

## ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

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**CROSSCARE DISABILITY AWARENESS PROGRAMME:** Invitation to a consultation meeting for people with a disability and their advocates to discuss the further expansion of the Disability Awareness Programme in Crosscare, (Capuchin Oratory), Main St., Blanchardstown on **Tuesday, 11th November, 2008 at 7.30 pm** For further details please contact Marie Carroll on 01 8360011 or email mcarroll@crosscare.ie.

**THE POWER OF HYMNS!:** One Sunday a priest told the congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns. After the offering plates were passed, the priest glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a €1,000 in the offering. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate. A very quiet, elderly, saintly lady all the way in the back shyly raised her hand. The priest asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to the priest. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and in thanksgiving asked her to pick out three hymns. Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three handsomest men in the building and said, "I'll take him and him and him!"

**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](http://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 is today's feast day?
2. Who are we remembering today?
3. Why do we pray for them?
4. How can we get to heaven?

**TASK FOR THE WEEK:** This month is a time when we remember all those who have died, especially members of our own family. We pray that they may be at peace with God in heaven. We pray also for ourselves that one day we will join them in heaven.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

# ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

**PARISH NEWSLETTER 2ND NOV. 2008**

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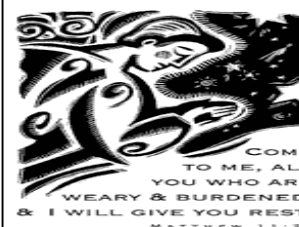
**Parish Office Hours :** Monday - Friday : 9.30am – 12.30pm

## FEAST OF ALL SOULS



The tradition in the Church of having Masses said for the dead began in the earliest times. The pre-Christian Roman religion, which held that some form of life continued after death, gave votive offerings to the gods for the dead at three specified times: the third, seventh and thirtieth day after death. This practice of praying for the departed on these same days was adopted ("inculturated") by the early Christians -- and continued in the Church for nearly 2000 years: the Church offered Masses for the deceased person on the third, seventh and thirtieth day after death. Beginning in the year 998, All souls -- the "faithful departed" --were officially remembered in the Church's prayers on the evening of November 1st and during the day of November 2nd. All Souls Day is now a feast of the universal Church.

(The word "requiem" is Latin for "rest".)



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



### 31ST SUNDAY— ALL SOULS DAY

7.00 pm: Rory Kennedy (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Altar List of the Dead  
10.30 am Carmel Balfe M/M  
12.00 pm Altar List of the Dead  
**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

#### Monday: Sts. Martin De Porres & Malachy

10.00 am: Mass of Thanksgiving

#### Tuesday: St. Charles Borromeo

10.00 am: Int. of the Sick of the Parish

#### Wednesday:

10.00 am : Service of Word & Communion

#### Thursday: All the Saints of Ireland

10.00 am Baby Aibheann Collins (Anniv.)  
Jane Collins (Anniv.)

#### Friday: St. Willibrord

10.00 am Altar List of the Dead

#### Saturday:

10.00 am: Bill & Bridie Aherne (Anniv.)  
11.00 am Marianne Costello (Anniv.)

### 32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Kathleen Lyons (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Kitty Stacey (1st Anniv.)  
10.30 am Joe Reilly M/M  
12.00 pm Frank Thynne (Anniv.)  
**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

## 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.

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**PARISH OFFICE:** For all parish enquires please ring our secretary June on 8213218 or email: [secretary@stmochtasparish.ie](mailto:secretary@stmochtasparish.ie) **Our parish office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.**

**PARISH WEBSITE:** The address for our new site is: [www.stmochtasparish.ie](http://www.stmochtasparish.ie)

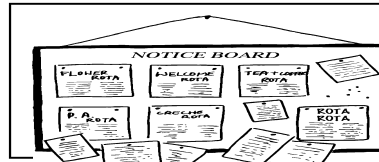
**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like to have Mass offered for someone or offered for a particular intention please see our sacristan, Mary after Mass. Thank you.

**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.

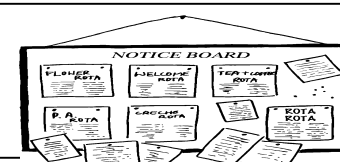
**HOSPITAL VISITATION:** If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

**BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:** St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock will hold their Ecumenical Blessing of the Graves this 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..

**MISCARRIAGE ASSOCIATION :** The Annual Service of Remembrance will be held on **Sunday, 9th November, 2008 at 3.30 pm** in **St. Teresa's Church**, Donore Avenue, off South Circular Road, Dublin 8. Prior to the Service there will be a dedication of our Memorial Stone, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the founding of our Association, in the church grounds at 3.00 pm. All parents, siblings, grandparents and others affected by the loss of a baby are very welcome to attend, regardless of whether the loss was recent or long ago. For more information, please see the notice board at the back of the church.



## PARISH NEWS



**ALL SOULS DAY:** This day commemorates all the faithfully departed. The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. "If we had no care for the dead," Augustine noted, "we would not be in the habit of praying for them." Yet pre-Christian rites for the deceased kept such a strong hold on the superstitious imagination that a liturgical commemoration was not observed until the early Middle Ages, when monastic communities began to mark an annual day of prayer for the departed members. The theological underpinning of the feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. The Council of Trent affirmed this purgatory state and insisted that the prayers of the living can speed the process of purification. In front of the altar in the "**Book of the Living**" there is listed all those whose Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Mochta's this past year. Also there is a vase which contains the names of those appearing on the Altar List of the Dead. May they rest in peace.

**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.



### WEEKLY REFLECTION

A peacock's feathers are very colourful; they are worn more for show than for warmth. The Pharisees wore their virtue for show; they wanted to be seen and praised by others. They were more concerned with *appearing* good than with really *being* good.

Today there is great emphasis on appearances. The image is more important than the reality.

We may deceive others but we cannot deceive God.

But then it would be foolish even to try. We don't have to put on an outward show, or pretend to be what we are not.

All we have to do is try to be true to what we are—God's sons and daughters. Lord, help us to shun all falsity and pretence, and to live a life of genuine goodness.

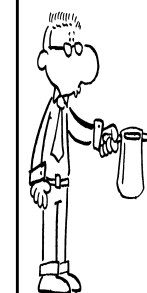
Then our deeds will flow from what we are, as naturally as good fruit from a good tree.

**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 25:1-13.**

**CATHOLIC YOUTH CARE:** The Annual collection for **Catholic Youth Care** (the Diocesan Youth Service) will be held at all Masses next weekend, **8th & 9th November.** It will replace the normal SHARE Collection. Catholic Youth Care supports and services youth work and youth ministry throughout the Dublin Diocese. Through our various services and programmes to young people and youth groups, we reach out to many of the most marginalised young people in the Archdiocese. Please give us your support at all Masses next week.

### FAMILY OFFERING CONTRIBUTIONS:

The Family Offering is the main source of income for the parish on a monthly basis. The offering amounted to **€11,520 for July; €7,800 for August and €8,585 for September.** Thank you for your ongoing support. If you'd like to join the Family offering please fill out a form at the back of the church. Thank you.



**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Ruairi Garrihy and Aileen Rohan** and **Joseph Kearney and Emma Kilpatrick** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

**WELCOME SUNDAY:** This weekend we introduce to our community all those who will be baptised this coming month and become part of the Church. Anyone enquiring about baptism please take one of the leaflets from the back of the church. Thank you.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD GROUP:** A meeting of the Children's Liturgy group will be held on **Saturday, 8th November** from **11 am to 1 pm** in the Parish Centre. All members are asked to attend.