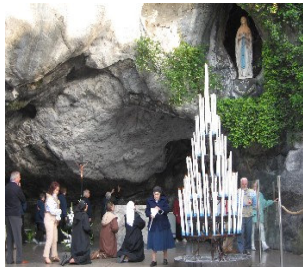


ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES :

A group from the parish will be heading to Lourdes on pilgrimage this coming Summer. They will journey to Lourdes on 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.



PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: in St. Mochta's Parish Pastoral Centre is on every **Tuesday** from **9.40 am to 11.40 am**. Everyone welcome! From Baby to School Going Age. Cost €3 per adult and 50c per child. For further information please email mary-oriordan@hotmail.com with your name and contact number or call into the Parish Office Mon-Fri between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm.

YOGA CLASSES: Jakki's Yoga Classes take place in the Parish Centre every **Tues. evening at 8pm**. Yoga is for everyone regardless to age and fitness level. Classes run for 1 1/2 Hrs. over 8 weeks and cost €105. If you are interested in joining or to book your place please contact Jakki at **086 0792469**.

PHOENIX-TARA TOASTMASTERS meet every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month in Dunboyne Castle Hotel from 7.45 pm to 10.15 pm All adults welcome. Free to visitors and guests so just come along on the night. Further information please email tony4advice@gmail.com.



KNOCK CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL: "You are the Light of the world" from **23rd-26th July** at Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo. Strictly 18-35 yrs—€70/Free Buses. Further information phone 094 9375035 or see the notice board at the back of the church.

LA JOLIE RONDE FRENCH CLASSES: Availability for 3- 5 year olds. There are a few places now available for the pre-schoolers class in St. Mochta's Parish Centre on Saturday mornings. To book your child's place, please contact Sabine Maher on 087 227 9027

There will be no French classes in the Parish Centre on following Saturdays in May 09: 2nd (Bank Holiday), 23rd and, 30th.

THE BIG BREW!: a Coffee Morning will be held to support the work of The Alzheimer Society of Ireland in St Mochta's Pastoral Centre on **Thursday, 7th May from 10.30 am to 1pm**. Everyone welcome.



ADULT LAWN TENNIS LESSONS: Fingal County Council have organised Adult Tennis lessons to commence on Wednesday 6th May at the Riverwood Tennis Courts from 7.00-8.00PM for 8 weeks. This is a great opportunity for everyone wishing to start playing or improving their skills. Further Information from the Riverwood Residents Association at www.riverwoodres.ie.

C.C.C PLANT SALE takes place on Sat 9th and Sunday 10th May in the school. This a great opportunity to get the garden looking beautiful for the summer. There will be bargains galore. All welcome.



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

1. Who did Jesus compare himself to?
2. Who are the sheep?
3. How does the shepherd mind the sheep?
4. How does Jesus mind us?



TASK FOR THE WEEK: First Communion and Confirmation is getting very close for our boys and girls. Please do say a prayer for them each night before going to bed that Jesus will help them prepare well to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER 3RD MAY 2009 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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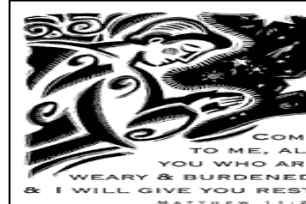
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VOCATIONS SUNDAY

It is a special day when we reflect on God's call to each one of us to follow him and our response to him. We recall that by virtue of our baptism, each one of us is a unique and precious member of the family of God. We celebrate the unique gifts that God has bestowed on us and we ask the Lord to give us the strength and wisdom we need to use these gifts to build up his kingdom of love.



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

Sarah Harris, Rose Lynam, Miriam Soughley, Ruth Dayman, Gillian Dowling,

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: Ellen Moran (Anniv.)
8.30 am: John & Mary Allen (Anniv.)
10.30 am: Patrick Downing RIP
12.00 pm: Margaret McCauley (Anniv.)
(Gerry and Gerard R.I.P.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: St. Conleth

10.00 am: Winifred Quigley RIP (Birthday Remembrance)

Tuesday: Blessed Edmund Rice

10.00 am: Micheal O'Riain

Wednesday:

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday:

10.00 am: Mary Allen (Anniv.)

Friday:

10.00 am: Intentions of the Sick of the Parish

Saturday:

10.00 am: 1st Communion Celebration
12.00 pm: 1st Communion Celebration

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: Esther Harford & Jack Lovely (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am: Doreen Walsh (Anniv.)
12.00 pm: Miley Caldwell (Anniv.)

WELCOMING SUNDAY:

This weekend we welcome all those who are to be baptised this coming month and introduce them to our community. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit. Anyone enquiring about baptism please take one of the leaflets from the back of the church or see Fr. John after Mass. Thank you.

