

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

TAX RELIEF ON DONATIONS: The tax relief claim to Revenue for donations received in 2007 has to be on its way shortly. The tax relief applies to total annual parishioner donations of €250 or more. The Parish Office has written to all those concerned and most have completed and returned the necessary claim form (CHY2) to the Parish Office. If you have not returned the form, please "dig it out" and send it back to the Parish Office in the coming week so that you can be included in the parish claim to Revenue.

QUIZ-ZA-THON: Are you a Quiz Whizz? If so, sign up to **host a Quiz-ZA-Thon** during the month of **November, 2008** and help raise funds for **The National Children's Hospital, Tallaght**. We will send you out everything you need to run your very own Quiz-ZA-Thon including quiz questions, answer sheets, posters, balloons, a quizmasters t-shirt and more. You can sign up today by calling 01 4142375, or email quiz@thenationalchildrenshospital.ie

NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL: It was finally announced this week that the Porterstown/Clonsilla area will have a new VEC School for September, 2009. It will be called Luttrellstown Community College. A big thanks to all who worked on the project and lobbied over the years to make this new school a reality. A special thanks has to go to **Ciaran O'Neill** for his untiring and selfless work on this project. A huge debt is owed to him by all of the community.

EMMAUS: Emmaus are holding a number of workshops in their Retreat & Conference Centre in Swords next month. **2nd November**—A Day of Prayer for Healing, **8th November**—Companioning the Bereaved, **9th November**—Intuitive Solutions and **25th November**—An Introduction to Christian Centering Prayer. For more information, please see the notice board at the back of the church.

ST. MOCHTA'S WAY: Donate a brick and be part of the heritage of our Parish. To commemorate our new Parish Centre and to build the heritage of our parish, St. Mochta's Way has been created so that you can make history for your family in the future. Everyone can participate by having a personalised engraved brick placed in St. Mochta's Way. You can order a single brick with up to two lines of lettering or a double brick with up to four lines. The bricks, available in gold lettering, are professionally engraved and hand painted with a long lasting gold infill. You could donate a brick with your family name or for any occasion, e.g. Birth, Christening, Birthday, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Graduation, Engagement, Wedding, Family Remembrance or any special personal or family occasion. Each brick comes with its own unique 'Certificate of Authenticity' that you can frame or present as a gift. If you would like more information about the scheme, pick up a brochure in the church, at the Parish Centre or you can download an order form, on our website. Take a look at 'St. Mochta's Way' at www.stmochtasparrish.ie. **The 1st order of bricks for St. Mochta's Way will take place in November. 1st 250 applications will be accepted.**



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

1. What question was Jesus asked?
2. What did Jesus say was the greatest commandment?
3. What is the second one?
4. How can we live them out?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Well, have you got your costume ready yet? Halloween is a special time and so is the following two days, the feast of All Saints and the feast of All Souls. It's the days we remember all those who have died. So say a prayer for all those who have died from your family.

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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER 26TH OCTOBER 2008
30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS

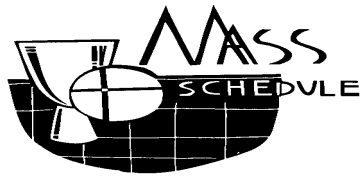
In Jewish law there were some 613 commandments. The question as to which commandment was the greatest was one frequently discussed among the rabbis. Jesus was asked to name one, but responded by naming two. That is because, for him, the second followed directly and necessarily from the first. Love of neighbour arises out of love of God. Both commandments are found in the Old Testament. What is new is not the fact that Jesus brought these two commandments together, but that he made them of equal importance.



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

Irene Hoey, Bridget Matthews, Bernie Byrne, Joan Allen, Padraig Byrne, Noreen Lynch, Sarah Harris.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Int. of the Parish
8.30 am: The Sleator Family R.I.P.
10.30 am Violet & Patrick Molloy (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Mass of Thanksgiving
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday:

10.00 am: Padruig Kehoe (Anniv.)

Tuesday: Sts. Simon & Jude

10.00 am: Int. of the Sick of the Parish

Wednesday: St. Colman

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday:

10.00 am Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday:

10.00 am Int. of Sarah Harris (ill)

7.00 pm Deceased of the Parish

Saturday: FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

10.00 am: Deceased of the Parish

31ST SUNDAY—ALL SOULS DAY

7.00 pm: Rory Kennedy (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Richard & Helena Nugent (Anniv.)
10.30 am Carmel Balfe M/M
12.00 pm Int of the Parish
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Emma, Bronagh, Parker, Caoimhe, Ava and Robert** 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.

