

## ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

### YOUTH FIGHT RECES-

**SION:** St Mochta's Youth Group (SMYG) are up and running with a mission! They are launching a Parish Project to help those who have been experiencing difficulty as a result of the recession. To help those who have lost their jobs, or those whose work as trades people has diminished; SMYG are going to produce a Services Directory with a difference. The Directory will be divided into two sections: (1) those unemployed who will **PROMOTE** their trade/service, e.g., painter, plumber, accountant etc can do so free, (2) those who can **GIVE/BARTER** a few hours with a service or a smile e.g., taxi ride, Baking, Child sitting, or any trade or skill that would be useful to those who could do with a help out at the moment. SMYG want Parishioners to support our own parishioners by **employing** or **giving by barter** towards the project. Also welcome are Parish businesses who would like to help by taking a paid advertising/sponsorship to help produce the directory. If you want to be included in the directory to **Promote/Barter/Advertise** please give details of the service, your name and full contact details into the Parish Office or email to [SMYG@stmochtasparish.ie](mailto:SMYG@stmochtasparish.ie).



**CHRISTMAS FAIR—ST. PATRICK'S N.S.** is hosting its **Christmas Fair** next **Sun. 29th Nov.** from **1pm to 5pm** in the school. Santa Visits, play the Wheel of Fortune, Monster Raffle, café, Bottle/Book/Toy Stalls, Arts & Crafts, etc. Great family day out and great prizes to be won throughout the day. Do not miss it! **All welcome.**

**CASTLEKNOCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE:** On sale in the Parish Centre—**Tapestry**—A collection of short stories, poems and essays by 3rd year students and their teachers. Cost €10. Proceeds will be donated to **Dublin 15 Hospice.**

**ST. MOCHTA'S CHRISTMAS DRAW:** Tickets for our Christmas Draw will go on sale after mass **next weekend.** The draw is limited to **500 hundred tickets at €10 each.** All the proceeds this year will go towards the cost of installing an Audio Visual System in the Church. It will be a great addition to our liturgy celebrations. **Any donations of prizes for the Christmas Draw would be greatly accepted and appreciated.** Thank you for your ongoing support. Our Christmas Draw will take place on **Sunday 20th December** after our Carol Service.

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

**GET FIT & TONE ZONE** every Monday from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

**YOGA CLASSES** every Tuesday at 8pm.

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

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

**UNISLIM** every Wednesday from 7pm.

For more information please see our website [www.stmochtasparish.ie](http://www.stmochtasparish.ie)

**FASHION SHOW** in aid of newly formed **Clonsilla Youth Musical Society** (CYMS) featuring The Designer Circle—Nearly New Ladies Designer Clothes in Luttrellstown Golf & Country Club on **Fri. 27th Nov at 7pm.** Tickets €25. For tickets or more information please contact Sue Hannon on 085 1435883 [www.thedesignercircle.com](http://www.thedesignercircle.com).

**CHRISTMAS FAIR—ST. MOCHTA'S N.S.** is hosting its **Christmas Fair** on **Sun. 6th Dec.** from **1pm to 5pm** in the school. Fun for all the family—Santa, Bric-a-Brac, Christmas Light Shop, €2 shop, café, stalls, markets, monster raffle, Gospel Choir and lots, lots more. **All welcome.**

**CROSSCARE** Christmas Gift Sale Days-Fri/Sat **27th & 28th Nov** from **11am to 4pm** in Main St, Blanchardstown. Supporting Crosscare Homeless Services. [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie)

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

1. What question did Pilate ask Jesus?
2. Did Jesus say he was a King?
3. What kind of kingdom did Jesus speak about?
4. How can we be a part of Jesus' Kingdom?

**TASK FOR THE WEEK:** Today we celebrate Jesus as King of our lives and of all of creation. What do you think are the qualities of the Kingship of Jesus? As followers of Jesus how can we continue to make it known that Jesus is our King, that we follow his rule?



Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

# ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

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**FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

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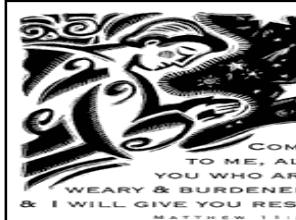
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## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Christ is indeed a King, but a strange kind of king.

He came not to conquer but to convert,  
not to dominate but to liberate, not to rule but to serve.

He died as a criminal, yet reigned from the cross.  
He responded to the worst with what was the best in him.



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

**Sarah Harris, Miriam Soughley, Ruth Dayman, Eileen O'Shea, Michael O'Kane, Chris Bruton, Conor McHugh, Nora Kavanagh, Liam Silcock.**



## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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

#### Monday: Sts. Clement & Columbanus

10.00 am:

#### Tuesday: Sts. Colman & Andrew

10.00 am: Rosena & Denis O'Brien (Anniv.)

#### Wednesday:

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

#### Thursday:

10.00 am Intentions of the Sick of the Parish

#### Friday: St. Feargal

10.00 am Rosaleen Stoute McCabe (Anniv.)

#### Saturday:

10.00 am

### 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.00 pm: Michael Traynor (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Mary O'Neill (Anniv.)  
10.30 am Lily Martin (Anniv.)  
12.00 pm Deceased Members of McHugh/O'Brien families  
**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 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 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 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.

