

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS



WEDDING BELLS:

Congratulations to Gary Gunning and Karen McKeogh and Keith Mulready and Aisling Cleary 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 Lukas, Eva and Jessica 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. Thank you.

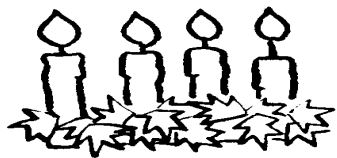


CRIB AND CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING: Are available from the racks at the back of the Church. These are little prayer services to be done at home with your family or friends. They offer us simple and practical ways of keeping Christ at the heart of our preparations. Please take one.

PARISH CENTRE VOLUNTEERS: There is a gathering on Tuesday, 21st December after Mass for coffee and mince pies for all volunteers in the Parish Centre.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: The Parish Christmas Cards are available from the sacristy after Mass or Parish Office during office hours.

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE AND PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Centre and Parish Office will close on Wednesday, 22nd December at 12.30pm and reopen again on Tuesday, 4th January, 2011. If you have a query, please phone 01 8213218 and leave a message.



PARENT & TODDLER GROUP will meet again on Tuesday, 11th January, 2011. For more information, please contact Mary O'Riordan 087 9790085 / mary_oriordan@hotmail.com

CHRISTMAS LEAFLET VOLUNTEERS: A big thank you to all our volunteers who gave their time and energy to drop the Christmas Cards around the parish.

LIAM LAWTON CONCERT: We had a wonderful night on Wednesday with Fr. Liam Lawton performing in our church. It was a concert full of cheer and inspiration. A great way to get everyone in to the Christmas celebrations. A big thank you for all who made it possible, who helped to make the evening run smoothly and offered a warm welcome and hospitality to all. Fr. Liam really enjoyed the night himself.

STUCK FOR A GIFT TO GIVE?: Here are a few suggestions for special gifts:

- a firm handshake to a shaky soul,
- a kind word to a lonely person,
- a warm smile to the disheartened,
- a sincere concern for someone troubled,
- a feeling of compassion for the neglected,
- a comforting thought for the bereaved,
- a respect for the dignity of others,
- a defense of the rights of individuals,
- a word of witness to help a seeking soul,
- a Peaceful Christmas to all.



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

1. What house was Joseph from?
2. Who appeared to Joseph?
3. What did the angel say to him?
4. What does the word 'Emmanuel' mean?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Yahooooooo. Its Christmas, 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 19TH DEC. 2010

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Parish Priest : Rev. John Daly Tel: 8213218

Parish Pastoral Worker: Mary GreeneByrne Tel: 8213218

Parish Secretary: June Phelan Tel: 8213218

Parish Sacristan: Mary Stacey Tel: 8213218

Parish Pastoral Centre Enquiries to: Donal Russell

Parish Pastoral Committee: Chairperson Bryan Maher

Parish Finance Committee: Chairperson John Sherwood

Parish Child Protection Officers: Michael Stacey & Jackie Sherwood

email: frjohn@stmochtasparish.ie

email: pastoralcare@stmochtasparish.ie

email: secretary@stmochtasparish.ie

email: pastoralcentre@stmochtasparish.ie

Parish Web Address: www.stmochtasparish.ie

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

LAST WEEK OF ADVENT CHALLENGE



Advent issues a spiritual wake-up call to us.

Unless we are spiritually awake we are only half living.

This Advent we are challenging you to find **15 minutes** in your day to be still and silent.

Silence is a presence, a receptivity, a readiness, a waiting, a listening.

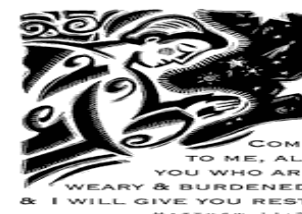
When we enter into periods of silence, we start to see things with greater clarity.

We come to know ourselves, and get in touch with the deepest part of ourselves.

That is our soul.

Silence is the gateway to the soul and the soul is the gateway to God.

It's the last week of our challenge. Pick up your Prayer Card.



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

Ellen Spring, Christy Hughes, Maureen Malone, David Keane, Gillian Dowling, Baby James Patrick, Nessa Cahill, Carmel Brady, Tom Farrell

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.00 pm: Kathleen & Bernard Byrne (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Elizabeth Martin (Anniv.)
10.30 am: Special Intention
12.00 pm: Winifred Quigley (Anniv.)

