

## ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

**FASHION SHOW FOR RESPECT** in association with Mount Sackville Secondary School on **Wed. 29th April at 8pm** in Westmanstown Sports & Leisure Centre. Clothes from local and Respect shops. Tickets €10 available from Liam Walsh 01 8245420.

**PHOENIX-TARA TOASTMASTERS** meet every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month in Dunboyne Castle Hotel from 7.45 pm to 10.15 pm. Next meeting, **Monday 27th April**. All adults welcome. Free to visitors and guests so just come along on the night. Further information please email [tony4advice@gmail.com](mailto:tony4advice@gmail.com).

### **PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:**

A group from the parish will be heading to Lourdes on pilgrimage this coming Summer. They will journey to Lourdes on Tuesday, **18th August** for five days. If you would like to be part of this group please book your seat as soon as possible. For more details please contact Joan Cahill on 087-6262008.

### **DUBLIN-PARIS CYCLE CHALLENGE IN AID OF THE IRISH HOSPICE FOUNDATION:**

Church Gate Collection **this Sunday, 19th April**. On 19th July a group of 115 (approx.) cyclists, of whom I am one, will leave Dublin for Paris to raise money for the Irish Hospice Foundation covering over 500 km in 5 days. I have chosen this Charity as it is a non-profit organisation which provides a vital service to the community. I am covering all expenses for this trip myself and that all monies donated will go directly the Hospice Foundation. I thank you for your support. Mary Shanahan, Parishioner.

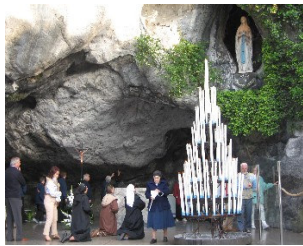
**KNOCK SUMMER CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL:** "You are the Light of the world" from **23rd-26th July** at Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo. Strictly 18-35 yrs—€70/Free Buses. Further information phone 094 9375035 or see the notice board at the back of the church.

**PARENT & TODDLER GROUP:** The Parent and Toddler Group in St. Mochta's Parish Pastoral Centre will resume **next Tuesday, 21st April** from 9.40 am to 11.40 am. On **21st April** Olivia Leonard from **The Little Gym** (Liffey Valley) will give a talk (and demonstration) on the various programmes they run for babies to toddlers. Everyone welcome! From Baby to School Going Age. Cost €3 per adult and 50c per child. For further information email [mary-oriordan@hotmail.com](mailto:mary-oriordan@hotmail.com) or call into the Parish Office between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm.

**YOGA CLASSES:** Jakki's Yoga Classes recommence in the Parish Centre on **Thur. morning 23rd April at 11 am and Tues. evening 28th April at 8pm**. Yoga is for everyone regardless to age and fitness level. Classes run for 1 1/2 Hrs. over 8 weeks and cost €105. If you are interested in joining or to book your place please contact Jakki at **086 0792469**.

**THE CARERS ASSOCIATION:** Family Carers Support Group Blanchardstown—Next support group meeting **Tues. 21st April** from **11 am to 12.30 pm** in Blanchardstown Carers Resource Centre, Main St. Blanchardstown. All family carers welcome. Phone Judith or Michelle at 01 8119555 for more information.

**COOLMINE MUSICAL SOCIETY** presents Just Cole Crazy **next Sat. 25th April at 8 pm** in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown. All your favourite **Cole Porter Songs**. Admission €15. Tickets available at the Hotel Reception or call to reserve at 086 8443420.



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

1. Why did Thomas not believe?
2. What did he say he must do?
3. Why did he come to believe?
4. What did Jesus say to him?

**TASK FOR THE WEEK:** Well, I hope you enjoyed the Easter holidays wherever you spent them. It's back to school now and it will be a special time for a lot of our boys and girls. We have about 160 boys & girls making their 1st Holy Communion in May and about 95 being confirmed by the bishop at the end of May. Please do keep them in your prayers over the next couple of weeks.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

# ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

**PARISH NEWSLETTER 19TH APRIL 2009**

**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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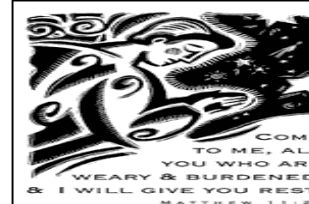
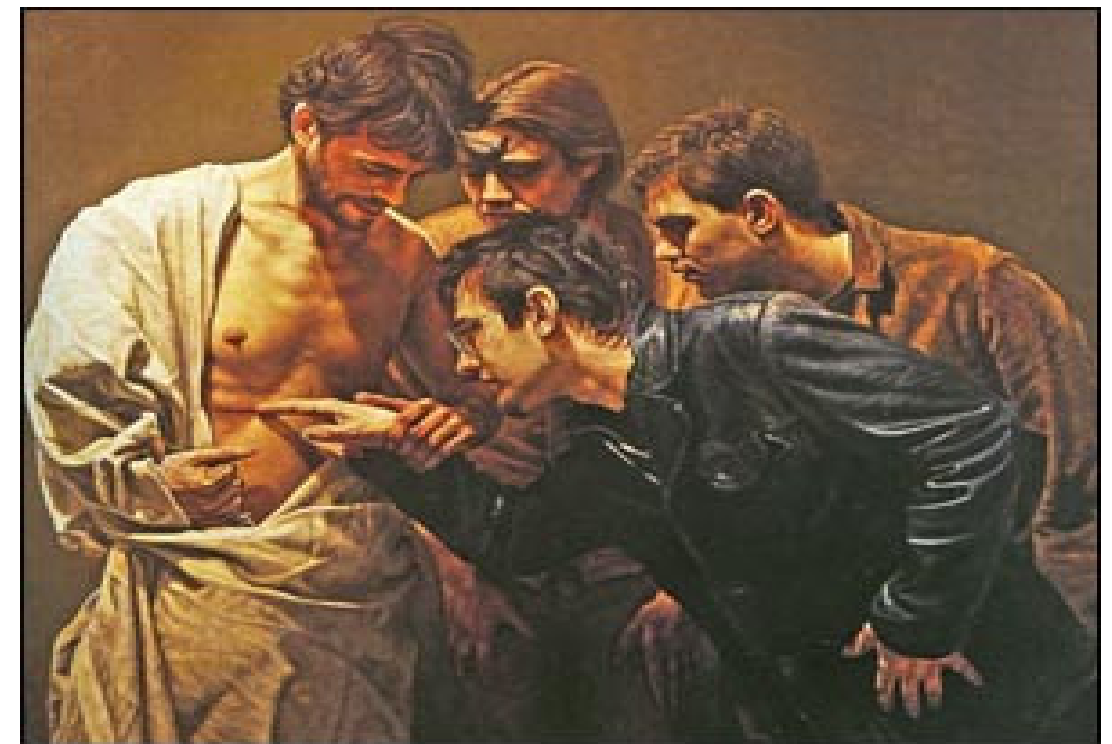
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**In today's Gospel we meet Doubting Thomas. Each of us has something in common with Doubting Thomas, because at times we too are troubled by doubts. Instead of denying our doubts, let us bring them to the Lord.**



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

**Joan Allen, Padraig Byrne, Sarah Harris, Mary Rodgers, Miriam Soughley, Ruth Dayman, Joseph O' Connor, Liam Silcock, Gillian Dowling, Michael Daly**



## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: Margaret & Patrick Sharkey (Anniv.)

8.30 am: Martin Crotty M/M

10.30 am Mary (May) Kelly (Anniv.)

12.00 pm Tom Davis (Anniv.)

**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

### Easter Monday:

10.00 am: Bernice Mebitaghan (Birthday Remb)

**Easter Tuesday: St. Anselm**

10.00 am: Intentions of Sick of the Parish

**Easter Wednesday:**

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

**Easter Thursday: St. George**

10.00 am

**Easter Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

10.00 am Special Intentions

**Easter Saturday: St. Mark, Evangelist**

10.00 am Louis Kelly M/M

### 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: Mary Caffrey (M/M)

8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish

10.30 am Anthony Mullen (Anniv.)

12.00 pm

**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

**NEW CHRISTIANS:** We welcome **Finn, Glenn and Camden** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit in the years ahead. Anyone enquiring about baptism please take one of the leaflets from the back of the church or see Fr. John after Sunday mass.



**COOMBE HOSPITAL:** A Memorial Service for Parents whose babies have died within the last year, before or around the time of birth will be held in the Church of Our Lady of Dolours, Dolphin's Barn next **Sunday, 26th April at 3 pm**. Refreshments will be served after the service. All are welcome to attend.