FAMILY HARVEST MASS:

This **Sunday 26th October** at the Family Mass at **12 noon** we will celebrate a special harvest Mass. It will be a way of giving thanks to God for all the good food we enjoy in our lives and in doing so also to give thanks for those who provide it for us.



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 **Our parish office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.**

PARISH WEBSITE: The address for our new site is: 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. 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.

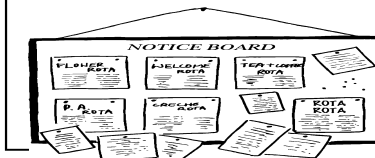
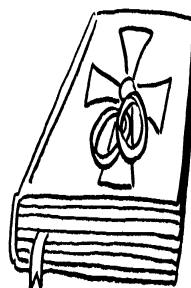
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES: **St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock** will hold their Ecumenical Blessing of the Graves next Sunday, **2nd November at 3.00 pm.** All Welcome. Disabled / elderly parking only at the Church. All others please park in the grounds of Castleknock N.S. opposite..

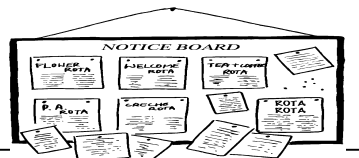
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NEW READERS ROTA: The new rota for all our ministers of the word is available in the sacristy after Mass please pick up a copy. Thank you. There will be a meeting for all our ministers of the Word during the month of November in preparation for the new Church year.



PARISH NEWS



GHOSTS AND GHOULS:

Most of us do not know the historical background of the festival of Halloween and its customs. The feast of Halloween began in pre-Christian times among the Celtic peoples of Britain, Ireland and Northern France. These pagan peoples believed that physical life was born from death. Therefore, they celebrated the beginning of the "new year" in the fall, on the eve of October 31st and into the day of November 1st, when, as they believed the season of cold, darkness, decay and death began. Instructed by their priests, the Druids, the people extinguished all hearth fires and lights and darkness prevailed. According to pagan Celtic tradition, the souls of the dead had entered into the world of darkness, decay and death and made total communion with Samhain, the Lord of death, who could be appeased and cajoled by burnt offerings to allow the souls of the dead to return home for a festal visit on this day. The belief led to the ritual practice of wandering about in the dark dressed in costumes indicating witches, hobgoblins, fairies and demons. The living entered into fellowship and communion with the dead by this ritual act of imitation, through costume and the wandering about in the darkness. They also believed that the souls of the dead bore the affliction of great hunger on this festal visit. This belief brought about the practice of begging as another ritual imitation of the activities of the souls of the dead on their festal visit. The implication was that that any souls of the dead and their imitators who are not appeased with "treats", i.e. offerings, will provoke the wrath of Samhain, whose angels and servants could retaliate through a system of "tricks", or curses. So that is how "trick or treat" emerged as a tradition of the night of Halloween. So be careful of all the ghosts and ghouls wandering our streets on Friday night!!!!

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS: Next **Saturday** we celebrate the feast of All Saints. This feast day does not concentrate on the spiritual heroes of the Church, the canonised saints. Instead we concentrate on those who became saints in little, ordinary, and hidden ways, and who will never be canonised. We are celebrating those who, inspired by the Gospel, made the interests of others more important than their own. The **1st Mass of the feast day is Friday eve at 7pm and on the feast day Mass is at 10am.**



WEEKLY REFLECTION

To separate the two great commandments is a tragedy and goes clean contrary to the Gospel.

Yet unfortunately this often happens.

Those who have faith often have no love,

And those who love often have no faith.

This the Gospel has been torn in two.

Jesus spoke of two great commandments.

The first—that we should love God.

The second—that we should love our neighbour.

He didn't say that they were the same thing,

but that they are like two sides of the one coin.

If we want the total Gospel we must have both.

He himself showed us how to do this.

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 Mt 23:1-12.**

NEXT SUNDAY: ALL SOULS DAY: This day commemorates all the faithfully departed. It is the beginning of the month where we remember all our loved ones who have died and also pray for those who have no one to remember them. Mass will be offered for all those who names appear on the Altar List of the Dead.

REMEMBERING SOULS IN NOV.: November has traditionally been a time to remember loved ones who have died. If you would like to have your loved ones prayed for during the month and on the First Friday of each month through the year **please take one of the lists and envelopes at the back of the church.**

NOVEMBER BEREAVMENT MASS : We will be celebrating a Mass on **Friday 28th November at 7pm** for all those who have died this past year. If you would like a loved one who has died this past year remembered at this Mass please leave their name into the sacristy or see Fr. John after Mass. It is a Mass which gives thanks to God for the life of that person and also to pray for those coming to terms with the recent death of a loved one. All are welcome to attend.

