

## ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

**NEW YOUTH GROUP:** 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 new 'Youth Group' will start on **Friday evening, 2nd October 2009 from 7.30 to 9.30** at The Parish Pastoral Centre. The group will be open to young people from Secondary School age upwards and will run on the first Friday of each Month. If you have teenagers who might be interested in joining St. Mochta's Youth Group please contact Mary GreeneByrne at [pastoralcare@stmochtasparish.ie](mailto:pastoralcare@stmochtasparish.ie) with their details alternatively young adults are welcome to come on the night. **Pass the word around to your friends too!**

**RAINBOWS:** Rainbows—a peer support group for children from 1st to 6th class who have experienced a family bereavement or separation will commence soon in St. Mochta's Pastoral Centre. A **brief parents' information meeting** will take place in the Pastoral Centre on **Tuesday, 6th October at 8pm**. If you believe your child would benefit from this programme, please contact the Parish Office between 10.30am and 12.30pm Mon-Fri on 01 8213218 and register to attend the information evening. More information available on [www.rainbowsireland.com](http://www.rainbowsireland.com).

**FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD:** We are taking final orders for bricks for St. Mochta's Way over these coming weeks. All the details are in the applications forms at the back of the church. All the proceeds for the bricks are going to pay the debt on our new parish pastoral center. So go on, have your name engraved on yellow brick road!!!!!!!!!!!!

**EMMAUS** are holding a number of workshops and retreats at their centre in Swords. For more information, please see the notice board at the back of the church, phone 01 8700050 or email [reservations@emmauscentre.ie](mailto:reservations@emmauscentre.ie).

### ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE—WHAT'S ON:

**GET FIT & TONE ZONE** every **Monday** from **7.30pm to 8.30pm**. For more information please contact Helena on 085 7049980

**PARENT & TODDLER GROUP** every **Tuesday** from **9.45am to 11.45am**. Cost €3 per adult, 50c per child. For more information please email [mary-oriordan@hotmail.com](mailto:mary-oriordan@hotmail.com).

**YOGA CLASSES** every **Tuesday** at **8pm**. Cost € 80 for 1 1/2 hrs. over 6 weeks. For more information please contact Jakki on 086 0792469.

**PARENT & INFANT GROUP** (Babies up to 1 yr only) every **Wednesday** from **10.15am to 12.15pm**. For more information please contact Olive Manning, Public Health Nurse on 086 8061621.

**UNISLIM** every **Wednesday from 7pm** "Lets eat ourselves slim" programme which can be viewed at [www.unislim.ie](http://www.unislim.ie). Sept. Special Offer only €15 to join. For more information please contact Triona on 087 8332194.

**FRENCH CLASSES FOR CHILDREN**—La Jolie Ronde—every **Saturday**. For more information please contact Sabine Maher on 087 2279027.

**ACCORD WORKSHOPS:** Accord is aware from our statistics of the considerable increase in the number of people presenting for our counselling service who are experiencing financial difficulties. This is having a detrimental affect on their personal sense of self-worth, their relationships and their family life. We are offering an opportunity to everyone to attend workshops which will help to deal with these real issues. Our aim is to help people move from despair to hope through the provision of information and the development of practical skills in a very positive and encouraging way. The workshops will be held **each Monday 28th Sept., 5th & 12th Oct.** in **The Clarion Hotel, IFSC, Excise Walk, Dublin 1**. **Admission** to all events is **free**. Further details contact Accord on 5053112 or [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie).



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

1. What did John do when he saw the man curing the sick?
2. What did Jesus say to him?
3. Who does Jesus share his love and life with in our world?
4. How does God pour out his goodness into our lives?

**TASK FOR THE WEEK:** The Gospel today is about God sharing his love with everyone in the world through the gift of his Holy Spirit. The Spirit brings us his gifts of Love, Joy, Patience, Understanding, Reverence, Courage and Kindness and guides our lives, so that we can share God's goodness with everyone we meet. This week, use these special gifts towards someone you know at home or in school and see if your kindness can make someone feel happier.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

# ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

**PARISH NEWSLETTER 27TH SEPT. 2009**  
**26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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## A STUMBLING BLOCK OR A STEPPING STONE

Modern life has brought us closer to one another than ever before.

We influence one another in all sorts of ways.

God wants us to be stepping stones for one another.

Unfortunately sometimes we are stumbling blocks to one another.



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, Chris Bruton, Harry Silcock, Conor McHugh, Nora Kavanagh.**

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Lawrence Sonny Lynam (Anniv.)

8.30 am: Rose Creaner (Anniv.)

10.30 am Betty Farrell M/M

12.00 pm Gerry McAuley (Anniv.)

**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

**Monday: St. Wenceslaus**

10.00 am: Denis O'Brien (Anniv.)

**Tuesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael & Colman**

10.00 am: Intentions of Chris Bruton

**Wednesday: St. Jerome**

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

**Thursday: St Teresa of the Child Jesus**

10.00 am Alice O'Connell (Anniv.)

**Friday: The Guardian Angels**

10.00 am Altar List of the Dead

**Saturday:**

10.00 am Sean & Kathleen Donnelly (Anniv.)

### 27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Richard Carroll (Anniv.)

8.30 am: Carmel Balfe (1st Anniv.)

