

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC : Its time to dust down the golf bag and get that swing going for the fast approaching Spring. This year our Parish Golf Classic will be held on **Thursday 24th March** in the magnificent Luttrellstown Castle Golf & Country Club. If its anything like our previous Classics it will be a wonderful day. Our entry form and sponsorship forms will be available from next week. Thank you for your support. All of the proceeds this year will be going to support the repayments on our beautiful Parish Centre. For further enquiries contact: Fr. John Daly: 01-8213218; Eileen Ring: 086 8041342; Rita Tighe 087 2868065



CONCERT FOR ST FRANCIS HOSPICE Feb 26th 2011

- Venue Mahony Hall Helix Time 7pm Champagne Reception Concert starts 8pm. Tickets €50
 - Amazing raffle on the night.
 - Performers Brendan Gleeson , Rebecca Storm, Riverdance, Noirin Ni Riain , Size2shoes, Virginia Kerr, Mount Sackville Choir, Liz Ryan , Jane Hackett (violinist) and many more.
 - Tickets available from Helix Box Office 01 7007000 or contact Eileen Ring 0868041342, Lesley Mc Donough 0868030592 or Catherine Hafford 0868333189.
- Sell out concert last year raising **€54,500** for such a deserving cause. This year promises to be another great night. Don't delay in getting that ticket.

ST. MOCHTA'S YOUTH GROUP: is back next **Friday** night, **28th January** from 7.30 to 9.30. There will be a **Creative Writing Workshop** for members so get your thinking hats on for a good story! **SMYG** is open to young people from 1st year and upwards.



PARENT, BABY & TODDLER GROUP: Meet every Tuesday from 9.45am to 11.45am. For more information, please contact Mary O'Riordan at mary_oriordan@hotmail.com

YOGA CLASSES—New Class—Yoga During Pregnancy starting **Tuesday 25th January** from **6.45pm to 8pm** (6 weeks) Cost €70. **Beginners & Improvers** Classes are on every **Tuesday** from **8pm to 9.30pm** (6 weeks) Cost €80. Next term starts on **Tuesday, 25th January**. Yoga is for everyone regardless of age or levels of fitness. To book your place, please contact Jakki Reid (yti dip) on 086 0792469.

CROSSCARE: Crosscare is the social care agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin. Our services are open and available to all. For more information please see the notice board at the back of the church or visit www.crosscare.ie.

CASTLEKNOCK CELTIC FC are hosting a Bingo night in the **Castleknock Hotel** on **Friday 28th January at 8.30pm**. All are welcome and not boots required! All funds raised on the night will go towards the new clubhouse in Porters-town Park, which was opened last year, and provides well needed facilities for 100s of boys and girls in the greater Castleknock area.

CASTLEKNOCK NEWSLETTER: A new local community newsletter, Castleknock Newsletter, will be going on sale next weekend. It will be available in all local newsagents from Thursday.



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

1. What were the names of the brothers in the Gospel?
2. What type of work do they do?
3. What did Jesus mean when he said that he would make them 'fishers of people'?
4. Does Jesus want us to follow him too?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Sometimes today people give up everything to follow Jesus and they are known as missionaries. How can we follow him everyday? We can do this by the way we live and treat others. This week do something kind and helpful for your Mum and Dad, especially something they ask you to do and that you don't really like doing.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 23RD JAN. 2011

3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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Parish Office Hours : Monday - Friday : 9.30am – 12.30pm

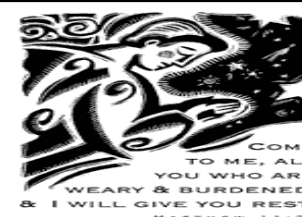
A LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARK

'The people that lived in darkness have seen a great light.'

This is how St. Matthew describes the impact of Jesus' ministry.

Each of us has areas of darkness in our lives—fear, illness, pain, sin, guilt, loneliness, and so on. Society too has its dark areas. Hence our need for the light of Christ.

The light of Christ does not come to judge us, but to save us, to show us how to live, to show us the way to the Father's Kingdom.



