

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE—WHAT'S ON:

PARENT, BABY & TODDLER GROUP every Tuesday morning from 9.45am to 11.45am.

NEW Zest4life 9 week nutrition & weight loss programme every Tuesday from 7pm to 9pm. To book your place contact: Mary Dunne, Nutritional Therapist, phone 085 1591810, email: mary-dunne@zest4life.eu, www.zest4life.eu

YOGA CLASSES—Beginners & Improvers every Tuesday from 8pm to 9.30pm Contact Jakki Reid (yti dip) on 086 0792469.

NEW—JO JINGLES MUSIC & MOVEMENT GROUP classes every Thursday, at 10am for children under 2 and 11am for children over 2. For further details phone Jo on 01 8690344 or email jotyannan@eircom.net. **SMYG** will meet again on Friday, 27th May from 7.30pm to 9.30pm

For more information please see our website www.stmochtasparish.ie

CELEBRATE 1ST COMMUNION/ CONFIRMATION AT LUTTRELLSTOWN

CASTLE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB: We have a special menu for 1st Communion and Confirmation lunches. For more information or to reserve a table, please phone 01 8089988.

MOUNT SACKVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL presents "An Evening in May" in aid of Focus on Romania. Featuring Senior Choirs, Soloists & Orchestra on Sunday 15th May at 6pm in Assembly Hall. Tickets €5 at the door.

B.E.— BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Next residential weekend will be held on 20th-22nd May in All Hallows College, Drumcondra. For further information please contact 01 6790556 or email bedublin@gmail.com.

WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER:

The fundraising committee is holding a Parish Garden Party on Friday 3rd June in Fr. John's garden from 8pm. There will be food, refreshments, music and dancing. Bumper raffle and auction. Tickets at €15 will go on sale today. Tickets will also be available from the Parish Centre during office hours and from the Sacristy after Mass. All monies raised will go towards sending 6 young people from our parish to Madrid in August to take part in World Youth Day. For catering purposes, entrance to Garden Party will be by ticket only.

CROSSCARE—TRANSITION FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL TALK FOR PARENTS:

The transition from Primary school to Secondary school is one of those life events that most people can recall in some way or other. The purpose of this talk is to outline the major changes involved for both children and parents so that the experience can be undertaken with minimum stress—for the whole family! Tom Casey, Teen Counsellor, Crosscare, will facilitate a talk for parents in St. Patrick's N.S., Diswellstown on Wednesday, 18th May at 8pm. The talk is aimed at parents with children in 5th & 6th class but all are welcome.

CROSSCARE—DRUG & ALCOHOL INFORMATION EVENING—Crosscare are holding a free information evening for parents/guardians and other family members who take care of children and young people in St. Mochta's N.S., Porterstown Road on Monday 23rd May from 8pm to 9pm. You will receive a free copy of our support booklet 'Don't Lose the Head'. Please see the noticeboard for more information on all services provided by Crosscare.

WESTMANSTOWN GAELS—Annual Fundraising Table Quiz on Thursday 26th May, 2011 from 8pm in Westmanstown Sports Complex.



KIDS CORNER: Having listened to the readings see if you can answer the following questions:

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: Today is Vocation Sunday. We are being asked to pray to God that young men and women will answer God's call and become priest and nuns. So I'd ask you to start to pray each night for extra priests to do God's work. We have about 170 boys & girls making their 1st Holy Communion in May and about 130 being confirmed at the end of May. Please do keep them in your prayers over the next couple of weeks.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 15TH MAY 2011

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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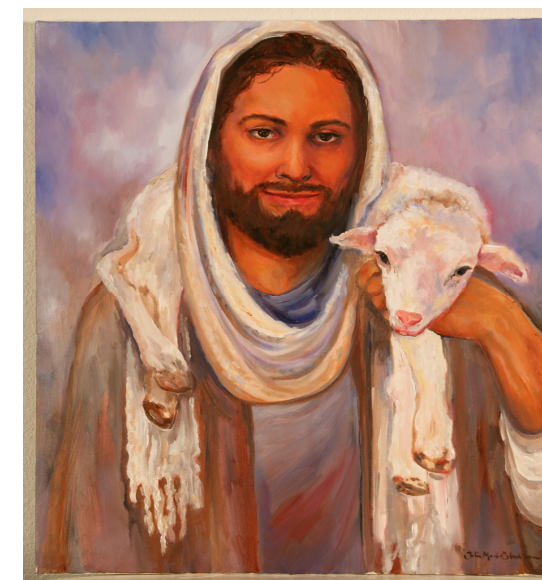
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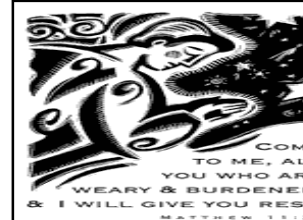
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VOCATIONS SUNDAY

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.



CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD



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

Ellen Spring, Baby James Patrick, Nessa Cahill, Carmel Brady, Fr. Andy McNally, Florence Ahmed, David Keane, Brendan Shortall, Tony Clayton and Maureen Malone.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: Elizabeth Fahy (Anniv.)
8.30 am: John & Mary Allen (Anniv.)
10.30 am: Deceased members of Rogers Family
12.00 pm: Elizabeth Scarff (Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday St. Brendan

10.00am: Intentions of Nicola Deeks

Tuesday

10.00am: Intentions of Mullen Family

Wednesday St. John I

10.00am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday

10.00am: Marie Kenny (Anniv.)

