

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

We are trying to organise a 5 day pilgrimage to Lourdes beginning Friday 2nd September. We will be staying at the Hotel Solitude (full board). The cost is €715. If you are interested please leave your **name** in the sacristy after Mass **this week**.

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC :

Its time to dust down the golf bag and get that swing going for the fast approaching Spring. This year our Parish Golf Classic will be held on **Thursday 24th March** in the magnificent Luttrellstown Castle Golf & Country Club. If its anything like our previous Classics it will be a wonderful day. Our entry form and sponsorship forms will be available at the back of the church. Thank you for your support. All of the proceeds this year will be going to support the repayments on our beautiful Parish Centre. For further enquiries contact: Fr. John Daly: 01-8213218; Eileen Ring: 086 8041342; Rita Tighe 087 2868065

CROSSCARE: Parents of Suicide Ireland (PSI) Bereavement Support Group—This group is for parents of those who have died by suicide. It takes place in Crosscare on **30th March** from **7.30pm to 9pm** on the **last Wednesday** of each month—all parents welcome. Call Rosaleen on 085 1285352. This is an initiative of Suicide Awareness Dublin 15—Phone 085 8182090. For more information on services available in Crosscare Blanchardstown, please see the noticeboard at the back of the church or visit www.crosscare.ie.

CARERS ASSOCIATION: One Day Stress Management Course on Friday **25th March** for Family Carers in Blanchardstown Village. €10 donation includes light lunch. For application form and more details on the above courses please phone 01 8119555 or email carersblanchardstown@carersireland.com

THANK YOU FOR GENEROSITY: Last week's church gate collection raised **€888.81** was for cystic fibrosis. It's absolutely brilliant and incredibly humbling to see such generosity at first hand. I can guarantee that it will be put to really good use. (Mark Duggan)

IRISH CANCER SOCIETY—COFFEE MORNING:

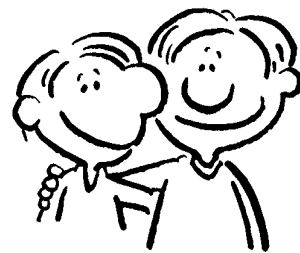
A coffee morning will be held in our Parish Pastoral Centre on **Friday, 25th March** from **10.30am to 1pm**. All proceeds will go to the Irish Cancer Society. Please come along, we would love to see you!



YOGA CLASSES—Beginners & Improvers every **Tuesday** from **8pm to 9.30pm** (6 weeks) Cost €80. Next term starts on **Tuesday, 22nd March**. To book your place, please contact Jakki Reid (yti dip) on 086 0792469.

ST. MOCHTA'S WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER:

St. Mochta's Parish WYD Fundraising committee are holding a **Table Quiz** on **Monday 11th April** at **8pm** in **Castleknock Golf Club** (beside Hotel). €10 per person, 4 per team. Six young people from our Parish will attend WYD in Madrid on 15th August, 2011.....



LUTTRELLSTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE is holding an **Information Evening** for prospective Parents, Students and anyone in the Dublin 15 Community who wishes to find out more about our college, our subjects, our teachers and our vision for the future of the college on **Wednesday, 23rd March** at **7.30pm** in the **Castleknock Hotel**, Luttrellstown Road.

KIDS CORNER: Having listened to the Gospel, please 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 20TH MARCH 2011

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Parish Finance Committee: Chairperson John Sherwood

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Parish Web Address: www.stmochtasparish.ie

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

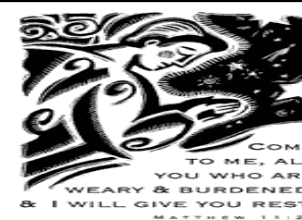
THE TRANSFIGURATION

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:

Ellen Spring, Baby James Patrick, Nessa Cahill, Carmel Brady, Fr. Andy McNally, Florence Ahmed and Tony Clayton.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

7.00 pm Martin Crotty (2nd Anniv.)
8.30 am Molly McCoy (Anniv.)
10.30 am Eileen Daly (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Bill Gaughan M/M

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: St. Enda

10.00 am Int of the Gaughan Family

Tuesday:

10.00 am: Int. of Fr. Andy McNally (ill)

Wednesday:

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday: St. MaCartan

10.00 am Special Intention

Friday The Annunciation of the Lord

10.00 am Int of Expectant Mothers

Saturday:

10.00 am Int of the Sick of the Parish

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

7.00 pm Charlie Hynes (Anniv.)
8.30 am Intentions of the Pope
10.30 am Mary Caffrey (2nd Anniv.)
12.00 pm Johnny Flanagan (Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH MONTHLY FINANCE

