

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: The Parent and Toddler Group meet every **Tuesday** between **9.45am and 11.45am** in the Parish Pastoral Centre. Everyone welcome! More information email mary-oriordan@hotmail.com.

RAINBOWS: Rainbows is a peer support group for children from 1st to 6th class. The programme benefits children who have experienced a bereavement or separation of a close family member or friend. Rainbows 2010/11 will commence soon in St. Mochta's Parish Pastoral Centre. If you believe your child would benefit from this programme, please contact rainbowsstmochtas@gmail.com to register your child/children for Rainbows. More information available on www.rainbowsireland.com

UPDATE FROM FR. MARTIN, KENYA: Fr Martin Murnaghan, former parish priest of St Mochta's, has now opened three long awaited schools in N'gentui, Bekibon and Tian, different regions of the Tenges mission in Kenya. There are 150 children now receiving education with eight teachers employed. Fr Martin said, he has managed so far to build seventeen replacement permanent classrooms, and is hoping to build another twelve in the next twelve months if his application is successful. Fr Martin moved to the Tenges Mission in Kenya in 2006. There are photos on our website at www.stmochtasparish.ie/home/news

DAY FOR YOURSELF: The monthly Day for yourself in Orlagh Retreat Centre, Old Court Road, Dublin 16 will be held on **Saturday, 11th September**. The theme is Love that will not give up and will be led by Dr. Bernadette Toal and Fr. John Byrne. To book please contact Fr. John Byrne OSA (01) 495 8193; email: info@orlagh.ie

ST. MOCHTA'S YOUTH GROUP (SMYG): St. Mochta's Parish is growing with an every increasing number of young adults. To address the many needs of this young adult group and to provide a social outlet in a comfortable, happy and safe environment in our parish, a 'Youth Group' was set up last year at The Parish Pastoral Centre. The group is open to young people from Secondary School age upwards and is run on the 1st & 3rd Friday of each Month. If you have teenagers who might be interested in joining St. Mochta's Youth Group, they are welcome to come along any Friday evening. **Pass the word around to your friends too!**

CASTLEKNOCK GAA: All Castleknock GAA teams are starting back training and new players of all ages are very welcome to try Gaelic Games and join a vibrant and growing club with top class facilities coming on stream. For appropriate contact details just contact our Club Coach Brendan on 085 1329397. Our Nursery for 4 to 7 year olds takes place every Saturday at 10am beside Castleknock Community College. All are very welcome to enjoy our games in a spirit of fun and encouragement under the guidance of qualified coaches. Go on, Give Castleknock GAA a Go!

CASTLEKNOCK CELTIC Fundamental Football Academy: New season starts Sat. 11th September in Porterstown. **Registration** night: Wednesday **8th September** Laurel Lodge Community Centre from **7.15pm to 8.15pm**. Application form and details on www.castleknockceltic.com. Or contact Philip 087 - 4138099



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

1. What did Jesus say we had to carry if we want to follow him?
2. What should we do if we are to build something?
3. What have we to give up if we are to follow Jesus?
4. What's the best way to follow Jesus?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: In the readings today, Jesus, talks about following him and that sometimes it is not easy. Its not easy because we have to put him first and other people too. So this week try and remember to kneel down and say your prayers each night. In the day time try to do something good to help somebody in school or at home.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 5TH SEPTEMBER 2010 23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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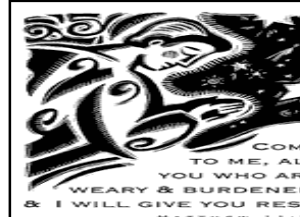
Parish Web Address: www.stmochtasparish.ie

Parish Office Hours : Monday - Friday : 9.30am – 12.30pm

COUNTING THE COST AND PAYING THE PRICE



We measure people's commitment to a cause
by the sacrifices they are prepared to make for it.
We cannot hope to be genuine followers of Christ without making sacrifices.
What does it mean for me to be a Christian?
How does it affect my life?
What does it cost me?



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

Brian Lenihan, Ellen Spring, Christy Hughes, Maureen Malone, Eileen Maguire, David Keane, Baby James Patrick

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



23rd Sunday of the Year

7.00 pm:
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am
12.00 pm Stephen & Anne Ryan (Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday

10.00 am Special Intention

Tuesday

10.00 am: Intentions of Sick of the Parish

Wednesday Birthday of Our Lady

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday Sts. Ciaran & Peter Claver

10.00 am Int. of those returning to College

Friday

10.00 am Special Intention

Saturday:

10.00 am Gerry Diamond (Anniv.)

