

## ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

**CROSSCARE BLANCHARDSTOWN** offers the following services: **Information Clinic** every Monday (excl Bank holidays) from 2pm to 4pm. **Information Evening for Parents**—If you are caring for a child with a special need, a disability or a long term illness we offer you a chance to meet other parents for a break and a chat. Information night **next Thursday, 12th March 7.30 pm** in Crosscare Blanchardstown. **ASIST—Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training 24th to 25th March**—A two day skills building workshop in suicide first aid suitable for all kinds of caregivers, professional workers, volunteers, people responding to family, friends and co-workers. Hosted by Dochas Blanchardstown at Crosscare Blanchardstown. **Migrant Project**—'Walk In' information and advocacy clinic on immigration, emigration and return migration matters. Free service, no appointment necessary. **Housing & Welfare information.** 'Walk In' information on homelessness services & housing options, etc. Free service, no appointment necessary. **Let's Dance**—Every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm—Dance-Meditation-de-stress session. For more information please see the notice board at the back of the Church or contact Jean Martin, Area Coordinator on 01 8219892 or [jmartin@crosscare.ie](mailto:jmartin@crosscare.ie).

**PARENT & TODDLER GROUP:** A new Parent and Toddler Group will be starting in St. Mochta's Parish Pastoral Centre next **Tuesday, 3rd March, 2009.** It will run on Tuesday mornings from **9.40 am to 11.40 am.** Cost: €2 per adult and 50c per child. Everyone welcome! From Baby to School Going Age. 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—Mon-Fri.

**NEW VOLUNTEER ROSTERS** for Coffee Dock/Reception are available in the Sacristy and Parish Office. Thank you.

**ACCORD:** urgently needs men and women to deliver our Marriage Preparation Courses. We would like to be able to offer a Marriage Preparation course to all couples who approach us. Unfortunately we can only meet half of the number of couples marrying in the Archdiocese. Perhaps you are interested or know someone who might be suitable for this work. **Information Evening on Tuesday, 31st March, 2009 at 8 pm** in ACCORD, 39 Harcourt St., Dublin 2. Further information may be obtained by phoning Mary at 01 4784400 or email [marriagepreparation@dublin.accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@dublin.accord.ie)

**CASTLEKNOCK GAA: Annual Club Mass** takes place in St. Mochta's Church, Porterstown next **Saturday, 14th March at 7 pm.**

**ST. MOCHTA'S ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB:** Our club academy for players from **5 to 8 years of age** runs **every Saturday from 10.30 am to 11.30 am.** Coaching is provided by **FAI qualified trainers** in a professional and safe environment. All children are welcome, boys and girls, no matter what their level of ability. Cost: €3.00 per session. Please come along this and every Saturday to St. Mochta's F.C., Porterstown Road (Beside Scoil Choilm). For more information please see the notice board.



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

1. Who went up the mountain with Jesus?
2. Who appeared to them on the mountain?
3. Why were the disciples afraid?
4. What did God say about Jesus?



**TASK FOR THE WEEK:** : It was not just Jesus who was tempted. We are always being tempted too. It can be hard to resist when we try to do it on our own. Each time Jesus was tempted he turned to God for help. That's why saying our prayers is so important. It is how to turn to God and ask for his help. We should pray especially when we feel tempted to do something wrong. God' will be our help and our strength.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

# ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

**PARISH NEWSLETTER 8TH MARCH 2009**

**2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Parish Priest :** Rev. John Daly Tel: 8213218

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**Parish Web Address:** [www.stmochtasparish.ie](http://www.stmochtasparish.ie)

### THE TRANSFIGURATION

Each year on the second Sunday of Lent the Church puts before us the transfiguration of Jesus. His face shone and his clothes became dazzlingly white.

We too experience transfiguration.

Virtue transfigures us. But sin disfigures us.

Let us turn to the Lord for the help we need

so that we can transfigure our lives

by the practice of virtue.



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

**Bridget Matthews, Joan Allen, Pdraig Byrne, Sarah Harris, Mary Rodgers, Miriam Soughley, Baby Reiltin, Martin Crotty, Ruth Dayman, Joseph O' Connor**

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

7.00 pm: Rose Creaner (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Nuala Langley R.I.P.  
10.30 am Elizabeth Farnan (2nd Anniv.)  
12.00 pm Christy O'Connor (Anniv.)

**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

**Monday: St. Frances of Rome**

10.00 am: Peggy McKeown R.I.P.

**Tuesday:**

10.00 am: Lucy Reilly R.I.P.

**Wednesday:**

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

**Thursday:**

10.00 am Richard Kinsella (Anniv.)

