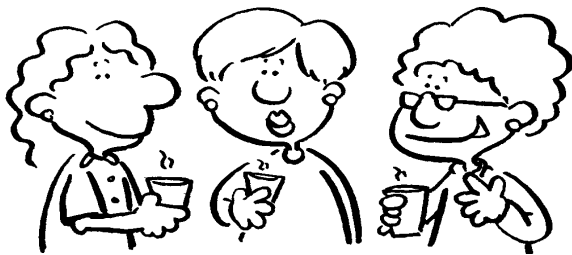


ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

CROSSCARE BLANCHARDSTOWN

Main Street, Blanchardstown, offers the following services: **Information Clinic** every Monday (excl Bank holidays) from 2pm to 4pm. **Coffee Break for Parents**—Are you a parent caring for a child who may have a special need, a neurological condition, a disability or long term illness? You are welcome at our Drop In Coffee Break on **Thursday 26th March** from 3pm to 4pm (and monthly 23rd April and 28th May). Come along for a chance to meet other parents, have a break and a chat. **ASIST—Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training** 24th to 25th March—A two day skills building workshop in suicide first aid suitable for all kinds of caregivers, professional workers, volunteers, people responding to family, friends and co-workers. Hosted by Dochas Blanchardstown at Crosscare, Main Street, Blanchardstown. **What's Dis-Ability?** - Discussion with facilitator Joan Browne on **Thursday 26th March** from 10am to 12 pm. **Migrant Project**—'Walk In' information and advocacy clinic on immigration, emigration and return migration matters. Free service, no appointment necessary. **Housing & Welfare information.** 'Walk In' information on homelessness services & housing options, etc. Free service, no appointment necessary. **Let's Dance**—Every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm—Dance-Meditation-de-stress session. **For more information** please see the notice board at the back of the Church or contact Jean Martin, Area Coordinator on 01 8219892 or jmartin@crosscare.ie.



ACCORD: urgently needs men and women to deliver our Marriage Preparation Courses. We would like to be able to offer a Marriage Preparation course to all couples who approach us. Unfortunately we can only meet half of the number of couples marrying in the Archdiocese. Perhaps you are interested or know someone who might be suitable for this work. **Information Evening** on **Tuesday, 31st March, 2009 at 8 pm** in ACCORD, 39 Harcourt St., Dublin 2. Further information may be obtained by phoning Mary at 01 4784400 or email marriagepreparation@dublin.accord.ie

CASTLEKNOCK CELTIC EASTER SOCCER CAMP: Mon 6th to Thur 9th April from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. Venue: Blanch. Inst. of Technology. Application form and details on www.castleknockceltic.com or contact Philip on 087 4138099.

ST. MOCHTA'S ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB: Our club academy for players from 5 to 8 years of age runs every Saturday from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. Coaching is provided by FAI qualified trainers in a professional and safe environment. All children are welcome, boys and girls, no matter what their level of ability. Cost: €3.00 per session. Please come along this and every Saturday to St. Mochta's F.C., Porterstown Road (Beside Scoil Choilm). For more information please see the notice board.

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: A new Parent and Toddler Group has started in St. Mochta's Parish Pastoral Centre. It is run on Tuesday mornings from 9.40 am to 11.40 am. Cost: €2 per adult and 50c per child. Everyone welcome! From Baby to School Going Age. For further information email mary-oriordan@hotmail.com or call into the Parish Office between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm—Mon-Fri.

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

1. What was the name of the man Jesus was speaking to?
2. How did God show that he loved the world?
3. What does Jesus do for us?
4. What must we do for Jesus?



TASK FOR THE WEEK: : Hey, it's Mother's Day today. So don't forget to make it an extra special day for your mum today. But you should make your mum not just feel special on this day but everyday. Always remember to say thank you for all she does for you and tell her how much you love her at least once a week!!!

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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 22ND MARCH 2009 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

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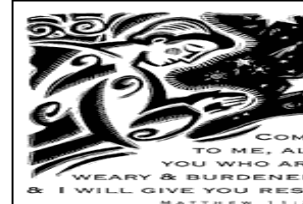
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ACCEPTING OR REJECTING THE LIGHT

St. John says that when the light of Christ came into the world some people rejected it. Why? Because their deeds were evil. Evil people hate the light because it reveals themselves to themselves. They hate goodness because it reveals their badness. They will destroy the light, the goodness, the love, in order to avoid the pain of self-discovery. Light stands for truth and goodness. People who have come to know the love and joy of God do not deny the darkness, but they choose not to live in it. They trust in the light of God's love and joy. And the light of Christ is such that no darkness can overpower it.



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

Joan Allen, Padraig Byrne, Sarah Harris, Mary Rodgers, Miriam Soughley, Ruth Dayman, Joseph O' Connor, Liam Silcock, Gillian Dowling.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

7.00 pm: Tom Leonard (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Bernadette Cahill (Anniv.)
10.30 am Eileen Daly
12.00 pm Irene Hoey (M/M)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: St. Turibus De Mongrovejo

10.00 am: Christy Harford & Michael Harford (Anniv.)

