

## ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

**CHRISTMAS FAIR—ST. PATRICK'S N.S.** is hosting its Christmas Fair **next 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.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR—ST. MOCHTA'S N.S.** is hosting its Christmas Fair **on Sunday, 7th December, 2008**. The money raised will be used to purchase Interactive White Boards, etc. Your child needs you to support this event. Please give your time to help with or attend this event. It will be a fun day with lots to do for all the family.

**CHRISTMAS BAKERS:** We intend to hold a cake sale for Christmas on **Sunday 7th December** and we are looking for **some volunteers to do some 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 next weekend. 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 The 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 after our Carol Service.

**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. Who will God separate at the end of time?
2. How will he do?
3. Who will he call into his Kingdom?
4. How can we be his followers?

**TASK FOR THE WEEK:** Today is the feast of Christ our King. It is where we recognise Christ as the ruler of our lives, he is the one we try to follow and be the rock on which we build our lives. Next week we will start a new season. Do you know what its called?

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

# ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER 23RD NOV. 2008**

**34TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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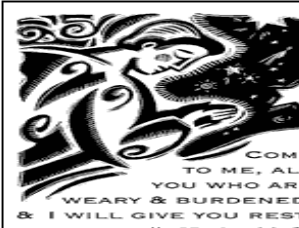
**Parish Finance Committee:** Chairperson Colm O'Neill

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

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

## CHRIST THE KING

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ our King. When we think of a king we think of someone who is very remote from his people and who lords it over them. But Christ is not like that. He lives among us, and came not to rule but to serve. The best way to show our loyalty to him is by serving one another.



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

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

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### 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**

#### Monday: St. Colman

10.00 am: Margo Lynn R.I.P.

#### Tuesday:

10.00 am: Mass of Thanksgiving

#### Wednesday:

10.00 am : Service of Word & Communion

#### Thursday: St. Feargal

10.00 am: Richard & Mary Donovan (Anniv.)

#### Friday:

10.00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
7.30 pm Bereavement Mass

#### Saturday:

10.00 am: Paul Russell M/M

### 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.00 pm: Michael Traynor (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish  
10.30 am Peter & Evelyn Duffy  
12.00 pm Lilly McCann (Anniv.)



**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Derek Watters and Sarah Kelly** 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 **Emma, Danny and Caragh** 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.



**MINISTERS OF THE WORD:** All our readers will be commissioned for the new liturgical year next weekend at each of the Sunday Masses. All readers are invited forward for this ceremony.

## 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.

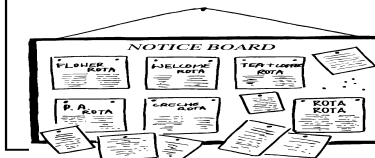
**HOSPITAL VISITATION:** If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

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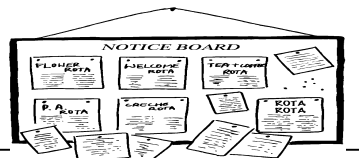
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**CHRISTMAS LEAFLET VOLUNTEERS:** We hope to have our Christmas leaflet ready for next weekend. We'd be grateful if our usual volunteers would offer their services once more. We will be also looking for new recruits for our ever expanding parish. The leaflet contains Mass details for Christmas etc. Please see Fr. John after Mass.

**CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT** ceremony is celebrated this coming **Tuesday evening, 25th November at 7 pm for St. Patrick's N.S. and Thursday evening 27th November at 7 pm for St. Mochta's N.S.** Those presenting themselves to the Church for Confirmation will be asked to commit themselves to the preparation programme for the coming year. All candidates must present themselves on that evening.



# PARISH NEWS



## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### The greatest evil in the world

Mother Teresa said:

'Many today are starving for ordinary bread.

But there is another kind of hunger - the hunger to be wanted, to be loved, to be recognised.

Nakedness too is not just the want of clothes, but also about loss of dignity, purity, and self-respect.

And homelessness is not just want of a house; there is the homelessness of being rejected, of being unwanted in a throwaway society.

The biggest disease in the world today is the feeling of being unwanted and uncared for.

The greatest evil in the world is lack of love, the terrible indifference towards one's neighbour'.

Lord, warm our cold hearts with your grace, so that we your disciples may produce the fruits of love.

**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 Mk 13:33-37.**

**NOVEMBER BEREAVMENT MASS:** We will be celebrating a Mass **this 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.

**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.

