

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

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.

CHRISTMAS DRAW:

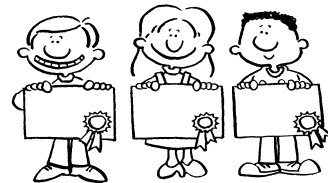
Tickets for our Christmas Draw are on sale after mass. **The draw is limited to 500 hundred tickets at €10 each.** All the proceeds this year will be going to cover the cost of installing an electronic striker for the church bell. This will mean that we will be able to ring The Angelus each day and set it to ring for Mass and other liturgical celebrations. It will be a great addition to our celebrations. Our Christmas Draw takes place on **Sunday 21st December** after our Carol Service. Thank you to all our sponsors Ravellos Italian Restaurant, Shimlas Indian Restaurant, Luttrellstown Castle Golf & Country Club, Castleknock Golf Club, Hollystown Golf Club, Anne's Hair Creation, Molloy's Liquor stores, Justins Fruit & Vegetables Store Blanchardstown, Edel's Nail & Beauty Salon, Superquinn, Lucy Doyle, Annette Russell, Derek Leonard, and our many, many other generous sponsors. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

RAINBOWS IRELAND is a support programme to assist children who are grieving a death, separation or other painful transition in their family. Our parish will begin its first Rainbows Programme in January, 2009 for children aged 7 yrs to 12 yrs. For further details please see the notice board at the back or the Church or contact the Parish Office.



ST. MOCHTA'S WAY: Donate a brick and be part of the heritage of our Parish. To commemorate our new Parish Centre and to build the heritage of our parish, St. Mochta's Way has been created so that you can make history for your family in the future. Everyone can participate by having a personalised engraved brick placed in St. Mochta's Way. You can order a single brick with up to two lines of lettering or a double brick with up to four lines. The bricks, available in gold lettering, are professionally engraved and hand painted with a long lasting gold infill. You could donate a brick with your family name or for any occasion, e.g. Birth, Christening, Birthday, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Graduation, Engagement, Wedding, Family Remembrance or any special personal or family occasion. If you would like more information about the scheme, pick up a brochure in the church, at the Parish Centre or you can download an order form, on our website. Take a look at 'St. Mochta's Way' at www.stmochtasparish.ie. **The 1st order of bricks for St. Mochta's Way will take place in December.**

JUNIOR INFANTS SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2009: Application Forms for Enrolment for Junior Infants (September, 2009) will be available in St. Patrick's N.S. and St. Mochta's N.S. from Wednesday, 7th January, 2009. Registration will take place in both schools on the following dates only: **Monday, 2nd Feb. 2009** 10am to 12pm and 7pm to 9pm; **Tuesday, 3rd Feb. 2009** 10am to 12pm and **Wednesday, 4th Feb. 2009** 10am to 12pm only.



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

1. Which Angel was sent by God?
2. Who was he sent to?
3. What did he say?
4. What is impossible to God?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Yahooooooo. Its nearlyChristmas, time for celebrating with all our loved ones. I would ask you over the Christmas to make a visit to the Church and to offer a prayer of thanks in front of the crib for all that you have received not only at Christmas but through the whole year.



Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 21ST DEC. 2008

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

This year our carol service will be celebrated this afternoon, 21st December 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.

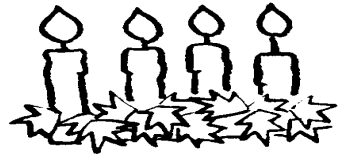
Our guest choir this year will be the children's choir from St. Mocha's School.



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

Irene Hoey, Bridget Matthews, Bernie Byrne, Joan Allen, Padraig Byrne, Sarah Harris, Peggy McKeown, Billy Balfe, Mary Rodgers.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.00 pm: Kathleen & Bernard Byrne (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Special Intentions of the Carrig Family
10.30 am Noreen Lynch (M/M)
12.00 pm Paddy & Sheila Downey (Anniv.)

4.00 pm Carol Service

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday:

10.00 am: Margaret Carroll (Anniv.)

Tuesday:

10.00 am: Patrick Fee (Anniv.)

