

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' has been set up at The Parish Pastoral Centre. The group is 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, they are welcome to come along any Friday evening. Further enquiries to the Parish Office. **Pass the word around to your friends too!**

CROSSCARE: Are you a parent who is caring full time or part time for a child who may have a special need, a neurological condition, a disability, or long term illness? You are welcome at our Coffee Morning on **Wednesday 14th October** from **10.30am to 12 pm** in the Crosscare Centre, Main St., Blanchardstown. We will have an information input on our support services, as well as time to chat, meet other parents and relax. For more information contact Rosemary Daynes on 01 8360011, 086 8269977 or email rdaynes@crosscare.ie. **Los Divas Y Los Divos**—A unique musical experience in aid of Crosscare on **Sat. 24th Oct at 8pm** in the National Art Gallery, Dublin 2. Tickets €40.

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

TAX RELIEF ON DONATIONS: **LAST CALL** to those parishioners who have not yet returned the CHY2 Form to the Parish Office. We need to compile and send off the Parish claim to Revenue at an early date. This tax relief scheme can be of great benefit to the Parish. So do please complete the CHY2 Form **NOW** and send it back to us in the addressed envelope provided. Many thanks to all those parishioners who have already completed and returned the Form. A special word of thanks also to those self-assessed parishioners who have generously passed on the tax benefit they received to the Parish.

FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD: We are taking final orders for bricks for St. Mochta's Way over **the next two 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 the yellow brick road!!

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: The Parent and Toddler Group meet every **Tuesday morning** between **9.45am and 11.45am** in the Parish Pastoral Centre. Cost: €3 per adult and 50c per child. Everyone welcome! From Baby to School Going Age. For further information email mary-oriordan@hotmail.com.

YOGA CLASSES continue at the **Parish Pastoral Centre:** Jakki's Yoga Classes are on every **Tuesday evening at 8pm**. Yoga is for everyone regardless of age or levels of fitness. Classes run for an hour and a half over six weeks and cost €80 or if you would like to come and try it out for a session the cost is €15. For more information please contact Jakki on **086 0792469**.

PARENT & INFANT GROUP (Babies up to one year only) Would you like to meet with others? There is a Parent and Infant Group **every Wednesday morning** from 10.15am to 12.15pm



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

1. What did Jesus say happens when a man and woman marry?
2. Why were the children coming to Jesus?
3. What did Jesus give them?
4. How are we to welcome the Kingdom of God.

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Jesus talks this week in the Gospel about the importance of marriage and family. Don't forget to say a prayer for your mum and dad each night before going to sleep. Also maybe this week do some really nice for them as a surprise to say thank you for all they do for you. You could make them a card or write a poem of give them a little gift you made, whatever you think is best.

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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 4th OCT. 2009
27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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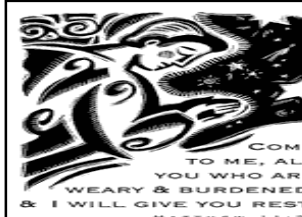
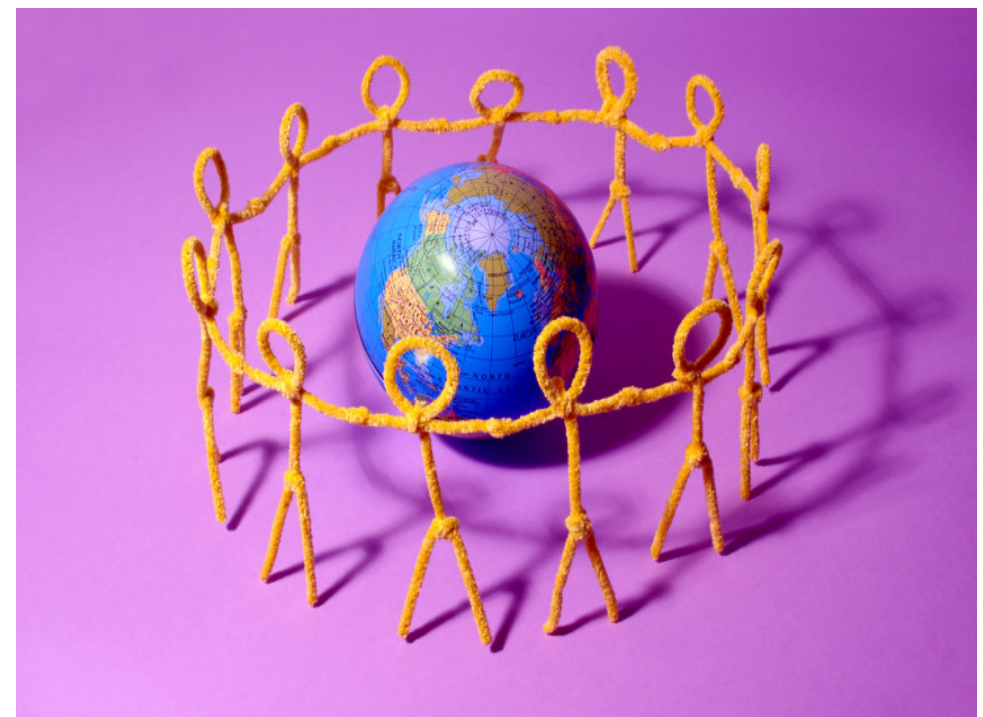
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BUILDING COMMUNITY

It's not easy to be a Christian in today's world. And it's almost impossible on one's own. But we are not alone. Christ has called us into a community. Let us reflect for a moment on the fact that we don't always speak and act in a way that builds up community.



