

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

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Closing Date for entries 10th March

For further enquiries contact:

Fr. John Daly: 01 8213218; Eileen Ring: 086 8041342;

Rita Tighe 087 2868065

All cheques made payable to:

St. Mochta's Parish Golf Classic

FASHION SHOW: The St. Patrick's N.S. Parents' Association are holding their second Fashion Show in aid of St. Patrick's N.S. Diswellstown in the Castleknock Hotel & Country Club on **Wednesday, 12th March at 8.30 pm**. Tickets are €30 each and are available from June Phelan Phone 087 6256666.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

2008 OVERSEAS WALKS: This year we are asking outdoor enthusiasts & walkers alike to try one of our exciting Walks in aid of The National Children's Hospital, Tallaght. Our 2008 Walks offer two very different experiences; **Trek Switzerland (7-13 July)** takes our participants through some of the most stunning glacial valleys in Europe whilst **Trek 'Little Tibet' (4-14th Oct.)** affords participants the opportunity to experience the beauty of the bamboo forests, streams and villages of the Indian Himalaya. If you are interested in participating in either of our challenges, please send an e.mail to trek@thenationalchildrenshospital.ie or call the fundraising office on 01 4142375.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS DUBLIN 15

SPORTS CLUB: The Hot Fuzz Leadership Group is entering the Blanchardstown ABC Community Awards. Their project to to promote the Dublin 15 Special Olympics Sports Club. Please see the notice board for more details.

IRISH CANCER SOCIETY—COFFEE

MORNING: A coffee morning will be held in the Clonsilla Hall on Thursday, 6th March from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. All proceeds go to the Irish Cancer Society. Please come along, we would love to see you!



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

1. Who did Jesus meet going along the road?
2. What did Jesus do for the man?
3. Why were the Jewish Leaders angry with the man?
4. Who did the man say Jesus was?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Hey, it's Mother's Day today. So don't forget to make it an extra special day for your mum today. But you should make your mum not just feel special on this day but everyday. Always remember to say thank you for all she does for you and tell her how much you love her at least once a week!!!

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown, Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 2ND MARCH, 2008

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Parish Priest : Rev. John Daly Tel: 8213218

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

Secretary: June Phelan Tel: 8213218

Sacramental Co-ordinator & Faith Development: Mary Greene Byrne

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

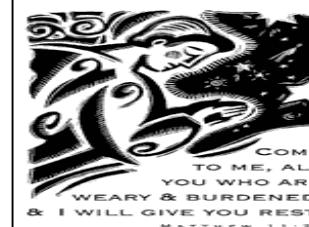
Scoil Choilm : Mrs. Treasa Lowe

Castleknock Community College: Mr. Tom O'Brien

CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



There is a frightening amount of darkness in the world today. But the Gospel of today's Mass contains the wonderful words of Christ: 'I am the light of the world'. Christ is indeed the light of the world and of our lives. Let us reflect for a moment on how much we need his light for our own lives and for the world.



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

Irene Hoey, Baby Naoise, Doreen McCabe, Sheila Doyle, Agnes Proudfoot, Deirdre Hetherington.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



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 (3rd Anniv)

12.00 pm: Christy O' Connor (1st Anniv)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: St. Kieran

10.00 am: Joseph & Agnes Murphy (Anniv.)

Tuesday: St. Casimir

10.00 am:

Wednesday: St. Kieran

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

Thursday:

10.00 am Kevin Brown (Anniv.)

Friday: Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

10.00 am Altar List of the Dead

7.00 pm Altar List of the Dead

Saturday: St. John of God

10.00am Rosita Costello (Anniv.)

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

7.00 pm: John O'Rourke (Anniv.)

8.30 am: Philomena Egan (M/M)

10.30 am: Elizabeth Farnan (1st Anniv.)

12.00 pm: Tom McInerney & Gemma McNamara (Ann)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

FRANK FAGAN RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frank who was born and reared in Porterstown and who died suddenly last Sunday. We offer our sympathy to all of his family and friends. May he rest in peace. Amen.