10.30 am Marie Lilico (1st Anniv.) & Jack Kelly RIP

12.00 pm Joe Reilly (Anniv.)

**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Tomás Quinn and Marie Goggins** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:** This coming **Friday 2nd October** will be the 1st of the month. Morning Mass will be offered for all those whose names appear on the Altar List of the Dead.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS:** We are looking for new servers to join our team. Our new servers will need to have made their 1st Holy Communion. If you are interested in helping to serve at one of the Sunday Masses please see Fr. John after mass. Boys and Girls are very welcome to join.

**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.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.stmochtasparrish.ie)

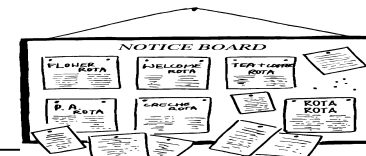
**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like to have Mass offered for someone or offered for a particular intention please see our sacristan, Mary after Mass.

**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.

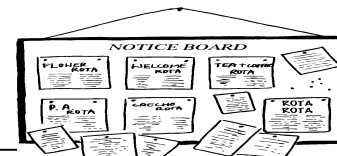
**HOSPITAL VISITATION:** If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

**JOHN SCOTTUS SCHOOL:** For the past seven years Transition Year students have been involved in various projects to build schools in impoverished areas in West Bengal, India. Two pupils from our parish will be part of a group travelling to Kolkata in January. Next weekend, **3rd & 4th October** they will be holding a collection outside the church to raise funds to help build two schools in the remote rural areas of West Bengal and Bihar State. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

**CASTLEKNOCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE—CALCUTTA:** A Table Quiz has been organised in Castleknock Hotel on **Monday 12th October at 8pm** to raise funds for our students who spoke to us recently with regards to their trip to Calcutta in October. **Teams of 4 at €10 per head** so enter a team and join in for what promises to be a terrific evening. The night will also include a **Monster Raffle**. For more information or to book a team please contact Joan on 087 6262008. Your continued support is very much appreciated.



# PARISH NEWS



**VISITING PREACHER:** This weekend **Fr. Ciaran O'Carroll** will speak at all our Sunday Masses on the importance of Evangelisation and the how it impacts on parish life.

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY:** Have you ever wondered if you are being called to the priesthood? Here is your opportunity to take some time out to look at this question. One Saturday morning in October, November and December and a weekend in January—this 4 session course is open to those aged 18-35 yrs who feel drawn to ask themselves the question...**priesthood...is it for me?** Places are limited so those who are interested should apply to the Vocations Director, Archbishop's House, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 by email [vocations@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:vocations@dublindiocese.ie) or by phone/text to 086 8346071. Also please see [www.priest.ie](http://www.priest.ie).

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** The sacrament of God's forgiveness and healing will be celebrated in a little service **after all the Sunday Masses this weekend**. It will give each of us the opportunity to examine our lives and ask God to heal those area's in our life which pull us away from him and cause harm to ourselves and others.

**BETHANY GROUP:** Is the name given to a support group for those who have been recently bereaved. We would like to start such a group in the parish for our own community. We will have a general meeting on **Monday 28th of September at 8pm** in the Parish Centre for all interested in joining or finding out more about the Bethany group.

**MISSION MONTH:** **Thursday the 1st October** marks the beginning of Mission Month, the annual worldwide Catholic celebration of the Church's missionary activity. October gives us the opportunity to unite with our missionary brothers and sisters through spiritual and material support. All parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers for the protection and guidance of missionaries currently reaching out to mission communities worldwide.

**CCC's OVERSEAS PROJECT:** Last weeks special collection for Castleknock Community College amounted to **€3,005.01**. A huge thank you to all for your generosity.

**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 10:2-16.**

### WEEKLY REFLECTION

Jesus warned those who would lead the little ones astray,

but he blessed those who care for them.

One of the most touching things about children is their openness.

But this same openness leaves them extremely vulnerable.

They may not say much but they feel everything.

They are like crocuses which appear in the open in February—

frail, delicate, beautiful creatures—Innocents abroad in an unpredictable climate.

If they are embraced by the sun, they will bloom to their full potential.

But if they are assailed by hail, they will die a premature death.

Love is to a child what sunshine is to a flower.

### REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:

Firstly thank you to parents who returned their registration forms to have your child included on St Mochta's Parish Programme for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Details of the first meeting and Enrolment will be sent out to those registered for the programme shortly. If you have **not** returned the form for your child to be registered to receive the Sacraments please collect a form from the parish office. The form should be completed and returned as soon as possible. To receive the Sacraments **your child must be baptised** and you will be required to present their baptismal certificate before the first meeting in October.

### REGISTRATION FOR JUNIOR INFANTS—SEPTEMBER 2010: St Mochta's N.S./St. Patrick's N.S:

They will be holding Registration on **23rd, 24th & 25th November, 2009** from **10am to 12 noon daily**. There will also be an evening session on **Monday 23rd November** from **7pm to 9pm** in each school. In compliance with their Enrolment Policy, applications must be returned to the schools during Registration Week. No postal applications will be accepted. **No applications will be accepted after 25th November, 2009.** All applications must be accompanied by an Original Birth Certificate, a Roman Catholic Baptismal Cert. and **two** current utility bills dated within 2 months of registration Week. Application Forms are available for collection from the schools from 1st October or can be obtained during Registration.