us the chance to experience this once in a lifetime opportunity!! See you all soon!! Love Laura, Grace, Orla, Peter, Jack and Brian!

**RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DECLINING:** A report published shows that more than 2.2 billion people – about a third of the world's population – live in countries where government restrictions or social hostilities involving religion are increasing. The survey, entitled Rising Restrictions on Religion, also finds that Europe had the largest proportion of countries in which social hostilities related to religion were on the rise from mid-2006 to mid-2009. Five of the 10 countries in the world that had a substantial increase in social hostilities were in Europe - Bulgaria, Denmark, Russia, Sweden and the United Kingdom. And while the vast majority of countries of countries – 117 – had low levels of government restriction, more than half of the world's population (59 per cent) was living with high or very high government restrictions as of mid-2009. Among those nations with the greatest increases in government religious restrictions, ranked from most to least populous, were Egypt, France, Algeria, Uganda and Malaysia. Over the three-year period studied, incidents of either government or social harassment were reported against Christians in 130 countries (66 per cent) and against Muslims in 117 countries (59 per cent). Buddhists and Hindus – who together account for roughly one-fifth of the world's population and who are more geographically concentrated than Christians or Muslims – faced harassment in fewer places; harassment was reported against Buddhists in 16 countries (eight per cent) and against Hindus in 27 countries (14 per cent).

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

Peter has been called a stumbling saint.

He is a great consolation to us because courage fails us all.

All of us are mere mortals, who are inconstant in our beliefs.

We must learn to forgive ourselves momentary weaknesses and failures.

We need to surmount these things and see the world in less rigid terms.

We must not judge ourselves or others by momentary inconsistencies,

but rather by commitment given over a long time.

Jesus was well aware of Peter's faults, but he saw that, in spite of everything, his heart was sound.

Which meant to had the ability to love.

And in the long fun love is what counts.

**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 16: 21-27**

**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 2012 Easter Vigil in September 2011.



## HIMALAYAN HOSPICE CHALLENGE:

Fr. John will attempt to summit Mera Peak (21,247ft) in the Himalayas this coming September. Climbing mountains is nothing new to Fr. John. He's been to the summit of Mont Blanc, Kilimanjaro in Africa and Everest Base Camp as well as crossing all the main

mountain ranges in Europe over the years. Fr. John is looking to raise a Euro for every foot, the summit of the mountain is 21,247ft. So he is looking for 200 + volunteers to take a sponsorship card and try and get 50 people to give you €2 each. All the proceeds are going to the Dublin 15 Hospice Appeal. Thank you for your support.