PADDY CALLAGHAN RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paddy who died on Monday 25th February after a long illness. After the celebration of Requiem Mass Paddy was laid to rest on Thursday in St. Mary's cemetery, Clonsilla. We offer our sympathy to his wife Kate and their children, Ciaran, Danielle, Padraig and all of the family. May he rest in peace. Amen.

FAMILY MASS MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION: We will have a special celebration this Sunday at 12 noon Mass to mark Mothering Sunday. All welcome to attend. Remember to say thank you to your mum everyday.

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. 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.

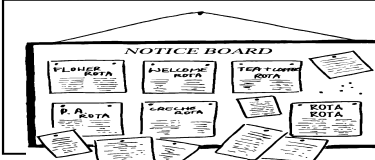


WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Stephen Marrey and Karen Noone** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

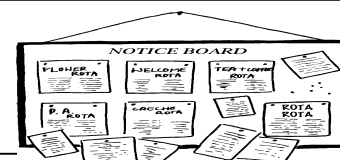
WELCOMING SUNDAY: This weekend we welcome all those who are to be baptised this coming month and introduce them to our community. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit. Anyone enquiring about baptism please take one of the leaflets from the back of the church or see Fr. John after Mass. Thank you.

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 FINANCE COMMITTEE: There is a meeting for all members of the Finance Committee this coming Monday at 8pm in the house.



PARISH NEWS



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: The Sacrament of First Penance & Reconciliation will be celebrated for **St. Patrick's School on Tuesday, 4th March** and **St. Mochta's School on Thursday, 6th March** at 8.00 pm in the Church. All family members are welcome to attend.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: Is celebrated this coming Friday and is a day when the sick and housebound are visited. Mass in the morning and evening is offered for all those whose names appear on the Altar List of the Dead.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY 15TH MARCH: Please note that because the 17th March falls on the Monday of Holy Week, the feast of St. Patrick has been switched to **Saturday 15th March**. There will be a vigil Mass on the Friday eve at 7pm with Masses on Saturday at 10am & 12 noon. There will be **NO** Mass for the feast day on the Monday.

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.

EASTER LEAFLET VOLUNTEERS: We hope to have our Easter leaflet ready for next weekend. We'd be grateful if our usual volunteers would offer their services once more. We will be also looking for new recruits for our ever expanding parish. Please see Fr. John after Mass.

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH AGM: We will hold an annual general meeting for all parishioners for the first time on **Monday 14th April**. It will be chaired by the head of our Parish Pastoral Council and will give you an opportunity to meet all the members of the council. A financial report of the parish will be given by the chair of the Finance Committee along with a report on our new Pastoral Centre and parish development for the coming twelve months. This meeting is open to all parishioners and will be held in the church at 8pm. Mark the date in your diary.

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.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

One night a few years ago there was a total eclipse of the moon.

Everybody was talking about it.

Man stayed up till the small hours

in the hope of witnessing it.

I asked myself:

'Why all this interest in the moon, simply because it is disappearing?'

I was convinced that most of those people

wouldn't see a full moon in the sky,

much less stop to admire it.

It brought to mind the words of Emerson:

'The fool wonders at the unusual;

The wise person wonders at the usual'.

A TRANSPARENT LIFE: "You are as sick as your sickest secret!" That's an truism popular among people in 12-step programmes. They know that until one faces oneself, in searing honesty, before another human being and there acknowledges openly his or her sins, there will always be addictions, rationalisation, and lack of transparency. This is a pivotal and non-negotiable step in every 12-step programme. The Church has always had its own version of this step. We call it confession, the sacrament of reconciliation. Fewer people are going to confession these days. This is an unfortunate development because private confession is one of the pillars of the spiritual life. At a certain point in one's growth, there is no progress without it. The critics of the sacrament of reconciliation are right in saying that God is not tied to one vehicle as an avenue for the forgiveness of sins. They are wrong, however, when they denigrate the importance of a good private confession. Simply put, confession is the sacrament of the mature and one grows mature by confessing one's sins. One may not need to confess one's sins explicitly to another human being in order to have them forgiven. But one does have to confess them explicitly if he or she hope to live a transparent life, free of dark skeletons in the closet, and to make progress in the spiritual 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 11:1-45.**