WEDDING BELLS:

Congratulations to **Sean McKinley and Karen Treacy** and **Philip McMahon and Maria Philpott** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

PARISH FINANCE MEETING: There is a meeting on Monday 4th May 8pm for all members in our Parish Pastoral Centre.



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.

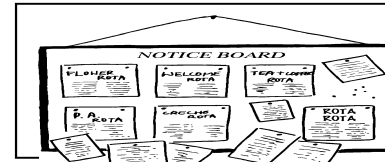
CONFESSION: the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

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

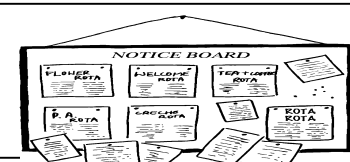
RONAN SMITH R.I.P: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ronan (Portersgate) who died last week after a long illness. We offer our sympathies to his wife Maria and their four children Lauren, Mark, David, Darragh and all of the family. Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul on Tuesday. May he rest in peace. Amen.

MARY ROGERS RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary who live a long and fruitful life before the Lord called her home at the age of 94. We offer our sympathy to her children Phyllis, Ann, Bernie, Teresa, George, John, Michael and Martin. And to all her 21 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of her soul on Saturday. May she rest in peace.

EASTER MEDITATION GROUP: There is meditation prayer taking place each Wednesday evening in the Parish Pastoral Centre at 8pm. It offers an opportunity to spend some time in reflective prayer with other members of our parish. All are welcome to attend. All you need is the bible.



PARISH NEWS

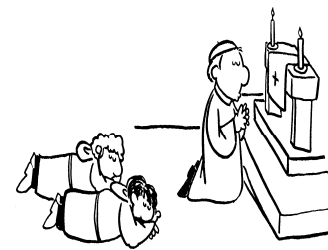


VOCATIONS SUNDAY:

We all have a vocation. On the day we were baptised we each received a vocation to be a Christian. On the day we were confirmed we received a vocation to defend and witness to and spread our faith. We have all received further vocations some years after Confirmation. Some are called to married life, to the priesthood or religious life and some are called to the single life. Whatever our vocation is we are called to be holy, to be united to Jesus, to be a witness to him. Our vocation are interdependent. God calls each of us by name and invites us to use our unique gifts and talents to bring about his Kingdom here on earth. The saying is true "...our lives are not our own"... they are a gift from God through which we bring him glory and lead others to eternal life. The more we see ourselves and others as blessed the more we acknowledge that God is the source of all goodness and the author of our lives. Acknowledging our vocation is to surrender our way of thinking to our God who knows us best and who wants our peace. Vocations Sunday also marks the end of a 'Year of Vocation' for the Church in Ireland. The 'Year of Vocation' was an important year. The success of the year is hard to gauge but hopefully it provided an opportunity for individuals, parishes and schools to reflect on the truth that all people are called into life by God.

MAYNOOTH OPEN DAY: St. Patrick's Seminary is delighted to announce for the first time, an **OPEN INVITATION DAY** to all men discerning a vocation to the Priesthood. The day is on Vocation Sunday 3rd May. The open day begins at 2.30pm and finishes with Mass at 5.15 followed by some refreshments. All unmarried young men are welcome to attend.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY: Is celebrated next weekend. There is a special collection replacing the usual Share collection. The collection for Priesthood Sunday is to support the formation of students for the Priesthood. Your support is very much appreciated.



WEEKLY REFLECTION

Dear Lord,
You love me and you want me
to be happy and at peace.
Reveal your face to me,
show me the path I must walk,
Give me wisdom to know where
you are calling me
and the courage I need today
to answer that call.
Help me to seek your face each
and every day of my life
so that my life can be
spent in your service.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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**

1st COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS:

We are fast approaching our 1st Communion celebrations which will begin on Saturday 9th May. It is an important time for all our boys and girls in 2nd class in both St. Mochta's and St. Patrick's schools. On Saturday 9th May, we celebrate the first of our classes from **St Patrick's National School with Mr Heneghan and Ms McAnaw**. Please do keep them in your prayers over these coming weeks.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:

At the moment all our candidates are engaged in the "Faith Friends" project which takes place one night a week over four weeks. Our candidates are given the opportunity to explore their faith with the help and guidance of a member of our parish community. It is done in an informal, fun atmosphere. Please keep them in your prayers in these weeks. They will also have their Confirmation Retreat in May and celebrate a 'Service of Light' in preparation for the big day at the end of May when they will, please God, be confirmed by Bishop Field and Archbishop White.

