

## ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

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

**PARENT, BABY & TODDLER GROUP** meet every Tuesday morning from 9.45am to 11.45am.

**NEW Zest4life** 9 week nutrition & weight loss programme. **Starts Tuesday 10th May**, from 7pm to 9pm. To book your place contact: Mary Dunne, Nutritional Therapist, phone 085 1591810, email: [marydunne@zest4life.eu](mailto:marydunne@zest4life.eu), [www.zest4life.eu](http://www.zest4life.eu)

**YOGA CLASSES—Beginners & Improvers** every Tuesday from 8pm to 9.30pm Contact Jakki Reid (yti dip) on 086 0792469.

**NEW—JO JINGLES MUSIC & MOVEMENT GROUP** classes every Thursday, at 10am for children under 2 and 11am for children over 2.

The group use music and movement, singing and nursery rhymes to entertain and educate young children. These fun classes are for babies and young children aged 9 months to 4 years. The classes are 45 minutes long. Numbers are limited. For further details phone Jo on 01 8690344 or email [jotynan@eircom.net](mailto:jotynan@eircom.net). Alternatively check out the Jo Jingles website [www.jojingles.ie](http://www.jojingles.ie)

**SMYG** will meet again on **Friday, 20th May** from 7.30pm to 9.30pm

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

**CASTLEKNOCK GAA: CELEBRATE 1ST COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION AT LUTTRELLSTOWN CASTLE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB:** We have a special menu for 1st Communion and Confirmation lunches. For more information or to reserve a table, please phone 01 8089988.

**WESTMANSTOWN GAELS**—Annual Fundraising **Table Quiz** on **Thursday 26th May**, 2011 from 8pm in **Westmanstown Sports Complex**. €10 per person / €40 per table of 4. Please contact Eddie Martin for more information.



**SMYG:** Three representatives of SMYG who were at the finals of the Blanchardstown Youth Citizenship Awards 2011: Martha Gulman, Dylan Lynch and Sarah Malone who

presented their project on raising funds for St Vincent De Paul by collecting unwanted Christmas Gifts.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER:

The fundraising committee is holding a **Parish Garden Party** on **Friday 3rd June** in the Presbytery back garden from 8pm til late. There will be food, refreshments, music and dancing. Tickets will go on sale next week. They will be available from the Parish Centre during office hours and from the Sacristy after Mass. All monies raised will go towards sending **6 young people** from our parish to Madrid in August to take part in World Youth Day.

**KNOCK—OUR LADY'S SHRINE** is open from **1st May to 9th October**. For more information on dates and times of ceremonies in Knock Shrine, please see the noticeboard.

**EASTER DRAW:** A big thanks you to everyone who supported our Easter draw. We raised **€2,805**, which will go towards the installation of an audio visual unit for the Church.

**CROSSCARE** are holding a number of talks/workshops in May—**SafeTALK: Suicide Alertness for Everyone**—Half day workshop for everyone who wants to help prevent suicide in our communities. **Tues 24th 1.30pm to 5pm** in Crosscare, Blanchardstown. Please see the notice board at the back of the church or phone 01 8219892, email [jmartin@crosscare.ie](mailto:jmartin@crosscare.ie), [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie) for information on other workshops / services.



**KIDS CORNER:** Having listened to the readings see if you can answer the following questions:

1. What was the name of the Village the disciples were going to?
2. Who met them on the road?
3. What happened to their hearts as he spoke to them?
4. How did they recognise Jesus?

**Task for the Week:** Today's Gospel tells the great story of the disciples meeting Jesus on the road to the village of Emmaus. Each time we come to Mass we meet Jesus as he speaks his word to us and especially as we 'break bread' together, as we receive Holy Communion. We have about **170** boys & girls making their 1st Holy Communion in May and about **130** being confirmed at the end of May. Please do keep them in your prayers over the next couple of weeks.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

# ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

**PARISH NEWSLETTER 8TH MAY 2011**

**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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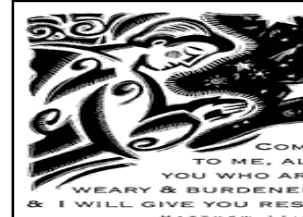
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## THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

One of the loveliest stories in the Gospel is the story of how the risen Jesus joined two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus. He explained the Scriptures to them, and revealed himself in the breaking of bread. The same thing happens for us when we celebrate the Eucharist. Jesus speaks to us in the Scriptures and nourishes us in Communion.



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

**Ellen Spring, Baby James Patrick, Nessa Cahill, Carmel Brady, Fr. Andy McNally, Florence Ahmed, David Keane, Tony Clayton and Maureen Malone.**



## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: Mary Rogers (2nd Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Patrick Downes (Anniv.)  
10.30 am: Helen O'Rourke M/M  
12.00 pm: James Mooney (Anniv.)

**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

#### Monday

10.00am: Int. of Baby Liam (ill)

#### Tuesday St. Comgall, Down & Connor

10.00am: Special Intention

#### Wednesday

10.00am: Service of Word & Communion

#### Thursday Ss. Nereus & Achilleus; St. Pancras

10.00am: Jimmy Watters RIP

#### Friday Our Lady of Fatima

10.00am: Intentions of Carmel Gurett (Ill)

#### Saturday: St. Matthias

10.00am: 1st Holy Communion

12.00pm 1st Holy Communion

### 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: Elizabeth Fahy (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: John & Mary Allen (Anniv.)  
10.30 am: Deceased members of Rogers Family  
12.00 pm: Elizabeth Scarff (Anniv.)

