

## ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

**CROSSCARE BLANCHARDSTOWN** offers the following services: **Information Clinic** every Monday (excl Bank holidays) from 2pm to 4pm. **Information Evening for Parents**—If you are caring for a child with a special need, a disability or a long term illness we offer you a chance to meet other parents for a break and a chat. Information night **next Thursday, 12th March 7.30 pm** in Crosscare Blanchardstown. **ASIST—Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training 24th to 25th March**—A two day skills building workshop in suicide first aid suitable for all kinds of caregivers, professional workers, volunteers, people responding to family, friends and co-workers. Hosted by Dochas Blanchardstown at Crosscare Blanchardstown. **Migrant Project**—'Walk In' information and advocacy clinic on immigration, emigration and return migration matters. Free service, no appointment necessary. **Housing & Welfare information.** 'Walk In' information on homelessness services & housing options, etc. Free service, no appointment necessary. **Let's Dance**—Every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm—Dance-Meditation-de-stress session. For more information please see the notice board at the back of the Church or contact Jean Martin, Area Coordinator on 01 8219892 or [jmartin@crosscare.ie](mailto:jmartin@crosscare.ie).

**PARENT & TODDLER GROUP:** A new Parent and Toddler Group has started in St. Mochta's Parish Pastoral Centre. It is run on Tuesday mornings from **9.40 am to 11.40 am**. Cost: €2 per adult and 50c per child. Everyone welcome! From Baby to School Going Age. For further information email [mary-oriordan@hotmail.com](mailto:mary-oriordan@hotmail.com) or call into the Parish Office between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm—Mon-Fri.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** A group from the parish will be heading to Lourdes on pilgrimage this coming summer. They will journey to Lourdes Tuesday, **18th August** for five days. If you would like to be part of this group please book your seat as soon as possible. For more details please contact Joan Cahill on 087-6262008.

**ACCORD:** urgently needs men and women to deliver our Marriage Preparation Courses. We would like to be able to offer a Marriage Preparation course to all couples who approach us. Unfortunately we can only meet half of the number of couples marrying in the Archdiocese. Perhaps you are interested or know someone who might be suitable for this work. **Information Evening** on **Tuesday, 31st March, 2009 at 8 pm** in ACCORD, 39 Harcourt St., Dublin 2. Further information may be obtained by phoning Mary at 01 4784400 or email [marriagepreparation@dublin.accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@dublin.accord.ie)

**CASTLEKNOCK CELTIC EASTER SOCCER CAMP:** **Mon 6th to Thur 9th April** from **9.30 am to 3.30 pm**. Venue: Blanch. Inst. Of Technology. Application form and details on [www.castleknockceltic.com](http://www.castleknockceltic.com) or contact Philip on 087 4138099.

**ST. MOCHTA'S ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB:** Our club academy for players from **5 to 8 years of age** runs **every Saturday** from **10.30 am to 11.30 am**. Coaching is provided by **FAI qualified trainers** in a professional and safe environment. All children are welcome, boys and girls, no matter what their level of ability. Cost: €3.00 per session. Please come along this and every Saturday to St. Mochta's F.C., Porterstown Road (Beside Scoil Choilm). For more information please see the notice board.



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

1. Why did Jesus go into the temple?
2. Why did he overturn the tables and shout at people?
3. What did he say God's house should be?
4. How do we make God's house a house of prayer?

**TASK FOR THE WEEK:** : We are now entering the 3rd week of Lent and it can be easy to forget about the things we gave up for Lent, whether it was chocolate or fizzy drinks.....if you have forgotten it's not too late to begin again, to start your Lenten Fast again. Remember also that next weekend we are celebrating Mother's Day. It's a day we give thanks to God for our mothers.....but don't forget how important it is to say thank you each day to your mother and not just next Sunday.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

# ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

**PARISH NEWSLETTER 15TH MARCH 2009**

**3RD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Parish Priest :** Rev. John Daly Tel: 8213218

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

### CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE

We are gathered in the house of God, which is supposed to be a house of prayer and worship. It is only we who can make of this church a true house of prayer.

May the Lord help us to make this a house of prayer, joy, and unity. And may what we do here help us to give God the worship of our lives.



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

**Bridget Matthews, Joan Allen, Pdraig Byrne, Sarah Harris, Mary Rodgers, Miriam Soughley, Baby Reiltin, Martin Crotty, Ruth Dayman, Joseph O' Connor, Liam Silcock.**



## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

7.00 pm: Castleknock GAA Club  
8.30 am: Ellen Tobin & Ellen Moran  
10.30 am: Deceased members of Gallagher Family  
12.00 pm: Anne Doolan (18th Anniv.)  
**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

#### Monday:

10.00 am: Intentions of Crotty Family  
7.00 pm: Baby Kate McKenny (3rd Anniv.)

