

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

ST. MOCHTA'S CHRISTMAS DRAW: Tickets for our Christmas Draw are on sale after mass **this 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 **next Sunday 20th December** after our Carol Service.

YOUTH FIGHT RECESSION: 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.

SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH: We hosted our second Christmas Lunch in our 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.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES: Are available at the back of the church. The Christmas Offering goes to help support of the priests in the Diocese and the Parish. Thank you for your prayers and continued support, especially at this time.



CHRISTMAS LEAFLET VOLUNTEERS: A big thank you to all our volunteers who gave their time and energy to drop the Christmas Cards around the parish.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE 2010 will be celebrated in the diocese at a special Mass in the **Church of the Sacred Heart, Donnybrook** on Friday **1st January at 11am**. The theme chosen by the Holy Father this year is: *"If You Want to Cultivate Peace, Safeguard Creation."*

CLONSILLA YOUTH MUSICAL SOCIETY (CYMS) is staging a production of **"Back To The 80's"** in Draíocht on **Mon-Wed 14th to 16th Dec at 8pm**. Tickets—**Adults €10, Children (u18) €5**—now available at box office by phoning 01 8852622, go on line www.draiocht.ie or call in person to purchase.

CHRISTMAS FAIR—ST. MOCHTA'S N.S. A big thank you to every one who supported our fair. It was a great success.

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.

There are no activities in the Parish Centre from Mon. 21st Dec to Mon. 4th Jan. incl.



KIDS CORNER: 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

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PARISH NEWSLETTER 13TH DEC. 2009

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.

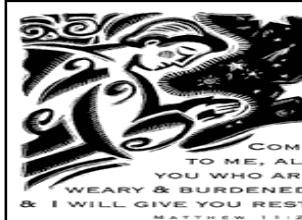
Indeed he is in our midst.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

takes place **this weekend 12th/13th December.**

This collection replaces the normal Share collection.

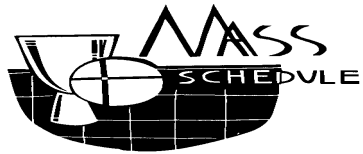
This collection is vital to the work of the SVP in enabling them to extend their programmes of assistance to those in need throughout the Diocese.



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

Sarah Harris, Miriam Soughley, Eileen O'Shea, Chris Bruton, Liam Silcock, Baby Grace McCann, Ailsún Henderson.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.00 pm: Kathleen & Bernard Byrne (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Andrew Brennan (Anniv.)
10.30 am Eugene, Gerald & Bridget Cashell (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Kathleen & Edward Sheridan R.I.P.
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: St. John of the Cross

10.00 am: Padraig O'Toole (Anniv)

Tuesday:

10.00 am: Requiem Mass: John Caffrey RIP

Wednesday:

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday:

10.00 am Intl of the Sick of the Parish

Friday:

10.00 am Intentions of Keira Matthews

Saturday:

10.00 am Winifred Quigley (Anniv.)

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.00 pm: Baby Alison Lyons (1st Anniv.)
8.30 am: Deceased members of Dumpleton & Farrell Families
10.30 am Nancy Sweeney (Recently deceased)
12.00 pm May Caldwell (Anniv.) & Connolly Family

4.00 pm Carol Service

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 **Our parish office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.**

PARISH WEBSITE: The address for our 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.

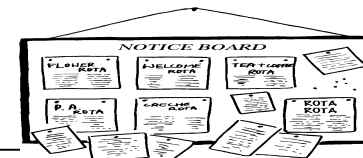
MARY TELFORD R.I.P. (Larch Grove)

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary who died this past week. May was laid to rest in Esker cemetery. We offer our sympathy to her family. May she rest in peace. Amen.

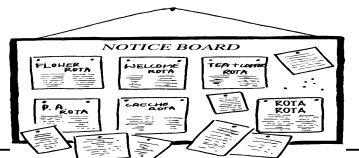
JOHN CAFFREY RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of John who died yesterday at the great age of 97. We offer our condolences to all of his family. John will be received into Church on **Monday at 6pm** with Requiem Mass being celebrated for the repose of his soul on **Tuesday at 10am**. May he rest in peace.

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 **THURSDAY 17th Dec.** from **7pm**. Don't be shy in coming forward we'll need as many hands as possible. Thank you.

PARISH CENTRE VOLUNTEERS: There is a gathering on **Tuesday, 22nd December** after Mass for coffee and mince pies for all volunteers in the Parish Centre.



PARISH NEWS



GIVE UP YOU AULD SINS: The sacrament of Confession is available each Saturday evening from 6pm –6.45pm. We will have a Reconciliation Service **after all Sunday Masses this weekend** and again after all Sunday Masses next weekend to prepare us for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CAKE SALE in the Parish Centre: We are holding our cake sale for Christmas this **Sunday 13th December after 10.30am and 12 noon Masses**. Mince pies, Christmas puddings and cakes etc. and other Christmas confectionary are on sale. **Our Christmas Cards will also be on sale.** All proceeds will go towards the purchase of Audio Visual Equipment for the Church.



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: This year our carol service will be celebrated on **Sunday 20th 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. Patrick'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.

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.

BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS

CANDLE: Many of us will have a candle as a center piece at our Christmas table. At the Christmas Day Masses these candles will be blessed if you bring them with you. We will also have a special 'Grace before Dinner' for you to take home for your family Dinner.



WEEKLY REFLECTION

Joy

There is a clear note of joy in today's liturgy.

Joy is a blend of laughter and tears.

It consists in having a love affair with life.

It is having a heart aglow with warmth for all one's companions on the road of life.

It is looking for the happiness that comes in small packages, knowing that big packages are few and far between.

It is making the most of the present, enjoying what is at hand right now.

Joy is love bubbling over into life.

And it can coexist with pain.

Joy is the flag we fly when Christ, the Prince of Peace,

has taken up residence in our hearts.

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 1:39-45.**

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, 15th, Thursday, 17th and Tuesday, 22nd December** in the church at **4.30pm** 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.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING: Meeting for all altar servers on **Monday 21st December at 5pm** in preparation for the Christmas. **ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, CASTLEKNOCK:** The annual collection at the grave blessing service in November raised **€2,846.59** for the St. Francis Hospice. A big thank you to all parishioners.



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Russell Good and Fiona Carolan** 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 **Genevieve, Lucy, Ben and Aoife** 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.



PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE meeting takes place this coming **Monday, 14th December at 8pm** in the Parish Centre. All members are asked to attend.