

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

CHRISTMAS DRAW: Tickets for our Christmas Draw are on sale after mass and in the Parish Centre. **The draw is limited to 500 hundred tickets at €10 each.** 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 **next Sunday 21st December** after our Carol Service.

CAKE SALE THANK YOU: Well hope you all enjoyed the goodies from the Cake Sale. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Cake Sale last Sunday and especially our bakers and the young people who helped set up and sell the cakes and to Sharon O'Connor who co-ordinated the event. The Sale made a grand total of **€850** euro to buy equipment for our young people to use in the Parish Centre.

CHRISTMAS FAIR—ST. MOCHTA'S N.S. Parents' Association would like to thank everyone who supported the fair last weekend which was a great success. All proceeds go to the running of the school in the coming year.

RAINBOWS IRELAND is a support programme to assist children who are grieving a death, separation or other painful transition in their family. Our parish will begin its first Rainbows Programme in January, 2009 for children aged 7 yrs to 12 yrs. For further details please see the notice board at the back or the Church or contact the Parish Office.

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. 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 December.**

SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH: We hosted our first Christmas Lunch in our new Pastoral Centre on Saturday for all the senior members of our parish. A huge thank you to Ger Murphy & Orla Leonard and their team for the beautiful food. Also a big thank you to all our entertainers for the afternoon.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE 2008 will be celebrated in the diocese at a special Mass in the Church of the Assumption, Booterstown on Thursday 1st January at 11am. The theme chosen by the Holy Father this year is: *Combating Poverty, Building Peace.*



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

1. What was the name of the man sent by God?
2. Who did John say he was?
3. What was his message?
4. Who was he preparing the way for?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: This is a wonderful time of the year. Everywhere looks magical with twinkling lights. I hope the tree in your house looks wonderful. Don't forget to say a prayer each day in front of the crib in your home so that you can welcome Jesus into your heart in a special way at this time.

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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 14TH DEC. 2008

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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GAUDETE SUNDAY

There is a clear note of rejoicing in today's liturgy. The word "Gaudete" means rejoice. The basis for this rejoicing is the nearness of the Lord. As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, the Lord is very near us. Indeed he is in our midst.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

COLD WIND OF RECESSION HITS SVP SERVICES AS 'CALLS FOR HELP' SOAR
- FOOD, ENERGY AND SCHOOL COSTS ARE MAIN PROBLEMS
- SVP OFFERS HOPE AS WELL AS HELP.

"We've never seen anything like the number of calls for help we're getting now" said Mairéad Bushnell (SVP National President). "We'll have to spend over €50m this year to help people in need. So it's not enough for SVP to respond with money, food, clothes, social housing and a range of other services – vital though they are" she continued. We must also offer people real hope that their dreams, aspirations and potential can be realised."

SVP works all over Ireland in person-to-person contact with people in need; it's volunteers are local people responding to local needs; mobilising resources including people, money and 'influence'



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, Peggy McKeown.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.00 pm: May, Mick, Tom & Jim O'Brien (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Fr. Browne (Anniv.)
10.30 am: Pdraig O'Toole (Anniv.)
12.00 pm: May Caldwell, Doyle & Connell Family (Ann.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday:

10.00 am: Int. of the Sick of the Parish

Tuesday:

10.00 am: Int. of the Vincent de Paul

Wednesday:

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday: St. Flannan

10.00 am: Carol Meehan RIP

Friday:

10.00 am: Winifred Quigley

Saturday: St. Fachanan

10.00 am: Int. of the Legion of Mary

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.00 pm: Kathleen & Bernard Byrne (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am: Noreen Lynch (M/M)
12.00 pm: Paddy & Sheila Downey (Anniv.)
4.00 pm Carol Service
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Mark Whelan and Crona Briody** 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 **Kate, Robyn and Leah** 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 or see Fr. John after Sunday mass.



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.

