

# ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

## MOCHTA'S ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC



This year our Parish **Pro-am** will be held on **Thursday 10th April** in the magnificent Luttrellstown Castle Golf & Country Club. There will be two "Shot-Gun" starts. The first in the morning at 9 am for teams of four players. The second "Shot-Gun" start will be at 2 p.m. this will be a **Pro-am**. The **Pro-am** offers you the opportunity to play with some of Ireland's leading professional golfers.

### "TRINITY" HOLE-IN-ONE

The chance to win a new Mercedes Car, a Luxury Cruise, family membership in Luttrellstown Golf Club for a year are just some of the exciting elements of the day.

### VARIETY OF WAYS

#### YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR DAY

##### A. Enter a Team of three to play in the Pro-Am.

Shotgun Start at 2pm **€1,500** ....  
(Includes Dinner)

##### B. Enter a team of four in the morning classic.

Shotgun Start at 9am **€700** ....  
(Includes Lunch)

##### C. Sponsor a T- Box or a Golf Hole on the Day

**€250** ....

##### D. Make a donation to St. Mochta's Parish Golf Classic

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#### Closing Date for entries 10th March

For further enquiries contact:

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Rita Tighe 087 2868065

All cheques made payable to:  
St. Mochta's Parish Golf Classic



### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

We will have a parish journey to Lourdes leaving on Saturday 26th July for five days. The pilgrimage will be led by Fr. John. The cost is **€669**. A deposit of €200 is required by mid February. For more details please see the notice board at the back of the Church or contact Joan Cahill on 087-6262008 or Paul on 086 3275409.

### CASTLEKNOCK GAA

**CLUB:** We will an open meeting on **Monday 24th Feb.** 8pm in the Castleknock Hotel on the development of their new grounds and facilities on Somerton Road. All are welcome to attend.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED:** The Regina Coeli Hostel, Morning Star Ave., Dublin 7 is looking for Volunteers to care for homeless women and their children for further information please contact Marie 01-8462884 or Moira 01 8374282

**LENTEN SACRIFICES:** A priest was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." Sermon complete he sat down. The Choir leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing that the next hymn would be hymn 355, "Shall we gather at the River."



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

1. Where did Jesus meet the woman?
2. What did he ask her to give him?
3. Why was she so slow to offer him what he wanted?
4. What did Jesus offer to the woman at the well?

### TASK FOR THE WEEK:

We are now entering the 3rd week of Lent and it can be easy to forget about the things we gave up for Lent, whether it was chocolate or fizzy drinks.....if you have forgotten it's not too late to begin again, to start your Lenten Fast again. Remember also that next weekend we are celebrating Mother's Day. It's a day we give thanks to God for our mothers.....but don't forget how important it is to say thank you each day to your mother and not just next Sunday.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

# ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown, Clonsilla, Dublin 15

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 24th FEBRUARY, 2008 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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**Secretary:** June Phelan Tel: 8213218

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**Parish Pastoral Committee:** Chairperson George McLellan

**Parish Finance Committee:** Chairperson Colm O'Neill

**Catholic Schools serving our Parish:** **St. Mochta's:** Mr. Terence Allen

**St. Patrick's:** Mr. Pairic Clerkin

**Scoil Choilm :** Mrs. Treasa Lowe

**Castleknock Community College:** Mr. Tom O'Brien

## LIVING WATER

In today's Gospel we read about the moving encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. During it Jesus told her about the gift God wanted to give her—the gift he called 'living water'. Here in Church we encounter Jesus and he offer us the same gift. Let us open ourselves to receive the 'gift of God.'



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

**Irene Hoey, Baby Naoise, Doreen McCabe ,  
Patrick Callaghan, Sheila Doyle, Agnes Proudfoot.**

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

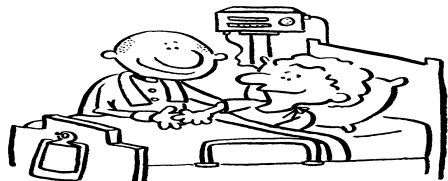


3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

7.00 pm: Kathleen Gogarty (Rec. Dec.)  
8.30 am: Patrick Smith (Anniv)  
10.30 am: Jean Ennis (Anniv.)  
12.00 pm: Sick of the Parish  
**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**  
**Monday:**  
10.00 am: Teresa, May & Michael Keane (Anniv)  
**Tuesday:**  
10.00 am: Special Intention  
**Wednesday:**  
10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion  
**Thursday:**  
10.00 am Elizabeth Scarff (Anniv)  
**Friday:**  
10.00 am Michael Murphy (Anniv)  
7.30 pm Stations of the Cross  
**Saturday: St David**  
10.00am Sr. Lelia Ryan RIP  
**4TH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
7.00 pm: Dec. members of the Creanor Family  
8.30 am: Int. of the Parish  
10.30 am: Nora O' Donnell (Anniv)  
12.00 pm: Christy O' Connor (1st Anniv)  
**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

FAMILY MASS MOTHER'S DAY

**CELEBRATION:** We will have a special celebration next Sunday at 12 noon Mass to mark Mothering Sunday. All welcome to attend. Remember to say thank you to your m u m e v e r y d a y .  
**PARISH CENTRE COMMITTEE:** There is a meeting for all members of this group this coming **Monday 25th February at 8pm in the house.** This group is responsible for working out and writing the constitution for our new parish pastoral centre.  
**HOSPITAL VISITATION:** If you know of someone from the parish in hospital or sick at home and who would like a visit from Fr. John please do not hesitate to contact him. Thank you.



