

## ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

**CHRISTMAS FAIR—ST. PATRICK'S N.S.** is hosting its Christmas Fair on **Sunday, 30th November, 2008** from **1 pm to 5 pm** in the school. Prepare to meet Santa, play the Wheel of Fortune, take part in the raffle, etc. Great family day out and great prizes to be won throughout the day. Do not miss it! All welcome.

**FANCY A CUPPA:** If you fancy a cup of tea or coffee after Mass to recover from Fr. John's sermon the Centre will provide the above after weekday Mass and 12 Mass on a Sunday Morning starting from this week. It will be a great way to meet people and build community. We are looking for volunteers to be able to provide the same after the 10.30am & 7pm Mass too. So don't be shy the more hands the better.

**CHRISTMAS BAKERS:** We intend to hold a cake sale for Christmas on Sunday 7th December and we are looking for **some volunteers to do so baking for the day**. Mince pies, Christmas puddings and cakes etc or other Christmas confectionary would be greatly appreciated. So get out that family recipe quick. All proceeds will go to buy equipment for youth to use in our new Pastoral Centre.

**BELLS WILL BE RINGING:** Tickets for our Christmas Draw will be going on sale in the next couple of weeks. All the proceeds this year will be going to cover the cost of installing an electronic striker for the church bell. This will mean that we will be able to ring Angelus each day and set it to ring for Mass and other liturgical celebrations. It will be a great addition to our celebrations. **Any donations of prizes for the Christmas Draw would be greatly accepted and appreciated.** Please see Fr. John after Mass. Thank you for your ongoing support. Our Christmas Draw will take place on Sunday 21st December.

**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.stmochtasparish.ie](http://www.stmochtasparish.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 did the men with 5 and 2 talents do?
2. What did the man with 1 talent do?
3. Why was his master angry with him?
4. What do you think Jesus was trying to tell us in the story?

**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

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER 16TH NOV. 2008**

**33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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**Parish Pastoral Committee:** Chairperson George McLellan

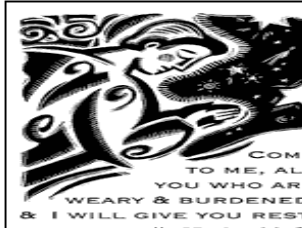
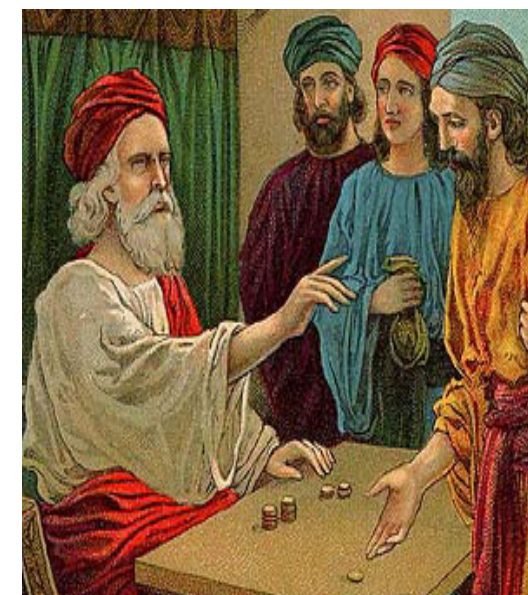
**Parish Finance Committee:** Chairperson Colm O'Neill

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

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

## THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TALENT

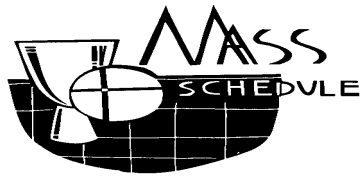
Of all the people gathered here this morning no two of us are alike. God has given each of us special gifts (talents). If used well, these gifts will enrich our own lives and the lives of others. But which of us can say that we have made full use of the gifts of grace and nature that God has given us? Life is God's gift to us. What we do with life is our gift to God.



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

**Irene Hoey, Bridget Matthews, Bernie Byrne, Joan Allen, Padraig Byrne, Sarah Harris, Baby Patrick.**

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### 33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Desmond Finegan (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish  
10.30 am Baby Liam Kane (3rd Anniv.)  
12.00 pm Lily Martin (Anniv.)  
**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

### Monday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

10.00 am: Joe Reilly R.I.P.