Friday St. Bernardine of Siena

10.00am:

Saturday: Ss. Christopher Magallanes

10.00am: 1st Holy Communion

12.00pm 1st Holy Communion

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm:
8.30 am:
10.30 am: John Butler (Anniv.)
12.00 pm: John Shiners (4th Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

MARCH 2011

INCOME

Monthly Parish Offering Contributions	€10,114
*(303 regular contributors and a few donations)	
Receipts from Shrines and Weddings	€ 5,303
Tax Rebate	€24,354
Total income for March	€39,771

EXPENDITURE

Pastoral Expenses, Utilities, Wages etc	€13,129
Monthly repayment on Parish Loan	€ 3,500
Total expenditure for March	€16,629

Balance: **Surplus of** **€23,142**

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 **303** homes contributed to the Parish Offering in March. 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 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.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW

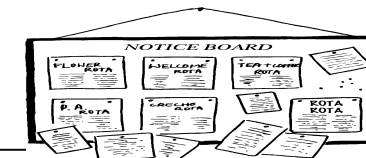
CHRISTIANS: We welcome Muireann, Sarah and Diarmuid who will join our community through the waters of Baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: Next meeting takes place this coming Monday, **16th May** at **8pm** in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

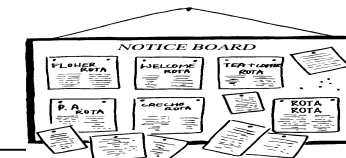
PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY: Is celebrated next weekend. There is a special collection replacing the usual Share collection. The collection for Priesthood Sunday is to support the formation of students for the Priesthood. Your support is very much appreciated.

TROCAIRE BOXES: If you took a box from the church for use in your home over Lent please do return them to the sacristy **this coming week.**

FR. DAN JOE UNSUNG HERO: Fr. Dan Joe O'Mahoney is in the running to be named Irish Unsung Hero of the year for all his work in the hospice but he needs a few more votes. Please go to the link below and vote online for Fr. Dan Joe. <http://www.unsunghero.ie>

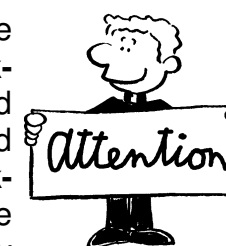


PARISH NEWS



CHRISTIAN VOCATION? What does *that* mean? Vocation — that's related to our career, right? And we are familiar with the vocational high school. So, why are we using this word in the church? Vocation actually refers to a calling, a word packed with religious significance. Basically, God has given each of us gifts and "calls" us to use them in a way that pleases and glorifies God. Our vocation is the way in which we respond to the many gifts God has given us; how we live our life. The Church says it in this way: God calls a people to believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; to follow Jesus Christ in obedient discipleship; to use the gifts and abilities God has given, honoring and serving God in personal life in household and families in daily occupations in community, nation and the world. A person responds to God's call to faith in Jesus Christ through baptism and through life and worship in a community of faith. Persons respond to God's call to discipleship through the ministries of God's people in and for the world. Persons respond to God's call to honour and serve God in every aspect of human life in their work and in their play, in their thought and in their action, in their private and in their public relationships. As we participate in the community of faith, it may be helpful to think of it this way: in baptism we receive our traveling orders; in the Lord's Supper we receive our food for the journey. Christian Vocation is about living into our baptismal identity, answering the call to proclaim the gospel in all that we do and say.

MINISTRY WEEKEND: We are celebrating a **Ministry weekend** to highlight the work and witness of the many and varied ministries in our parish **this weekend, 14th & 15th May.** We are indeed blessed to have so many ministries operating with our parish community to help, support and bring life to all members. At the moment we have over three hundred people involved in some kind of ministry in the parish. We are looking for more and more people to fulfil the vocation each of us received in baptism. A vocation to help proclaim and build up the Kingdom of God, each one of us do this through our prayer and good works. Please take the time to look and read about the many ministries in the parish. The Lord may be calling you to be involved in one. A big thank you to all who planned, prepared all the displays.



WEEKLY REFLECTION

Compassion is not learned without suffering.

Unless we have suffered and wept, we really don't understand what compassion is, nor can we comfort someone who is suffering.

Unless we have walked in darkness, we can't help wanderers to find their way.

But if we have suffered we become pathfinders for others.

And it is by reaching out to others that we ourselves are healed.

Jesus bore the marks of our violent world on his body.

Those wounds were the proof of his love.

They were the mortal wounds the Good Shepherd picked up in caring for his sheep.

The wounds of Jesus are a source of consolation, courage, and hope to us in our sufferings.

By his wounds we are healed.

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 14:1-12.**

50th INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, DUBLIN JUNE

2012: Pope Benedict XVI has given his formal approval to the theme proposed by Archbishop Martin for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress: **The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another.** Really partaking of the body of the Lord in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread, we are taken up into communion with Him and with one another. "Because the bread is one, we though many, are one body, all of us who partake of the one bread". In this way all of us are made members of His Body, "but severally members one of another".

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS: Congratulations to Ms. Parker's, Ms. O'Reilly's and Ms O'Callaghan's classes from **St. Patrick's N.S.** and Ms. Close's class from **Scoil Choilm** who celebrated their First Holy Communion yesterday. A big thank you to all those who were involved in making yesterday such a wonderful celebration. Next week it's St. Mochta's school. Please do keep them in your prayers.