24th Sunday of the Year

7.00 pm:
8.30 am:
10.30 am John Rush (12th Anniv.)
12.00 pm Ann Swan M/M
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH MONTHLY FINANCE JULY 2010

INCOME

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| Monthly Parish Offering Contributions | € 8,697 |
| <i>*(272 regular contributors and a few donations)</i> | |
| Receipts from Shrines and Weddings | € 2,740 |
| Total income for July | €11,437 |

EXPENDITURE

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| Pastoral Expenses, Utilities , Wages etc | € 5,726 |
| Church grounds improvements | € 3,014 |
| Monthly repayment on Parish Loan | € 5,544 |
| Total expenditure for July | €14,285 |

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| Balance: | Deficit of | (€2,847) |
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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 **272** homes contributed to the Parish Offering in July. 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 continued support. **John Sherwood Chair of 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 **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.



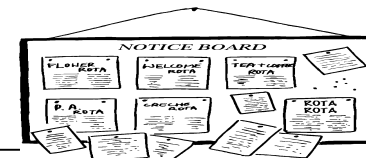
WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Cathal O'Keeffe and Ruch Cullen** and **Paul Redican and Lynsey Macken** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

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.

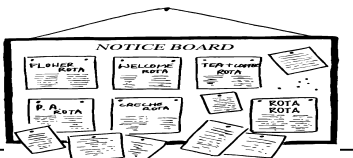


CEMETERY SUNDAY: St. Mary's church in Clonsilla will hold the Ecumenical Blessing of the Graves next Sunday, **12th September** at **3pm**. All welcome. Please note that the blessing of graves in Castleknock will be on the 1st Sunday in November.

COFFEE DOCK ALERT: The Coffee Dock will reopen **this weekend after the 12 O'Clock mass**. Please call in and join us for a cuppa.



PARISH NEWS



WEEKLY REFLECTION

Blessed are those who realise that they cannot live on bread alone but need the word of God too: they will be fully nourished.

Blessed are those who, when they have sinned, follow the example of the prodigal son, and come back home to seek reconciliation: they will cause heaven to ring with joy.

Blessed are those who stop to attend to a wounded neighbour, pouring in the oil of compassion and the wine of hope:

they are the Good Samaritans of today.

Blessed are those who remove the plank from their own eyes before telling their brother

to remove the splinter from his:

their efforts at reforming others will bear fruit.

And blessed are those who, having put their hand to the plough, refuse to look back:

they will be found worthy of the Kingdom.

SCRIPTURE READING: Each week we suggest a piece of Scripture to use in 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 passage is Lk 15:1-32.**

CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

There is a meeting for all members next **Monday 6th September** at **7pm** in the Parish Centre. All are asked to attend.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: There is a meeting of the Finance Committee next **Monday, 6th September** at **8pm** in the Parish Centre. All members are asked to attend.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting for all members of the Parish Council is on **Monday 13th September** at **8pm** in the Parish Centre. All members are asked to attend.

PARISH BETHANY GROUP: A **Bethany Bereavement Support Group** has just been set up here in St. Mochta's parish. The name Bethany recalls the visit of Jesus to Mary and Martha on the death of their brother Lazarus. This is a voluntary parish-based ministry which **aims to help the bereaved and grieving**. Three volunteers, Annette, Gervaise and Ellen completed the Bethany training course in Clonliffe College during recent months. They will be commissioned in their ministry as facilitators of the Bethany Bereavement Support Group in St. Mochta's parish at each of the Masses on Sunday, September 12th.

MICHAELA DAVIS R.I.P.: This past week we had the tragic death of young Michaela (12 years old). Michaela was a beautiful young girl and the whole community is shocked and saddened by her sudden death. We offer our deepest sympathies to her mum and dad, Deirdre and Brendan, to her brother Brendan, to all of her family, to all her friends and classmates. We celebrated requiem Mass for the repose of Michaela's soul on Thursday. Afterwards Michaela's was laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery, Clonsilla. Michaela's family are very grateful for all the help, support and prayers they have received from the wider community. You have given them great strength and courage this past week. Please continue to keep Michaela's parents, her brother and all of her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace. Amen.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There will be a **blessing** for members of the Children's Liturgy Team today **Sunday 5th September**, at the 10.30 and 12 o'clock masses as they return with Children's Liturgy on September 12th. A **meeting** of the Children's Liturgy Team will be held on **Saturday 18th September from 10 am to 12 noon**. All members are requested to attend. The Children's Liturgy has been a tremendous success with both children and parents and it is now in its 3rd year. The Team are looking for new members for the coming year and if you would like more information on what they do or are interested in taking part please give contact details to Fr John or Mary GreeneByrne after mass or contact the Parish Office.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING: The holidays are over so hopefully we will have our full quota of servers for our Sunday Masses again. We will have a meeting next **Thursday 9th September** at **5pm** in the Church. New servers are especially welcome. Our new servers will need to have made their 1st Holy Communion. If you are interested in helping to serve the Mass please see Fr. John after Mass this weekend.

NEW CHOIR MEMBERS: Our choirs will be starting up again after the summer break. They are always looking for new members. Please do not be shy in volunteering. Each of us need to share our gifts to help to continue to build up our parish community and enhance our liturgical celebrations. Don't depend on others to do it.....come on lend me your voice!!!!