

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

PARISH CENTRE VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for new volunteers who can help in the mornings in the Parish Centre. It will be to work as Receptionist one morning a week from 10.30am—12.30am every second week. Answering the phone and dealing with enquiries at the front desk. Our Parish Centre is becoming a busy place during the week so help is always needed. If you are interested please leave your details into the sacristy after Mass.

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

NEW—JUNIOR PLAYERS CLUB starting **Tues. 26th Jan**—3pm to 4pm—age group 4yrs to 8yrs and 4pm to 5pm—age group 9 yrs to 12 yrs. For more information please contact Dolores on 086 8672490 or register online now www.juniorplayersclub.ie

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

YOGA CLASSES—New Term starts this Tuesday, 26th January at 8pm.

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



HOSPICE GALA CONCERT:

To mark the 20th Anniversary of St Francis Hospice there will be concert held in the Helix Theatre on **Saturday March 6th** starting at **7pm** featuring Liam Lawton, Rebecca Storm, Mount Sackville Choir and many more. Tickets **€50** available from The Helix Box Office—www.thehelix.ie. More details on the poster at the back of the church. Your support would be gratefully appreciated for this very worthy cause.

ST. MOCHTA'S N.S. are staging the wonderful Bugsy Malone musical in the **Draiocht theatre on 4th 5th & 6th of Feb.** The show will be nightly at **8pm** with a matinee on **Sat. at 2pm.** Fantastic family fun with maybe a few surprises in store! Don't miss out, buy your tickets now from the Draiocht Box Office—Phone 8852622.

ARTHRITIS IRELAND: Do you have arthritis? Then, the **Living Well with Arthritis Programme** is for you. The course runs from **Mon. 1st Feb to Mon. 8th Mar—7pm to 9.30pm** in Crosscare Community Centre, Blanchardstown. For more information please phone 01 6470206, email training@arthritisireland.ie or see the notice board at the back of the church. **THE 2010 NATIONAL PANCAKE PARTY** in aid of the National Children's Hospital, Tallaght are asking you to **mix it up again** by hosting a Pancake Party between 12th and 16th Feb. Simply register online at www.pancakeparty.ie or phone 01 4142375.

THANK YOU: I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who showed such kindness to me and my Daughter, Ursula following my unfortunate accident last month. To all who 'phoned, sent cards or visited me in hospital. Last of all I thank Fr. John for taking time out of his busy Christmas schedule to visit me in hospital. Deirdre Woods.

EMMANUEL '10 23 Songs, 40 Schools, 1,200 Students—**24th & 25th March, 2010 at 8pm** in **The Helix**, Dublin 9. Tickets €20 available from The Helix Box Office—www.thehelix.ie. The Emmanuel Music Initiative is a project of the Dublin Diocesan Commission for Sacred Music.



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

1. Who was Luke writing his Gospel for?
2. What town did Jesus enter?
3. What scroll was handed to Jesus for him to read?
4. What did he say to the people after he read from the scroll?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: If you look very closely at the ground you will see the daffodils beginning to come out of the ground. So spring is not far away. Spring is a time for new life, new beginnings. Jesus calls us to make a new beginning also by following his way each day, bring new life to other people.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 24TH JAN. 2010

3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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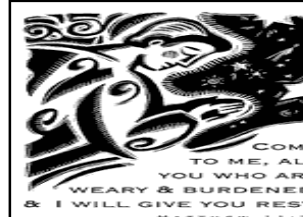
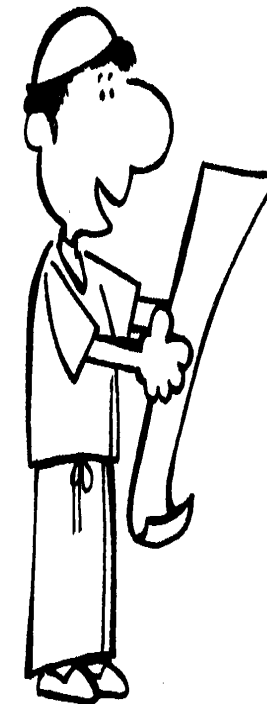
GOOD NEWS FOR THE POOR

The Gospel shows Jesus proclaiming the word of God. In the synagogue at Nazareth, he makes his own a passage from Isaiah, and uses it to announce a programme for his ministry.

He is sent, not to the wealthy or the powerful, but to the poor and the lowly, the oppressed and the suffering.

Who are the poor? The poor are all the dispossessed of this world, all those who are waiting for liberation.

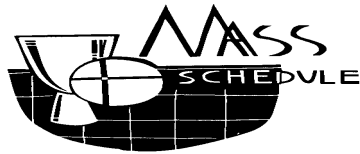
The good news must not be limited to spiritual blessings only.



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, Allsún Henderson, Deirdre Woods.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.00 pm Nuala McHugh (Anniv.)
8.30 am Intentions of the Sick of the Parish
10.30 am John Caffrey M/M
12.00 pm Patrick & Philomena Gilbert (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: The Conversion of St. Paul

10.00 am:

Tuesday: Ss. Timothy & Titus

10.00 am:

Wednesday: St. Angela Merici

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday: St. Thomas Aquinas

10.00 am

Friday:

10.00 am: Baby Niamh Murray (6th Anniv.)

Saturday: St. Aidan

10.00 am Mary Smith (Anniv.)