JANUARY 2011

INCOME

Monthly Parish Offering Contributions €13,620

*(305 regular contributors and a few donations)

Receipts from Shrines and Weddings € 3,704

Total income for January €17,324

EXPENDITURE

Pastoral Expenses, Utilities, Wages etc € 9,205

Monthly repayment on Parish Loan € 0,000

Total expenditure for January € 9,205

Balance: Surplus of € 8,119

WHAT IS THE PARISH OFFERING? The Parish receives **NO** income from the two Sunday Collections. The only regular income the parish receives is from the **Parish Offering**. We have about 5,000 homes in the parish but as you can see only **305** homes contributed to the Parish Offering in January. You can contribute to the **Parish Offering** by Standing Order or Cheque/Cash Donation. These forms are available from the back of the Church or Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support. **John Sherwood Chair of Finance Committee**

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 also be 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? 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.**

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.

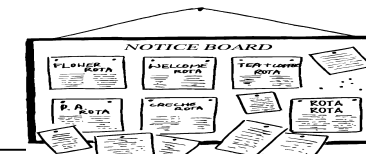


NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Donnacha, Kayla, Thomas and Ryan** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May they continue to grown strong in body, mind and spirit. Anyone enquiring about baptism please take one of the leaflets from the back of the church or see Fr. John after Sunday Mass.

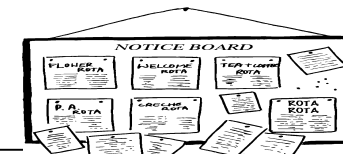
PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting takes place this coming **Monday 21th March at 8.00pm** in the Parish Pastoral Centre. All members are asked to attend.

SVP CHURCH GATE COLLECTION: The monthly collection for the St. Vincent de Paul takes place this weekend, **19th/20th March**. Last month's collection raised **€1,052.18** for which the Conference is most grateful. Thank you for your continued support and help.

LEGION OF MARY: Night Vigil Knock Shrine—Feast of the Annunciation. Bus leaves Blanchardstown at **5.30pm** on **Thurs. 24th March**, returning 9am on Fri. 25th March. Intention: Our Youth, Our Church, Our Country. To book a place please phone Michael 01 8217356 / 086 8650708.



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ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

We are continuing our series of talks “**The Lord be With You**” during Lent in our Parish Centre on the **24th & 31st March** and **7th April** from **8pm to 9.30pm**. These talks focus on deepening our understanding of Mass as part of our preparation for the **50th International Eucharistic Congress in 2012** here in Dublin. The evenings will be facilitated by Colette Furlong who is Faith Development Officer for the Eucharistic Congress. These evenings will give us a chance to grow in the faith and in our love of God



TOWARDS HEALING AND RENEWAL:

The first anniversary of the publication of the *Pastoral Letter of Pope Benedict XVI to the Catholics of Ireland* occurs on 19 March 2010. To mark this first anniversary the Irish bishops have published the pastoral response *Towards Healing and Renewal*. This outlines different undertakings that the bishops are making on the journey emphasised by the survivors of abuse. These steps include **Prayer for the Survivors** of Abuse, including a commitment on the part of bishops to dedicate each First Friday to prayer and fasting in reparation for abuse and the failure to address it adequately; **A commitment to listening** with sensitivity and care to the experiences of those who suffered abuse; **spiritual support** to survivors of abuse who wish to avail themselves of it, including the opportunity for spiritual direction; ongoing commitment to **creating a safer future for children** in the Church in accordance with *Safeguarding Children*; a **review** of Dioceses, Religious Congregations and Societies by the National Board for Safeguarding Children; **continued financial support for the work of safeguarding** and care. Copies of the letter are available from the back of the church or on the diocesan website: www.dublindiocese.ie

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

will be available to meet with anyone suffering a loss through bereavement or separation of any kind between **8.00pm & 9.00pm** on **Monday 28th March** in the Pastoral Centre. It may not be a recent loss or bereavement. It does not matter how old the grief is, all are welcome. This is a strictly confidential service—no appointment necessary. One to one support is also available by contacting a member of the group on 086 2479216 or through the Parish Office.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

The Gospels show clearly that Peter was a man of action; he always needed to be doing something. So on Mount Tabor, instead of contemplating in silence and wonder the glory of his Lord, he wanted to build three tents. There is a time for stillness, for contemplation, for wonder, for adoration in the presence of God. A time to heed the words of the psalmist: ‘Be still, and know that I am God,’ Sometimes we are too busy. We would be better to be silent, to be listening, to be wondering, to be adoring in the presence of God.

SCRIPTURE READING: Each week we suggest a piece of Scripture to use in 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 passage is Jn 4:5-42**

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.