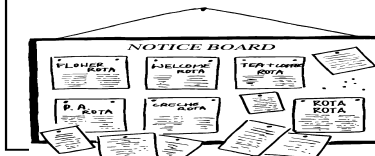
CONFESSION: the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

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

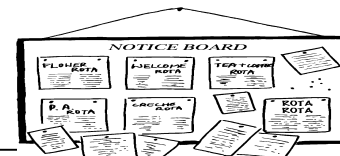
CHRISTMAS LEAFLET VOLUNTEERS: Our Christmas leaflet is ready for collection this weekend. We'd be grateful if our usual volunteers would collect them from the sacristy after mass or call into the parish office between 9.30 and 12.30 pm during the week and deliver them this coming week. The leaflet contains Mass details for Christmas etc. We are also looking for new recruits for our ever expanding parish. Please see Fr. John after Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS & YOUTH CHOIR
CHRISTMAS OUTING takes place this coming Friday 19th December. We will meet in the Church car park at 6pm. Don't be late and don't forget your passport!!!!

CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEAN: Our beautiful church will need an extra clean to be looking its best for our Christmas celebrations. I am looking for volunteers for **TUESDAY 23rd** after morning Mass. Don't be shy in coming forward we'll need as many hands as possible. Thank you.



PARISH NEWS



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

takes place **this weekend 13th & 14th December** at all our Masses. Members of our local conference will make the appeal at each of our celebrations. This collection is vital to the work of the SVP in enabling them to extend their programmes of assistance to those in need throughout the Diocese.



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE:

This year our carol service will be celebrated on **Sunday 21st Dec. at 4.00pm.** This offers us a great opportunity just to take a step back from all the hectic rushing around we do at Christmas time. It will help us to remember to place Jesus Christ at the center of all our preparations. It will be a lovely celebration for all of the parish. Our guest choir this year will be the children's choir from St. Mocha's School.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Our Masses for Christmas Eve will be the **Family Mass at 6pm** with the **Mass of Christmas celebrated at 9pm.** Christmas morning Masses will be celebrated at 8am; 9am; 10.30am and 12 noon. **Please note that there is NO 8.30am Mass.** Our congregations are usually very large for Christmas. So I would encourage you to arrive in plenty of time for Mass.

GIVE UP YOUR AULD SINS: The sacrament of Confession is available each Saturday evening from 6pm –6.45pm or by appointment during the week. **We will have a Reconciliation Service during Advent after the Sunday Masses beginning the 3rd Sunday of Advent 14th December and 4th Sunday of Advent 21st December** to help prepare us spiritually for the celebration of Christmas.

CRIB AND CHRISTMAS TREE

BLESSING: Are available from the racks at the back of the Church. These are little prayer services to be done at home with your family or friends. They offer us simple and practical ways of keeping Christ at the heart of our preparations. Please take one home.



WEEKLY REFLECTION

There is a world of difference between joy and pleasure.

Pleasure can be planned. Joy can't be planned;

It comes unexpectedly,

and is all the sweeter for that.

Pleasure is immediate. Joy often comes later,

and the sweetest joy of all

is that which follows pain.

Pleasure comes from saying 'yes' to ourselves.

Joy comes from saying 'no' to ourselves.

Pleasure is like a flare in the night:

It brightens things up for a while,

but when it's over,

we feel darker and emptier than ever.

Joy, on the other hand,

is like a bright fire in the hearth;

even when it dies down,

it leaves a warm glow behind it.

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 Lk 1:26-38.**

NATIVITY DRAMA:

This year we are planning to make the Liturgy Celebrations on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day special by involving a number of the confirmation candidates to take part in the Nativity Story at the Family Mass. The masses are on at **6pm on Christmas Eve and 12 noon on Christmas Day.** If your child is available to take part we will be having a **practice on Tuesday evening the 14th and Thursday the 16th December** in the church at **4pm** so that they will know exactly when and what to do. If a further rehearsal is needed we will let you know as soon as possible. Can you give your details to Fr John or any of the Children's Liturgy Team after Mass.



PARISH CENTRE VOLUNTEERS: The new roster is available in the Sacristy and the Parish Office. Please pick up your copy in the Centre during the week. Thank you. There is also a gathering next Friday 19th Dec. after Mass for coffee and mince pies for all volunteers in the Parish Centre. Look forward to seeing you there, don't be shy.