### Tuesday:

10.00 am: Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Wednesday:

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

### Thursday:

10.00 am: Josephine Silcock (Anniv.)

### Friday: The Presentation of Our Lady

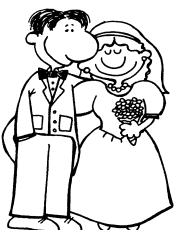
10.00 am Mass of Thanksgiving

### Saturday: St. Cecilia

10.00 am: Thomas & Frances Lynch (Anniv.)

### 34TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Albert Scuffil (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Mary Downing (Anniv.)  
10.30 am Bernard Woods (Anniv.)  
12.00 pm Patrick Harris (Anniv.)  
**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**



**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Michael Shevlin and Joanne Corless** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

**NEW CHRISTIANS:** We welcome **Sarah and Sophie** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May she 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.



**PARISH CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** meeting on **Monday, 17th November at 8pm** in the Centre. All members are asked to attend.

## 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.

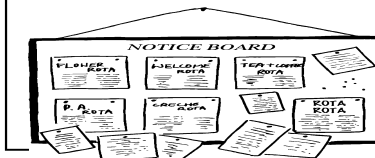
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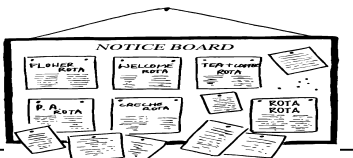
**LITURGY GROUP MEETING:** There is a meeting for all members this **Thursday 20th November at 7pm in the Parish Centre**. This will be to look at Christmas celebrations and the Carol Service which will be held on Sunday 21st December.

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

There is a meeting for all our readers in preparation for the new Liturgical Year which begins on the 1st Sunday of December with the celebration of Advent. The meeting will be on this **Thursday November 20th at 8pm in the Church**. All our ministers are asked to attend.



# PARISH NEWS



### PARENT CONFIRMATION

**MEETING:** A meeting for parents of children coming forward to receive the sacrament of Confirmation will be held in St. Mochta's Pastoral Parish Centre this **Tuesday, 18th November at 8.00 pm**. At least one parent should attend this preparation meeting. A baptismal certificate for your child should also be sent to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Your child will not be able to formally enrol for Confirmation if a Baptismal Certificate is not received. The formal enrolment for Confirmation candidates from St. Patrick's School is on **Tuesday, 25th November at 7.00 pm** in **St. Mochta's church**. If you require any further information or have a query, please contact Mary GreeneByrne, Pastoral Care at the Parish Centre on 01 8213218

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** have their monthly church gate collection this coming weekend. The proceeds each month help the Conference in their work in helping disadvantaged families and individuals in the community. Last month's collection amounted to **€1,015.00** for which St. Mochta's Conference members are most grateful.

### CATHOLIC YOUTH CARE:

A big thank you to all for your generosity for last week's special collection which amounted to **€1,478.00**. The money was forwarded to CYC during the week.



**SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** We are going to host a Christmas Lunch in our new Pastoral Centre on **Saturday 13th December** beginning with Mass at **12.30 pm** for all the senior members of our parish (65+). There are only 50 tickets available and they are on sale from this weekend costing just €10. Tickets are available in the Sacristy after Mass and in the Parish Centre Mon.-Fri. 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Lunch will be followed by some entertainment. This is a first for our parish so do support it if you are free. It offers a great opportunity to meet some new people.



### WEEKLY REFLECTION

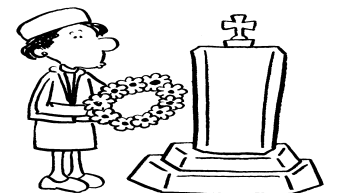
#### The Cost of Talent

I have not the fine audacity of men  
Who have mastered the pen  
Or the purse.  
The complexes of many slaves are in my verse.  
When I straighten my shoulders  
to look at the world boldly  
I see talent coldly  
Damning me to stooped attrition.  
Mine was a beggar's mission  
To dreams of beauty  
I should have been born blind.  
I should have been content to walk behind  
Watching the reflection of God's Delight:  
A second-hand teller of the story  
A second-hand glory.  
It was not right  
That my mind should have echoed  
life's overtones  
That I should have seen a flower  
Petalled in mighty power.

**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 25:31-46**

### 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 7.30 pm** 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.