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



27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Richard Carroll (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Carmel Balfe (1st Anniv.) & Joe Balfe (Anniv.)
10.30 am Marie Lilico (1st Anniv.) & Jack Kelly RIP
12.00 pm Joe Reilly (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday:

10.00 am: Benice Mebitaghan (Anniv.)

Tuesday: St. Bruno

10.00 am: Special Intention

Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday:

10.00 am Intentions of the Sick of the Parish

Friday: Sts. Denis & John Leonard

10.00 am Mass of Thanksgiving

Saturday:

10.00 am Fr. Tom O'Neill (Recently Deceased)

28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Harry O'Reilly (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am Fiona & Michael McCarthy (Anniv.)
12.00 pm
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

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.

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **John Fitzgerald and Lisa Martin and Gareth Bennett and Laura MacKenzie** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Training of all those who enrolled to be Altar Servers at Sunday Mass will begin this coming **Thursday, 8th October at 5pm in the church** and will continue each Thursday at the same time for the next couple of weeks. Anyone interested in becoming an Altar Server must complete an application form which are available from Fr. John.

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.

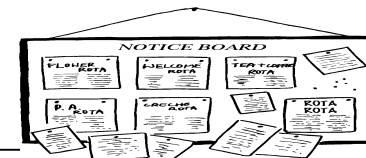
CONFESSION: the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

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

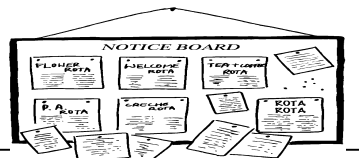
DUBLIN 15 HOSPICE: Ceremonial unveiling of a **Foundation Stone** for St. Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown by Minister Brian Lenihan, T.D. on **Monday evening 5th October at 7pm** in the **Blanchardstown Centre**, Level 2 Information Desk Area. The builders are on site. All are welcome to attend.

CHURCH CARPARK: We have a growing and ongoing problem with the church car park on a Sunday morning which needs to be addressed. More and more the car park is being used by people not attending Mass but football in the park behind the church leaving little parking for people coming to church. I am asking for some men to volunteer to man the entrance to the car park and **ensure that on a Sunday morning only Mass goers use the car park.** Please see me after Mass if you are available to provide this service.

PASTORAL CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: There is a meeting for all members on **Monday, 5th Oct. at 8pm** in the Parish Centre.



PARISH NEWS



DAY FOR LIFE—Today, 4th October—the day dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life from conception to natural death—will this year focus on suicide. Building upon last year's theme of mental health, tis year's Day for Life aims to raise awareness of the vital role to be played by families and supportive parish communities in sustaining those whom may be struggling to cope. The day also aims to help reduce the number of myths associated with mental illness, depression and suicide. It emphasises the importance of encouraging people to seek professional help if they are troubled by persistent suicidal feelings. The Catechism of the Church teaches: 'We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By way know to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives.' (n.2283)

REGISTRATION FOR 1st 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. **Parents Preparation meeting for First Holy Communion** is on **Tuesday, 6th October at 8pm** and **Confirmation** meeting is on **Wednesday, 7th October at 8pm** in the **Parish Pastoral Centre**. 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 Catholic** 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. (if applicable) and **two** current utility bills dated within 2 months of registration Week.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Youth is not a time of life, it is a state of mind.
Nobody grows old merely by living

a number of years;

people grow old only by deserting their ideals.

Worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair, these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

You are as young as your faith,
as old as your doubt;

as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

So long as your heart receives messages of beauty, cheer, courage, grandeur and power from the earth, from man, from the infinite, so long are you young.

When the heart is covered with the snow of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, than I am grown old indeed, and may you, Lord, have mercy on my soul.

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 M k 10 : 17 - 30 .**

NOVEMBER BEREAVMENT MASS : We will be celebrating a Mass on **Monday 2nd November at 7pm which is the feast of All Souls** for all those who have died this 12 months. If you would like a loved one who has died this past year remembered at this Mass please leave their name into the sacristy or see Fr. John after Mass. It is a Mass which gives thanks to God for the life of that person and also to pray for those coming to terms with the recent death of a loved one.

REMEMBERING SOULS IN NOV.: November has traditionally been a time to remember loved ones who have died. If you would like to have your loved ones prayed for during the month and on the First Friday of each month through the year **please take one of the lists and envelopes at the back of the church and return it before the 1st weekend of November.**

NEW MINISTERS OF THE WORD & EUCHARIST: A big thank you to all those who took up the invitation to become a minister of the Word or Eucharist over the last number of weeks. You will receive a letter in the coming week informing you of the dates of training and formation. If anyone is still interested in accepting this ministry please see Fr. John after Mass this weekend.