Tuesday: St. Macartan

10.00 am: Stelian Stoica (Seriously ill)

Wednesday: Annunciation of the Lord

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday:

10.00 am Deceased members of the Moynihan Family

Friday:

10.00 am Joan Jordon (Recently Deceased)

Saturday:

10.00 am: Tom O'Driscoll (Anniv.)

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

7.00 pm: Charlie Hynes (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Patrick Malone (Anniv.)
10.30 am Molly McCoy (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Jack Kelly (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

NEW CHRISTIANS:

We welcome **Charlie, Denise, Nathan and Cillian** 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.



WEDDING BELLS:

Congratulations to **Conor Hennessy and Carmel Smith** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.



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.

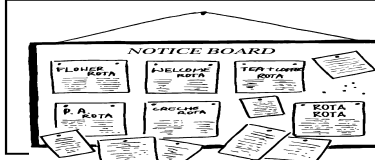
CONFESSION: the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

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

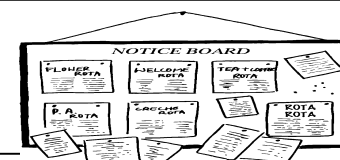
MARTIN CROTTY R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Martin who died last Tuesday after a long illness. We offer our sympathy to his wife Alice and their children Fiona, Ann Marie and Ciaran. Martin was laid to rest on Thursday morning. May he rest in peace. Amen.

MARY CAFFREY RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary who died this week. Mary will be received into church on **Sunday evening at 6pm with Requiem Mass being celebrated for the repose of her soul on Monday morning at 10am.** We offer our sympathy to her husband John and children Phyllis, Teresa, Mary, Pauline, John, Catherine and Michael. May she rest in peace. Amen.

MOTHERING SUNDAY: We have a special Family Mass this Sunday at 12 noon to celebrate Mothering Sunday. Please remember to say thank you to your mum today.



PARISH NEWS



WEEKLY REFLECTION

The light of Christ

In Christ there is no trace of darkness.
His light shows up the darkness in us.

His truth shows up our lies.

His integrity shows up our falseness.

His generosity shows up our selfishness.

His peace shows up our conflicts.

His openness to others shows
how closed we are.

However, we should not be afraid of his light.

Rather, we should rejoice in it.

Compared to his light other lights are mere flares
in the night or candles in the wind.

Christ, radiant Light of the world,

Guide our steps in the way of
truth and goodness,

and lead us through the gloom of this world
to the kingdom of unfailing light.

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 12:20-33.**

DAY OF REFLECTION ON MINISTRY: A Day of Reflection will take place in the Parish Pastoral Centre **next Saturday, 28th March** from 10.30 am to 4pm. This is an important day for all those involved in any form of ministry in our parish. It is a day of prayer and reflection. All those involved in the various Ministries in the Church are invited to attend. Please RSVP the Parish Office via email—secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie— by Monday, 23rd March. Thank you.

GIVE UP YOUR AULD SINS: The sacrament of reconciliation will be celebrated **this weekend** after all the Sunday Masses. This gives each of us an opportunity to celebrate God's forgiveness and healing in our lives in preparation for the great feast of Easter. This season of Lent is all about renewing and preparing ourselves to celebrated the death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ what better way to do that than by receiving his healing grace.

CENTRE VOLUNTEERS—REMINDER: There will be a meeting on **Monday, 30th March at 7 pm** in the Parish Pastoral Centre. All Coffee Dock and Reception volunteers are asked to attend.

A TRANSPARENT LIFE: "You are as sick as your sickest secret!" That's an truism popular among people in 12-step programmes. They know that until one faces oneself, in searing honesty, before another human being and there acknowledges openly his or her sins, there will always be addictions, rationalisation, and lack of transparency. This is a pivotal and non-negotiable step in every 12-step programme. The Church has always had its own version of this step. We call it confession, the sacrament of reconciliation. Fewer people are going to confession these days. This is an unfortunate development because private confession is one of the pillars of the spiritual life. At a certain point in one's growth, there is no progress without it. The critics of the sacrament of reconciliation are right in saying that God is not tied to one vehicle as an avenue for the forgiveness of sins. They are wrong, however, when they denigrate the importance of a good private confession. Simply put, confession is the sacrament of the mature and one grows mature by confessing one's sins. One may not need to confess one's sins explicitly to another human being in order to have them forgiven. But one does have to confess them explicitly if he or she hope to live a transparent life, free of dark skeletons in the closet, and to make progress in the spiritual life.

RCIA: SECOND SCRUTINY: The final weeks of preparation for all our candidates for Baptism takes place over the next couple of weeks. The scrutinies are short prayers for those preparing for baptism and confirmation. The second scrutiny will be celebrated at the 10.30am Mass. Please keep them in your prayers over the coming weeks.

EASTER LEAFLET VOLUNTEERS: We hope to have our Easter leaflet ready for next weekend. We'd be grateful if our usual volunteers would offer their services once more. We will be also looking for new recruits for our ever expanding parish. Please see Fr. John after Mass.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: A group from the parish will be heading to Lourdes on pilgrimage this coming Summer. They will journey to Lourdes Tuesday, **18th August** for five days. If you would like to be part of this group please book your seat as soon as possible. For more details please contact Joan Cahill on 087-6262008.