#### Tuesday: St. Patrick's Day

10.00 am: Intentions of Members of our Families  
Living abroad

#### Wednesday: St. Cyril

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

#### Thursday: Feast of St. Joseph

10.00 am: Patrick & Margaret Gilsenan (Anniv.)

#### Friday:

10.00 am: Intentions of Joseph O'Connor (Seriously ill)

#### Saturday: St. Enda

10.00 am: John Dooley R.I.P.

### 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

7.00 pm: Tom Leonard (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Bernadette Cahill (Anniv.)  
10.30 am: Eileen Daly  
12.00 pm: Irene Hoey (M/M)  
**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

**NEW CHRISTIANS:** We welcome **Jack, Abigail, Phoebe and Roisin** 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.

#### MOTHERING SUNDAY:

Its that time of the year again when we give thanks for all that our mums provide for us and are to us. The family Mass next Sunday at 12 noon will celebrate Mothering Sunday. All are welcome 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)

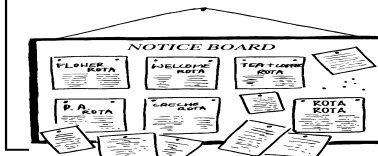
**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like to have Mass offered for someone or offered for a particular intention please see our sacristan, Mary after Mass.

**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.

**DAY OF REFLECTION ON MINISTRY:** A Day of Reflection will take place in the Parish Pastoral Centre on **Saturday, 28th March** from 10.30 am to 4pm. This is an important day for all those involved in any form of ministry in our parish. It is a day of prayer and reflection. All those involved in the various Ministries in the Church are invited to attend. Please RSVP the Parish Office via email—[secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie](mailto:secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie)— by Monday, 23rd March. Thank you.

**GIVE UP YOUR AULD SINS:** The sacrament of reconciliation will be celebrated **next weekend** after all the Sunday Masses. This gives each of us an opportunity to celebrate God's forgiveness and healing in our lives in preparation for the great feast of Easter. This season of Lent is all about renewing and preparing ourselves to celebrated the death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ what better way to do that than by receiving his healing grace.



# PARISH NEWS



**FEAST OF ST. PATRICK:** This coming Tuesday is our national feast day. St. Patrick was born very probably in the early years of the 5th century in Britain. He was taken captive at the age of 16 and brought to Ireland where he worked as a slave. His captivity had a very positive effect on his spiritual life. He escaped back home at the age of 22. It was obvious to him that God was calling him to return to convert the Irish. He studied probably in France, returned to Ireland about 457 and made a tremendous number of converts. He died in 491. **Mass will be celebrated on Monday evening at 7 pm and Tuesday morning at 10.00 am only.**

### THE SECRET TO PRAYER:

We don't pray to make God present to us. God is always present everywhere. We pray to make ourselves present to God. God is no more present in church than in a bar, but we generally are more present to God in church that we are in a bar!!! The problem of presence is not with God, but with us. Sadly, this is also true for our presence to the richness of our own lives. Too often we are not present to the beauty, love, and grace that brim within the ordinary moments of our lives. Bounty is there, but we aren't. Because of restlessness, tiredness, obsession, haste, whatever, too often we are not enough inside ourselves to appreciate what the moments of our lives hold. The secret to prayer is not to try to make God present, but to make ourselves present to God. The secret to finding beauty and love in life is the same. Like God, they are already present. The trick is to make ourselves present to them.

### RCIA: FIRST SCRUTINY:

The final weeks of preparation for all our candidates for Confirmation takes place over the next couple of weeks. The scrutines are short prayers for those preparing for baptism and confirmation. This Sunday each candidate will be presented with a copy of the Apostles Creed which contains the central beliefs of our faith. Please keep them in your prayers in the weeks ahead.



### WEEKLY REFLECTION

#### The house of God

The following prayer was found written over the door of a church:

'Lord, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife.

Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet.

Make this house a house of prayer and a gateway to your kingdom.'

**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 Jn 3:14-21.**

**CHILD PROTECTION POLICY:** St. Mochta's Parish Child Protection Policy is on display at the back of the Church and in the Parish Centre. It is also available on our website. There is a meeting for all those working with children in our parish to begin Garda Vetting Procedures **this Thursday 19th March at 7.30pm and Saturday 21st March at 11am** in the Parish Centre. All concerned are asked to attend on one of those dates.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** Message from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin "I would like to express my very special appreciation for the generosity shown by the people of the Archdiocese of Dublin on the occasion of the annual collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul just before Christmas. The final figures for the collection show an **increase of 24%** over last year, with a total of **€2,195,579.00**. Despite the many difficulties that families and individuals face, I am genuinely moved to see the depth of the sense of care and solidarity which this generosity shows. The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society do great work and I would recommend their work and mission especially to young people."