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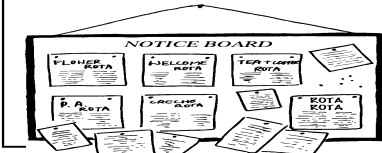
If you are a new parishioner or just visiting St. Mochta's you are very welcome and we, the existing community, hope you feel at home. If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to Fr. John. I would be also grateful if you could fill out a **Registration Form** in order to register with 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. Our parish office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.  
**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like to have Mass offered for someone or offered for a particular intention please see our sacristan Michael after Mass. Thank you.  
**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 or June in the Parish Office between 9.30am – 12.30pm.



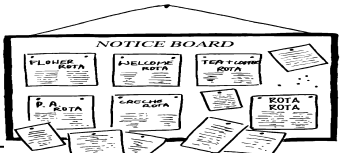
**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Michael McCarthy and Sinead Edmonds** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.



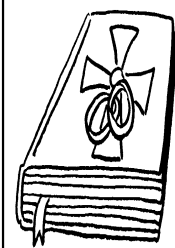
**NEW CHRISTIANS:** We welcome **Saoirse, Liam, Lorcan and Cillian** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May they continue to grown strong in body, mind and spirit. Anyone enquiring about baptism please take one of the leaflets from the back of the church or see Fr. John after Mass. Thank you.  
**I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW:** You may have noticed that the 'Reardos' is much brighter this weekend. We have installed new lights which highlight its beauty. They will also reduce the wattage from 1,000 to 150 thereby reducing our electric bill a little.



PARISH NEWS



**PARENTS FIRST COMM. MEETING:** A reminder to all parents of children who hope to make their First Communion meeting this May that there is a meeting for all parents on **Tuesday 26th February at 8pm in St. Mochta's School.** It is important that all parents attend this meeting as it will outline preparations for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.  
**WORLD YOUTH DAY:** This Summer three young parishioners will be attending World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia. They are **Maria Stacey, James Marron, and Patrick Leonard.** The three have been attending preparatory meeting in St. Paul's Church, on Arran Quay with other members of the Dublin Diocese who will also be attending. The first meeting took place on the 13th January as an introduction exercise for all who are travelling to Sydney. This concept was then extended to our spiritual preparations. We were encouraged to reintroduce ourselves to God by telling Him how we have changed in recent years. At the second meeting on the 10th Feb we gathered to discuss the importance of the parables in the Gospel. We noted how the parables are all concerned with normal people, and that it is the twists in the parables which teach us Jesus' message. We were told to take this ideal with us to Sydney where we must remain open-minded to the event s and people we will encounter there: to expect the unexpected. We were told that it will be a journey of opportunities, of receiving and giving. **We will be speaking at all the Sunday Masses this weekend to give more detail on World Youth Day** and the impact it can have for our parish. We look forward to seeing you then. **Maria, James and Patrick.**  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** To help us on our Lenten journey we will have a period of reflection each **Friday evening 7.30pm** on the Stations of the Cross. The final journey that Jesus made for us. All welcome to attend.  
**READING THE SCRIPTURES:** During Lent the scriptures of the day will be left open on a lectern at the top of the church for all to read during the day. If offers us the opportunity to be refreshed, healed and nourished by God's Word when we take time to visit the Lord's house during the day.



WEEKLY REFLECTION

There is a thirst in every human heart. Each of us is like that lonely Samaritan woman. We are thirsting for something, something that will satisfy all our longings. But often we search in the wrong places. We draw water from many wells; the water of praise to quench our thirst for self-esteem; the water of success to quench our thirst for importance; the water of pleasure to quench our thirst for joy. But we still get thirsty. Only God can give us what we are looking for. He alone can cause a spring to well up inside us. The water from this spring will sustain us in our journey to the Promised Land of eternal life.

**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 9:1-41.**

**THE SECRET TO PRAYER:** We don't pray to make God present to us. God is always present everywhere. We pray to make ourselves present to God. God is no more present in church than in a bar, but we generally are more present to God in church that we are in a bar!!! The problem of presence is not with God, but with us. Sadly, this is also true for our presence to the richness of our own lives. Too often we are not present to the beauty, love, and grace that brim within the ordinary moments of our lives. Bounty is there, but we aren't. Because of restlessness, tiredness, obsession, haste, whatever, too often we are not enough inside ourselves to appreciate what the moments of our lives hold. The secret to prayer is not to try to make God present, but to make ourselves present to God. The secret to finding beauty and love in life is the same. Like God, they are already present. The trick is to make ourselves present to them.