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.00 pm Joe & Rita Malone (Anniv.)
8.30 am Intentions of the Sick of the Parish
10.30 am Catherine Hughes (1st Anniv.)
12.00 pm Marie Dunne (2nd Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Grace, Ben, Dmowomunola, Boluwaiife and Kate** 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.



CHRISTMAS OFFERING THANK YOU:

A big thank you to all those who have returned the Christmas offering for your generosity and support. The Christmas Offering goes to help support the priests in the Diocese and the Parish. Envelopes are available from the back of the Church.

REVISED RECEPTION VOLUNTEER ROSTER from 25th Jan to 26th March is available for collection in the Sacristy after Mass. Also please see the notice board at the back of the Church.

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.

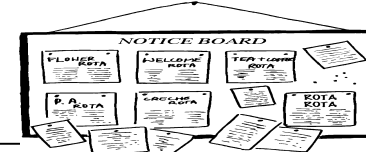
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

200TH ANNIVERSARY—ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, CASTLEKNOCK:

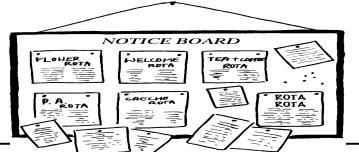
are celebrating their 200th anniversary in 2010. On **Sunday, 31st Jan at 3pm** there will be a special celebration to mark the occasion. We wish them every blessing as they reach this great milestone.

SVP CLOTHING APPEAL:

The annual appeal for good clean second hand clothing (clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc) will take place at the end of the month. **Bags will be handed out THIS weekend of 23rd/24th Jan and all the bags will be collected next Sunday 31st Jan (ONLY) after Sunday Masses.** So start that spring clean early and get searching through those wardrobes. You know there's stuff in there you've not seen for years. Clothes that are very sad and lonely because they have not seen the light of day in years, who long once more to hug a body, caress some toes, dress a bed. The SVP will find a new home for them!!!!



PARISH NEWS



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI:

All of us have been shocked at the huge loss of life and destruction of property in Haiti as a result of the earthquake. It has left an estimated 200,000 dead and 1.5 million homeless. This weekend we are holding a special second collection for Haiti. The money raised will be donated to **Concern Ireland** a Third World agency with decades of experience of working in the field. The money raised will be used for some of the projects listed below. Concern have now started a full scale response in St Martin and Martissant. This involves: Water distributions (for 50,000 people) Clean-up campaign (a cash-for-work programme) Soap distribution (15,000 people) Temporary latrines (15,000 people) Shelter (tents and plastic sheeting for around 25,000 people) **Future planning:** Concern are also starting a six month emergency recovery and rehabilitation programme, targeting 150,000 people. Malnutrition is a huge potential problem. So we are setting up seven emergency nutrition sites to treat 2,500 children up to the age of one. Three further nutrition centres will treat 1,800 children under the age of five, providing food and counselling. 30,000 people will also receive tents and plastic sheeting. Access to water and sanitation We will be: Installing 11 tanks with a capacity of 135,000 litres per day Distributing water, jerry cans and water purification tablets to 50,000 people Installing 300 latrines for 15,000 people Distributing soap to 15,000 people **Cash injection** Concern will be giving 10,000 women a cash allowance of \$75 dollars 10,000 men will receive cash for clean up and sanitation work, working three days per week for three months. Full details can be accessed by logging on to their website: www.concernireland.org. Please give what you can. **St. Mochta's National School** have already contributed **€2,500** to the appeal. Well done to all the students, parents and staff. **BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME 2010:** A preparation meeting for parents of children (ages 7 –9) who expressed an interest to have their child baptised will be held in the **Parish Centre on 2nd February, 2010 at 7.30 pm sharp.** The baptismal preparation programme will run during the season of Lent and the children who participate fully in this preparation will be baptised at the Easter Vigil (April 3rd). Children will NOT be accepted for baptism if they do not register for this preparation programme. **This meeting is for parents only.**

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Grace is unlimited

Human beings are frail and foolish.

We have been told that grace is to be found in the universe.

But in our human foolishness and short-sightedness we imagine divine grace to be finite, and for this reason we tremble.

But the moment comes when our eyes are open, and we see that grace is infinite.

Grace demands nothing from us but that we await it with confidence and acknowledge it with gratitude.

Grace makes no conditions and singles out none of us in particular.

Grace takes us all to its bosom and proclaims a general amnesty.

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 4:21-30.**

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: Catholic Schools Week gives us the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the tremendous contribution that our Catholic primary and post-primary schools make not just to Irish society, but to the mission of the Church. This year the theme for the week is **'Catholic Schools – A Light for Every Generation'**. Catholic schools are committed to the education and formation of the young person in every aspect of their lives. Thus Catholic schools are light for parents, pupils, staff and society in every generation. In selecting this theme we are clearly connecting the vision of Catholic education with the mission of the Gospel, to bring the light of Christ to the world and to allow that light to shine through and in all that we do in our work in Catholic schools. This theme reminds us that we are constantly challenged to let that light shine for the present generation and this will remain part of our task for future generations. It also allows us to remember with great gratitude all those who through their work in establishing schools and places of education brought the light of Christ to many generations of Irish people in the past. **Next weekend the 10.30am Mass will be a special celebration liturgy for St. Mochta's School and the 12 noon Mass for St. Patrick's School.**