## 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 new 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.

### PARISH HELPERS THANK YOU

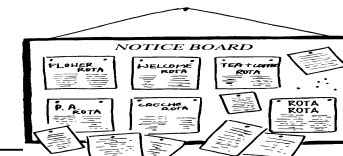
**NIGHT:** Our annual night to say thank you for all those who are actively involved in our parish takes place on **Friday 24th April** in our Parish Centre from 8pm till late. Those who have yet to reply to their invitation please kindly do so before Wednesday 22nd April if possible. We look forward to seeing you there on the night.

**LOUGH DERG SEASON BEGINS :** The famous pilgrimage site will open its doors again on 1st June. Last year a group of 15 of us headed off to do the three day pilgrimage and had a wonderful experience. It would be to double the numbers going this coming summer. The date will be fixed over the next couple of weeks so watch this space. If you want to spend a weekend in prayer, with little sleep, no shoes, no food etc. this is the place for you!!!

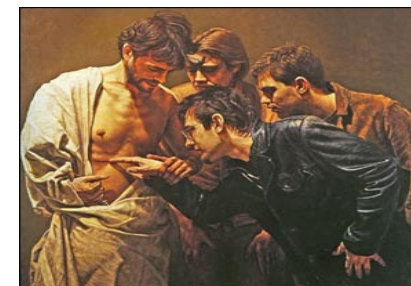
**NEW CHURCH SIGNS:** I hope you like the new signage for both the church and our Parish Centre which was put in place this past week.



# PARISH NEWS



**DOUBTING THOMAS:** Thomas is a doubter, the doubter—the doubter's patron saint. His name comes conjoined, hip to bone with that unshakable epithet: **Doubting Thomas**. And who can fault Thomas for his own refusal? After all, though Jesus had foretold his resurrection, look who attests to it: "the other disciples." That means the likes of Peter, James, John. Thomas has seen too much fickleness in those men. Peter? He's an unstable mix of headlong rashness and fleet-footed cowardice. He dashes into things, then thrashes his way out of them. He's the one who says yes and means no. James, John? They're filled with hot-tempered brashness—wanting to call down fire on hapless Samaritan villages—and petty rivalry, spatting over who gets to sit next to Jesus in heaven. Here are Peter, James, John, words tumbling out, jumbled up, in a breathless welter of half-baked testimony: *Jesus is alive! Alive! We've seen him ourselves!* Thomas was a true skeptic. He doubted, not to excuse his unbelief, but to establish robust belief. He doubted so that his belief might be based on something more than rumour and wishful thinking. But doubt has its limits. It can be faith's tonic, a cleansing and invigorating force. But doubt can quickly turn corrosive or cancerous. It can become a way of holding God for ransom. Our lives can degenerate into a fruitless and futile round of "Unless I see, unless I touch, unless I have the experience, I will not believe." Indulged too long, doubt becomes just a game. Doubt, when honest, should set us on a quest for that which is true, real, that for which we can give not only our intellectual assent but, even more, that to which we can entrust our very lives. Thomas's doubt led to this place. Jesus shows his wounds to Thomas, tells Thomas to see, to touch. He sees, but he doesn't touch. He knows when enough is enough. And here is the real sign that Thomas is not some poseur, some mere academic trend-chaser: his seeing gives way, not just to belief, but to worship: "My Lord and my God!"



### WEEKLY REFLECTION

Some people think that if you have enough faith life will be plain sailing for you.

But this is not so.

The fact that we can swim doesn't prevent us from being knocked about the waves. In the same way faith doesn't shield us from the hard knocks of life or death.

What, then, does faith do?

It gives us bearings and thus enables us to live in a topsy-turvy world without giving in to despair.

Just as swimmers trust that if they don't panic, and if they do a few simple things, then the power of the sea will uphold them, so believers entrust their lives to a power greater than themselves,

a power great than us all.

This power is the power of God, who brought his Son, Jesus, back from the dead.

**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 Lk 24:35-48**

**TROCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2009:** If you took a box from the church for use in your home over Lent please do return them to the sacristy over the next couple of weeks. We will count the money and forward it to Trocaire. Alternatively, you can put a donation in one of the Trocaire envelopes at the back of the church, pop it in the Easter Offering box and we can forward it for you or you can forward your donation to Trocaire directly. Thank you.

**1ST COMMUNION MEETING:** The final Parents meeting in preparation for First Holy Communion is being held **next Tuesday 21st April** in the Parish Pastoral Centre at **8pm**. At least one parent/guardian must attend this meeting. Thank you