**Friday:**

10.00 am Special Intention

**Saturday:**

10.00 am: Dorothy Mohan

### 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

7.00 pm: Castleknock GAA Club  
8.30 am: Ellen Tobin & Ellen Moran  
10.30 am Intentions of the Parish  
12.00 pm Anne Doolan (18th Anniv.)

**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

**NEW CHRISTIANS:** We welcome **Eoin, Thomas, Darragh and Aoife** 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.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** meeting takes place this coming **Monday 9th March at 8.00pm** in the Parish Centre. All members are asked to attend.

**SVP CHURCH GATE COLLECTION:**

The St. Vindent de Paul collection for March takes place after each Mass this weekend. Last months collection amounted to **€890** for which St. Mochta's Conference members are most grateful. New members to the conference are always welcome. They meet each Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

## 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.

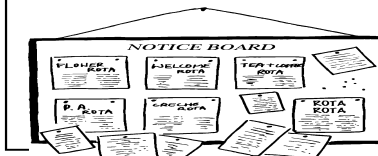
**CONFESSION:** the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

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

**BABY ROBYN RIP:** Please pray for the parents of Baby Robyn, Jacqueline and Bruce, who are coming to terms with the loss of their still born baby. Baby Robyn will be laid to rest in the Holy Angels plot in Glasnevin this coming week.

**COMMISSIONING OF FAITH FRIENDS:** We have twenty people being commissioned this weekend as 'Faith Friends' for those preparing for Confirmation this coming May. They will be faith companions during the months of March & April with our candidates for Confirmation. We thank them for giving of their time and sharing their faith with younger members of our parish.

**LENTEN MEDITATION GROUP:** If anyone is interested in joining a small meditation group for the period of Lent which will spend some time praying with the scriptures and in silence with the Lord. Please see Fr. John after Mass for more details. Again it offers us an opportunity to use Lent as a time to renew our relationship with God.



# PARISH NEWS



### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO 'REPENT'?

"Repent and believe in the good news!" These are the first words out of Jesus' mouth in Mark's Gospel and they are meant as a summary of the entire gospel. But what do these words mean? In English, the word "repent" is often misunderstood. It seems to imply that we have already done something wrong, regret it and now commit ourselves to live in a new way. Repentance, understood in this way, mean to live beyond a sinful past. Biblically, this is not quite what is meant. In the gospels, the particular word used for repentance is **metanoia**. This mean to do an about-face, to turn around, to face in an entirely new direction. It means to move beyond our present mindset, beyond our present way of seeing things. It is interesting to consider the many miracles of Jesus are connected to opening up or otherwise healing someone's eyes, ears, or tongue. Eyes are opened in order to see more deeply and spiritually; ears are opened in order to hear things more compassionately; and tongues are loosened in order to praise God more freely and to speak words of reconciliation and love to each other. To repent is to allow God to open our minds and heal us so that indeed we can turn and face in a completely new direction.

**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 2:13-25.**

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Please pray for all our boys and girls who will be celebrating the sacrament of God's forgiveness for the first time this coming week. This is a big moment in their lives and we pray that it will be a healing and enlightening moment for them as they receive God's forgiveness and love in their lives. St. Patrick's school celebrate the sacrament on Tuesday at 7pm with St. Mochta's on Thursday at 7pm.

**CHILD PROTECTION POLICY:** St. Mochta's Parish Child Protection Policy is on display at the back of the Church and in the Parish Centre. It is also available on our website. There is a meeting for all those working with children in our parish to begin Garda Vetting Procedures on **Thursday 19th March at 7.30pm and Saturday 21st March at 11am.** All concerned are asked to attend on one of those dates.

### WEEKLY REFLECTION

Jesus often went into the hills to pray.

He preached his most famous sermon from a hilltop.

He was transfigured on Mount Tabor, died on Mount Calvary, and ascended to heaven from Mount Olivet. It seems that he loved hills and mountains. Why was this? Was it because he grew up among the hills of Galilee?

Or was it because heights enlarge our vision and cause our spirit to soar? Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further.

Strengthen our faith that we may see beyond the horizon.

And when the valley closes us in, help us to remember the view from the hilltop.

### JESUS' TRANSFIGURATION

The account of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ as recorded here in Mark is a demonstration to three witnesses that Jesus Christ was who He claimed to be. In all three accounts of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ, we are given the names of the three disciples who accompanied Jesus and who stood as human witnesses to the glory that was Christ's. There were also three heavenly witnesses, Moses, Elijah, and the voice of God from heaven. Therefore, the Old Testament law of three witnesses required to attest to any fact was satisfied both in earth and in heaven. Therefore, the transfiguration of Jesus Christ was a unique display of His divine character and a glimpse of the glory, which Jesus had before He came to earth in human form. This truth is emphasized for us in a passage in the Apostle Paul's letter to Phillippi. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"