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

Ellen Spring, Christy Hughes, Maureen Malone, David Keane, Baby James Patrick, Nessa Cahill, Carmel Brady and Fr. Andy McNally, Bill Gaughan, Florence Ahmed.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm Michael Fahy (Anniv.)
8.30 am Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am Mary Tymond (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Jennifer Chawke (Special Intention)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday St. Francis de Salles

10.00 am Int. of Bill Gaughan (ill)

Tuesday The Conversion of St. Paul

10.00 am: Int. of Lan Tran

Wednesday Ss. Timothy & Titus

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday : St. Angela Merici

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Friday St. Thomas Aquinas

10.00 am Intentions of the Sick of the Parish

Saturday:

10.00 am Special Intention

4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm Baby Niamh Murray (Anniv.)
8.30 am Int. of the Parish
10.30 am Int. of St. Mochta's & St. Patrick's School
12.00 pm Mark Dunne (Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH MONTHLY FINANCE DECEMBER 2010

INCOME

Monthly Parish Offering Contributions	€8,253
<i>*(290 regular contributors and a few donations)</i>	
Receipts from Shrines and Weddings	€4,085
Cake Sale	€ 720
Total income for December	€13,058

EXPENDITURE

Pastoral Expenses, Utilities , Wages etc	€ 9,954
Monthly repayment on Parish Loan	€ 0,000
Total expenditure for December	€ 9,954
Balance:	Surplus of € 3,104

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 **290** homes contributed to the Parish Offering in December. 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 of 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 **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.

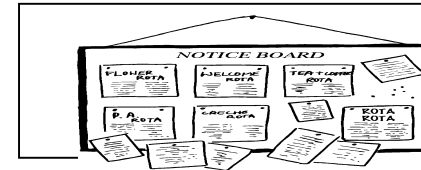
NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Sophie, Adrian, Jennifer, Ciara and Raye** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind, and spirit in the years ahead.



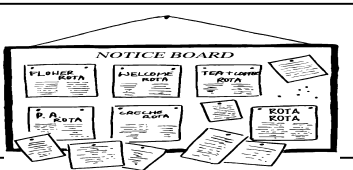
WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **John O'Brien and Margaret Butler** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

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 of the priests in the Diocese and the Parish. Envelopes are available from the back of the Church.

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT: Takes place each Sunday evening from 7pm –9 pm and offers us an opportunity to spend some quiet time with the Lord.



PARISH NEWS



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Churches around the world traditionally mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from **18th to 25th January**. This theme is a call back to the origins of the first church in Jerusalem; it is a call for inspiration and renewal, a return to the essentials of the faith; it is a call to remember the time when the church was still one. Within this theme four elements are presented which were marks of the early Christian community, and which are essential to the life of the Christian Community wherever it exists. Firstly, the Word was passed on by the apostles. Secondly, fellowship (koinonia) was an important mark of the early believers whenever they met together. A third mark of the early Church was the celebration of the Eucharist (the 'breaking of the bread'), remembering the New Covenant which Jesus has enacted in his suffering, death and resurrection. The fourth aspect is the offering of constant prayer. These four elements are the pillars of the life of the church, and of its unity.

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 – Rooted in Jesus Christ**. 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.**

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Lord, make me an instrument of your love.
Where the darkness of loneliness reigns
let me bring the light of friendship.
Where the darkness of bitterness reigns
let me bring the light of forgiveness.
Where the darkness of hurt reigns
let me bring the light of healing.
Where the darkness of discord reigns
let me bring the light of joy.
Where the darkness of doubt reigns
let me bring the light of faith.
Where the darkness of despair reigns
let me bring the light of hope.
And where the darkness of hatred reigns
let me bring the light of love.

SCRIPTURE READING: Each week we suggest a piece of Scripture to use in 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 passage is Mt 5:1-12.**



SVP CLOTHING APPEAL:

The annual appeal for good clean second hand clothing (clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc) will take place week. **Bags will be handed out this weekend, 22nd/23rd Jan and all the bags**

will be collected next weekend ONLY Sunday 30th Jan after Sunday Masses. So start that spring clean now 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, frame a wall!!!! The SVP will find a new home for them!!!!

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

will be available to meet with anyone suffering a loss through bereavement or separation of any kind between **8.00pm & 9.00pm on Monday 31st January** in the Pastoral Centre. It may not be a recent loss or bereavement. Sometimes there can be an "old" grief that has not been dealt with. It doesn't matter how old the grief is, all are welcome. This is a strictly confidential service— no appointment necessary. One to one support is also available by contacting a member of the group on 086 2479216 or through the Parish Office