4.00 pm Carol Service

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday St. Fachanan Kilfenora

10.00 am: Special Intention

Tuesday St. Peter Canisius

10.00 am: Mass of Thanksgiving

Wednesday

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday St. John Kanty

10.00 am: Int. of those travelling home for Christmas

Friday

10.00 am: Int. of the Sick of Parish

CHRISTMASTIDE 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

SUNDAY: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am: James Daly
12.00 pm: Mary Ita Collins (1st 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 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.

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH MONTHLY FINANCE NOVEMBER 2010

INCOME

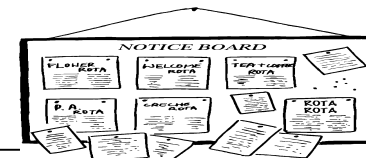
Monthly Parish Offering Contributions	€7,423
<i>*(289 regular contributors and a few donations)</i>	
Receipts from Shrines and Weddings	€1,557
Total income for November	€8,980

EXPENDITURE

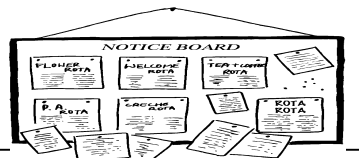
Pastoral Expenses, Utilities, Wages etc	€ 9,839
Monthly repayment on Parish Loan	€ 5,544
Total expenditure for November	€15,383

Balance:	Deficit of	(€6,403)
-----------------	-------------------	-----------------

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 **289** homes contributed to the Parish Offering in November. 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**



PARISH NEWS



CHRISTMAS CAROL

SERVICE: This year our carol service will be celebrated this afternoon, **19th 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. Mochta's National School.



GIVE UP YOUR AULD SINS: At the very heart of all our preparations for Christmas is the preparation of our soul. Christ was born, the Word of God became flesh, that we might be saved. We need to turn to the Lord frequently to ask for his healing and forgiveness, to be saved from our sins. This season of Advent offers us the opportunity to reflect on lives and repent those things which have caused us to sin. The Lord offers us his healing grace and the peace of his forgiveness. It is a **free gift** he offers to each one of us. **We will have a Reconciliation Service this 4th Sunday of Advent after Masses today.**

CHRISTMAS MASSES: 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.** There will also be no 7pm Mass on Christmas Day. Our congregations are usually very large for Christmas. So I would encourage you to arrive in plenty of time for Mass.

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.

SVP GIVE THANKS: Last week's annual Christmas appeal for the **St. Vincent de Paul** raised **€6,842.76** for the work of St. Mochta's Conference. Thank you for your generosity and support, it is much appreciated. May you have a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Persons are gifts
which God sends to us. . . wrapped.
Some come wrapped very beautifully,
some in very ordinary wrapping paper.

I am a person.

Therefore, I am a gift.

A gift to myself, first of all.

God my Creator gave myself to me.

Maybe I've never seen the wonderful gift that I am.

Could God's gift be anything but beautiful?

I love the gifts which those who love me
give to me. Why not the gift of me?

Every meeting of persons is an exchange of gifts.

Love is a relationship between persons
who see themselves as they really are:

Gifts given by God to be given to others.

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 2:13-15.19-23**

THE FEAST OF THE HEART: Christmas is a feast of the heart. It reveals to us what the heart of God is like. It was God who started it all when he gave us the gift of his Son. At the same time it reveals to us what the human heart is capable of. Christmas causes us to open our hearts. And to the extent to which we open our hearts to God and to one another, will be the extent to which we experience the 'great joy' the angels announced to the shepherds, because joy is the fruit of love. May you and your family truly have a feast of the heart this Christmas Season.

ANOINTING AT MASS

ON JAN 1ST:

Mass for World Peace Day will be celebrated at **12 noon**. During the Mass there will be an anointing of each person's hands. It is with our hands



that we offer signs of peace or violence, it is with our hands that we do good or bad, it is with our hands that we express love or hatred. As we begin a new year our hands will be united that they may help us to be people of peace this coming new year. This anointing is available to everyone in our parish as we start 2011.