Wednesday:

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion



CHRISTMAS MASSES

All our Masses for Christmas Day are offered for all our loved ones who have died, especially those who died this past year.

CHRISTMAS EVE

6.00 pm: Family Mass
8.30 pm: Carols Sung in Church
9.00 pm: Mass of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00 am:
9.00 am:
10.30 am:
12.00 pm

Friday: St. Stephen's Day

12.00 noon: Special Intentions of the Crotty Family

Saturday: St. John, Evangelist

10.00 am: Tom Croghan (Anniv.)

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

7.00 pm: John O'Rourke (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am James Daly
12.00 pm Kathleen & Edward Sheridan (Anniv.)

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

PARISH WEBSITE: The address for our new 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.

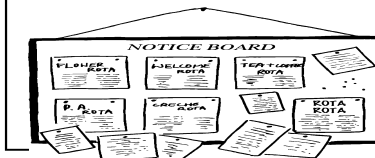
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.



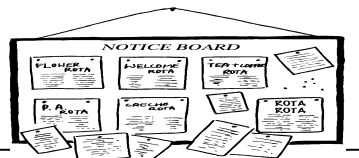
WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Alan Lynch and Emer Dowling** and **Paul Dunne and Michelle Moore** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Michael, Rian, Harrison and Luca** 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 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 **TUESDAY 23rd** after morning Mass. Don't be shy in coming forward we'll need as many hands as possible. Thank you.



PARISH NEWS



GIVE UP YOUR AULD SINS: The sacrament of Confession is available each Saturday evening from 6pm –6.45pm or by appointment during the week. **We will have a Reconciliation Service during Advent after the Sunday Masses beginning the 3rd Sunday of Advent 14th December and 4th Sunday of Advent 21st December** to help prepare us spiritually for the celebration of Christmas.

NOT A CROWD BUT THE PEOPLE OF GOD: Thankfully, our Church will be full for each of our Christmas Masses. But we do not gather as an unruly crowd but as the Lord's people. So, I would ask each of you to be respectful of those beside you and around you. Especially those with young children. It will be very important to maintain a sense of reverence and prayer in our church during our celebrations. Please do listen to and cooperate with those doing stewarding. Let patience be our hat, may we wear a smile and be dressed from head to toe with good will. Enjoy our gathering for Christ, Our Saviour, born on this day. 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.

A WORD OF THANKS:

Most of us come to church each Sunday unaware of all the people working behind the scenes who help make our parish and celebrations work. So I'd ask you to offer a prayer or word of thanks to all our ministers, our choirs, cleaners, sacristans, ushers, musicians, altar servers and our many, many groups. These are the unsung heroes who give of their time, talent and energy week in and week out in the parish. A big thank you to them all. We are always looking for new faces to get actively involved in the running of the parish. Maybe this new year is your time to get actively involved. There'll be a warm welcome and plenty of work to give you whatever you may be called to!!!!



WEEKLY REFLECTION

You sometimes hear people say, 'I always find Christmas Day a lonely day.'

I think what they are really saying is: 'I always feel lonely on Christmas day.' Loneliness is caused chiefly by two things: absence and emptiness.

Let us spare a thought, a prayer, and maybe a visit for someone who will spend Christmas alone. and if while spending Christmas in the midst of others, we still feel lonely, let us not be alarmed.

Our hearts are always longing for something more,

Or rather, for Someone else.

In every human heart there is an empty chamber waiting for a guest. That guest is God.

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 Lk 2:22-40.**

CHRISTMAS GRACE: Most of us will sit down to dinner with family and friends on Christmas Day. It is a day to celebrate with those gathered and remember those absent. It is important as Christians that we remember to welcome the Lord Jesus Christ to our table also. We will have a special '**Grace before Dinner**' for you to take home for your family Dinner. As you gather around the table. **CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Are available at the back of the church. The Christmas Offering goes to help support the priests in the Diocese and the Parish. Thank you for your prayers and continued support, especially at this time.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY GIVE THANKS: This year once again the generosity of people of the parish has proved extraordinary. Last week's collection raised **€10,638** for the work of St. Mochta's Conference. Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated. May you have a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.