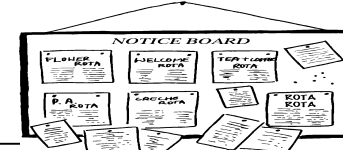
**CONFESSION:** the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

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

**SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** St. Mochta's Parish are hosting a Christmas Lunch in our Pastoral Centre on **Saturday 12th December** beginning with Mass at **12.00 pm** for the senior members of our parish. 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 Office Mon.-Fri. 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Lunch will be followed by some entertainment. Please do support it if you are free. It offers a great opportunity to meet some new people. If you require transport to and/or from the Lunch, please contact the Parish Office and it will be arranged for you. This was a fantastic day last year with dancing till the wee hours, so join in and enjoy great food, entertainment and dancing to celebrate for Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION OF LIGHT:** The Annual Console Christmas Celebration of Light for those Bereaved through Suicide will take place on **Sun. 29th Nov.** in **St. Patrick's College, Maynooth** at **4pm**. Entry is free although places are limited. To attend please contact 01 6102638.

# PARISH NEWS



**CHRIST THE KING:** This Sunday brings us to the end of the liturgical year. We have travelled a long road since the 1st Sunday of Advent. Christ has been on the road with us as the invisible companion on our journey. Let us hope that during it we have grown to know him better, to trust him better, and to love him better, so that next week we can rejoice in calling him our King.



**CELEBRATING ADVENT:** The season of Advent which we begin next week is an endangered liturgical season. In our modern Irish society there is no Advent. There are only so many days to Christmas. None of us are immune to the pressures and stresses to make the impossibly perfect Christmas cake or tree or party or find the perfect gift. It is however too easy to throw cheap shots at the materialism of the commercial world of which, of course, we are all a part. It has become a cliché to describe the shopping centres as the new cathedrals, and shopping as the new religion. There is some truth in it: no doubt we need to look a little deeper. If a chasm has opened up between the church and the world, what is happening in that space? Is that the place we should explore? The most challenging bit of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, for which we now begin to prepare for during Advent, is that God became a part of this messy world. The season of Advent is about awaking that awareness. So amidst all the hustle and bustle of preparations let's try and reflect on why we do what we do at this great festive season. Our coming weeks of Advent give us ample opportunity to see, to hear of and learn about why God so loved the Lord that he sent us his only Son. Enjoy this time.

**ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE ON SALE** in the Sacristy after Mass or Parish Office during office hours. Pack of 6 €5. All proceeds raised will go towards buying an Audio Visual System for the Church.



**COMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR OUR MINISTERIES:** A Commissioning Ceremony will be held next weekend at the **10.30 and 12 masses** for new and existing members of the Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist and Children's Liturgy.

### WEEKLY REFLECTION

#### The Kingdom of Jesus

Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world.'

Jesus does not rule as earthly kings rule. He has no palace, no throne, no crown, no army. Yet we give him an allegiance and a loyalty, which we would not give to any other person or institution on earth.

Alone and unarmed he stood before Pilate. Pilate, had thousands of soldiers to call upon.

Jesus had no soldier to call upon.

Yet Jesus was incomparably the greater of the two.

Jesus is the hope of the human race.

He rules, not by force, but by love.

Lord Jesus, may your kingdom come, and may you remember me on that day.

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Each week we suggest a piece of Scripture to use in your prayer. Light a candle and read slowly the passage, reread it a couple of times and reflect on it and listen to what God is saying to you. **This week's is Lk 21:25-28,34-36.**

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

We are holding a number of talks in our Parish Centre on **Thursdays** for the month of **November** at **8pm** for adults interested in learning a little more about their Faith. This week the talk will focus on **ADVENT: A New Beginning.**



**26th NOVEMBER (8pm—9.30pm)**

**ADVENT: A NEW BEGINNING**

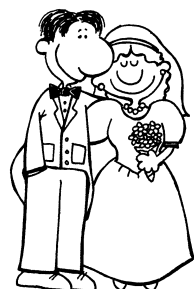
(Fr. Damian McNeice)

**All Welcome**

### VOLUNTEERS—CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**DELIVERY:** The Christmas schedule, with details of our Christmas Celebrations, is **ready for collection and delivery to the parish** this weekend. Please pick up your pack from the Sacristy after Mass or from the Parish Office—9.30am-12.30pm. We are looking for new recruits to join our delivery team. So if you are available to help please leave your name and contact number in the Sacristy after Mass or Parish Office on 01 8213218. Thanks again for your support.

**ST. MOCHTA'S SCOUTS—PORTERSTOWN/CLONSILLA** are selling their Christmas raffle tickets outside the church this weekend. All proceeds will go directly to the scouts. Tickets €2. Thanks for your support.



**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **David Greer and Vivien Black** and **Tommy Carney and Deirdre Joyce** 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 **Cathal, Zoe and Aoibhin** 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. Thank you.



**LOST PROPERTY:** We have a number of items in our Lost Property box including ladies and baby jackets, umbrellas, etc. If you are missing any items, please call into the Sacristy after Mass.