**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

## MARCH 2011

### INCOME

<b>Monthly Parish Offering Contributions</b>	<b>€10,114</b>
<i>*(303 regular contributors and a few donations)</i>	
<b>Receipts from Shrines and Weddings</b>	<b>€ 5,303</b>
<b>Tax Rebate</b>	<b>€24,354</b>
<b>Total income for March</b>	<b>€39,771</b>

### EXPENDITURE

<b>Pastoral Expenses, Utilities, Wages etc</b>	<b>€13,129</b>
<b>Monthly repayment on Parish Loan</b>	<b>€ 3,500</b>
<b>Total expenditure for March</b>	<b>€16,629</b>

**Balance:** **Surplus of €23,142**

**WHAT IS THE PARISH OFFERING?** The Parish receives **NO** income from the two Sunday Collections. The only regular income the parish receives is from the **Parish Offering**. We have about 5,000 homes in the parish but as you can see only **303** homes contributed to the Parish Offering in March. You can contribute to the **Parish Offering** by Standing Order or Cheque/Cash Donation. These forms are available from the back of the Church or Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support. **John Sherwood Chair Finance Committee**

## 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?** 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.**

**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.



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHRISTIAN:

We welcome **Finn, Oran and Jacob** who will join our community through the waters of Baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit.

**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Nigel Curran and Amanda Howard** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.



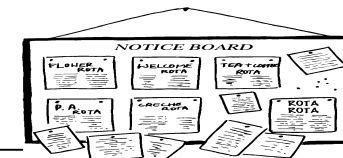
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Next meeting takes place this coming Monday, **9th May** at **8pm** in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** The St. Vincent de Paul collection for **May** takes place after each Mass this weekend, 7th/8th May. Last months (March) collection realised **€776.58** for which St. Mochta's Conference members are most grateful. Thank you.

**TROCAIRE BOXES:** If you took a box from the church for use in your home over Lent please do return them to the sacristy over the next couple of weeks. Thank you.



# PARISH NEWS



**SHARE COLLECTION:** The mission of the Archdiocese of Dublin has been enormously helped initiatives of sharing. Sharing is at the basis of the caring work of the Church in the spirit of Jesus, who came to reveal to us God's love. Sharing the contributions of the faithful enable an equitable level of pastoral service and support to be carried out in parishes throughout the diocese, especially in parishes which on their own would not be financially self sufficient. The Dublin Diocesan Consolidated Parish Financial Statement is available from the back of the church this week-end. The statement includes the combined receipts and payments returns prepared for each of the parishes in the diocese. Each return has been individually reported on by an accountant appointed by the parish priests, as being in accordance with the books, records and bank statements of the parish. Our own parish of St. Mochta contributed **€29,166** to share in the past year. Thank you for your ongoing support for the diocese.

**VOCATIONS SUNDAY:** Next Sunday is Vocations Sunday. An opportunity for us all to reflect on our Baptismal calling to live a life of grace and holiness and an opportunity to pray for and foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life. **MINISTRY WEEKEND:** We will be celebrating a Ministry weekend to highlight the work and witness of the many and varied ministries in our parish. It will be held next weekend, **14th & 15th May**.

### CONFIRMATION MEETING

The Last of our preparation meetings takes place **next Thursday 12th May** in **St. Mochta's School at 8pm**. This meeting is hosted by our Confirmation candidates and will demonstrate what they have learned during the past year in preparation to receive the sacrament at the end of May. Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish this year on **Monday May 30th & Tuesday May 31st at 11am**. We have nearly **130** candidates for Confirmation this coming year. Please keep them in your prayers over these coming weeks.



## WEEKLY REFLECTION

All through life's day, you walk with us, Lord.

But often we don't recognise you,  
for we are blinded by work and worry,  
doubt, confusion and fear,  
and so you remain a stranger to us.

Before the day's end  
we will ask many questions,  
experience many sorrows and disappointments.

And then, suddenly, whether we are young,  
middle-aged, or old,  
we will find that night is approaching.

In that moment we pray,  
that, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus,  
our eyes will be opened,  
and that we will recognise you.

And you will not vanish from our sight,  
but stay with us to guide us  
to the Father's house.

**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 10:1-10.**

## FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS:

We have three classes from St. Patrick's School and one from Scoil Choilm on **Saturday 14th May at 10am & 12 noon**. On **Saturday 21st May** we will have four classes from St. Mochta's School again at **10am and 12 noon**. Please keep all our boys and girls in your prayers over the coming weeks as they celebrate this special moment in their lives.



## 50th INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, DUBLIN JUNE 2012:

Pope Benedict XVI has given his formal approval to the theme proposed by Archbishop Martin for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress: **The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another**. Really partaking of the body of the Lord in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread, we are taken up into communion with Him and with one another. "Because the bread is one, we though many, are one body, all of us who partake of the one bread". In this way all of us are made members of His Body, "but severally members one of another"

