

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE—WHAT'S ON:

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP every Tuesday from 9.45am and 11.45am.

JUNIOR PLAYERS CLUB every Tuesday from 3pm to 5pm www.juniorplayersclub.ie

YOGA CLASSES every Tuesday—6.45pm Yoga for Pregnancy and 8.30pm General Class. New term starting Tuesday, 20th April.

PARENT & INFANT GROUP (Babies up to one year only) every Wednesday from 10.15am to 12.15pm.

UNISLIM every Wednesday from 7pm.

SMYG 1st & 3rd Friday of the month at 7.30pm

For more information please see our website

www.stmochtasparish.ie

EASTER LEAFLET VOLUNTEERS:

We would like to thank all our volunteers for their work in delivering the Easter cards. Your help and time is invaluable with this project each year.



CENTRE VOLUNTEERS: The new roster for the Coffee Dock and Reception is available in the Sacristy for collection. Thank you.

CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE 2010:

Theme "The hope that never disappointed was Jesus Christ" Benedict XVI—takes place in All Hallows College, Drumcondra on **12th/13th June**. For info. catholicyouthconference@gmail.com

JAKKI'S YOGA CLASSES: New **Yoga for Pregnancy Class** starting **Tuesday, 20th April** at **6.45pm** in the Parish Pastoral Centre. 1 1/2 hr class over 8 weeks (from 2nd Trimester) €100. **General Class** (Beginners & Improvers) - **new term starting Tuesday, 20th April** at **8pm**. 1 1/2 hr class over 8 weeks €100. For more information or to book your place, please contact Jakki Reid (yti dip) on 086 0792469.

CASTLEKNOCK H&FC: Table Quiz on Mon. **12th April** in aid of our boys & girls Feile Teams at 9pm in The Carpenter Pub. €40 per table (of 4).

Prayer for the Church in Ireland

God of our fathers, renew us in the faith which is our life and salvation, the hope which promises forgiveness and interior renewal, the charity which purifies and opens our hearts to love you, and in you, each of our brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus Christ, may the Church in Ireland renew her age-old commitment to the education of our young people in the way of truth and goodness, holiness and generous service to society.

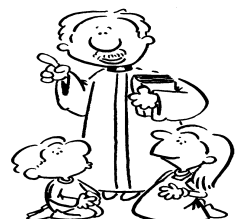
Holy Spirit, comforter, advocate and guide, inspire a new springtime of holiness and apostolic zeal for the Church in Ireland.

May our sorrow and our tears, our sincere effort to redress past wrongs, and our firm purpose of amendment bear an abundant harvest of grace for the deepening of the faith in our families, parishes, schools and communities, for the spiritual progress of Irish society, and the growth of charity, justice, joy and peace within the whole human family.

To you, Triune God, confident in the loving protection of Mary, Queen of Ireland, our Mother, and of Saint Patrick, Saint Brigid and all the saints, do we entrust ourselves, our children, and the needs of the Church in Ireland.

Amen

We are asked to make this our prayer throughout the year.



KIDS CORNER: Having listened to the readings see if you can answer the following questions:

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 is back to school now and it will be a special time for a lot of our boys and girls. We have about 165 boys & girls making their 1st Holy Communion in May and about 126 being confirmed 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 11TH APRIL 2010

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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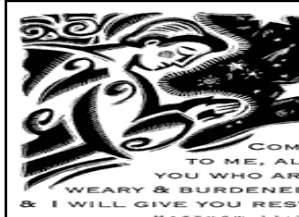
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In today's Gospel we meet Doubting Thomas. Each of us has something in common with Doubting Thomas, because at times we too are troubled by doubts. Instead of denying our doubts, let us bring them to the Lord.



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

Sarah Harris, Chris Bruton, Liam Silcock, Baby Grace McCann, Allsún Henderson, Ena Kelly, Brian Lenihan, Ellen Spring.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: Tom Leonard (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Sick of the Parish
10.30 am Molly McCoy & Tom Davis (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Jack & Marie Kelly (Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Tuesday St. Martin I

10.00 am: Special Intention

Wednesday

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday

10.00 am

Friday St. Bernadette Soubirous

10.00 am

Saturday:

10.00 am Paud Byrne (Recently Deceased)

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: Margaret & Patrick Sharkey (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am Séamus McCann (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Anne Doolan (19th Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH MONTHLY FINANCE FEBRUARY 2010

INCOME

Monthly Parish Offering Contributions € 8,723.00

*(260 regular contributors and a few donations)

Receipts from Shrines and Weddings € 4,485.00

Total income for February €13,171.00

EXPENDITURE

Pastoral Expenses, Utilities, Wages etc €10,881.00

Monthly repayment on Parish Loa € 5,544.00

Total expenditure for February €16,425.00

Balance: Deficit of (€ 3,254.00)

*(240 SO's, 20 envelopes and cheque donations)

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 **260** homes contributed to the Parish Offering in February. 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.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW

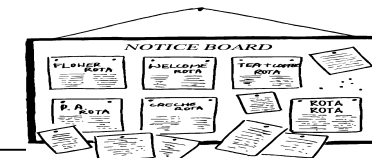
CHRISTIAN: We welcome **Scott, Patrick, Aisling and Olli** who will join our community through the waters of Baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit.

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Aidan O'Kelly and Aoife Clarke, George Eyres and Laura Walsh and John O'Donovan and Aideen Scannell** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

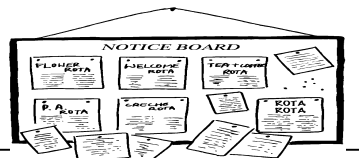


PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING: There is a Parish Pastoral Council Committee meeting on **Monday, 12th April at 8pm** in the Parish Centre. All members are asked to attend.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: There will be a Parish Finance Committee meeting next **Monday, 19th April at 8pm** in the Parish Pastoral Centre. All members are asked to attend.



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, spitting 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!"

ADVOCATE SUNDAY: The Sunshine Fund would like to thank most sincerely the congregation of this parish for their generous contribution of **€1,268.49** on Palm Sunday last. This will be used exclusively for the use of the children attending Sunshine House this coming holiday season.

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 Jn 21:1-19.**

TROCAIRE BOXES: 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 forward your donation to Trocaire directly. Thank you.

PARENTS PREPARATION MEETING HOLY COMMUNION:

The final Meeting for parents of children preparing for First Holy Communion will take place in St Mochta's Parish Centre **this Tuesday 13th April 2010 at 8pm**. This meeting looks at the **preparation for the communion ceremony** which will take place on **May 8th for St Patrick's NS** and **May 15th for St Mochta's NS**. At least one parent should attend this meeting. If you cannot attend please contact the Parish office directly at (01) 8213218.

HELPERS THANK YOU NIGHT: Our annual night to say thank you for all those who are actively involved in our parish takes place on Fri. **23rd April** from **8pm** till late. Please mark this date in your diary. Invitations will be mailed to everyone over the coming week and we would be grateful if you could RSVP as soon as possible please.

