

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

PARISH CENTRE VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for new volunteers who can help in the mornings in the Parish Centre. It will be to work as Receptionist one morning a week from 10.30am—12.30am every second week. Answering the phone and dealing with enquiries at the front desk. Our Parish Center is becoming a busy place during the week so help is always needed. If you are interested please leave your details into the sacristy after Mass.

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

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP will hold a coffee morning in aid of Haiti on **Tues. 9th February** from 10am to 11.30am—All welcome.

JUNIOR PLAYERS GROUP every Tuesday from 3pm to 5pm—age group 4yrs to 12yrs Register online now www.juniorplayersclub.ie

YOGA CLASSES every Tuesday at 8pm.

PARENT & INFANT GROUP (Babies up to 1 yr) every Wed. from 10.15am to 12.15pm.

UNISLIM every Wednesday from 7pm.

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

HOSPICE GALA CONCERT: To mark the 20th Anniversary of St Francis Hospice there will be concert held in the Helix Theatre on **Saturday March 6th** starting at 7pm featuring Liam Lawton, Rebecca Storm, Mount Sackville Choir and many more. Tickets €50 available from The Helix Box Office—www.thehelix.ie. More details at the back of the church. Your support would be gratefully appreciated for this very worthy cause.

REVISED RECEPTION VOLUNTEER AND NEW COFFEE DOCK ROSTERS are available for collection in the Sacristy after Mass. Also please see the notice board.

200TH ANNIVERSARY—ST BRIGID'S CHURCH, CASTLEKNOCK: are celebrating their 200th anniversary in 2010. **Today Sunday, 31st Jan at 3pm** there will be a special celebration to mark the occasion. We wish them every blessing as they reach this great milestone.

ST. MOCHTA'S N.S. are staging the wonderful Bugsy Malone musical in the **Draiocht theatre on 4th 5th & 6th of Feb.** The show will be nightly at 8pm with a matinee on **Sat. at 2pm.** Fantastic family fun with maybe a few surprises in store! Don't miss out, buy your tickets now from the Draiocht Box Office—Phone 8852622.

ARTHRITIS IRELAND: Do you have arthritis? Then, the **Living Well with Arthritis Programme** is for you. The course runs from **Mon. 1st Feb to Mon. 8th Mar—7pm to 9.30pm** in Crosscare Community Centre, Blanchardstown. For more information please phone 01 6470206, email training@arthritisireland.ie or see the notice board at the back of the church.

THE 2010 NATIONAL PANCAKE PARTY in aid of the National Children's Hospital, Tallaght are asking you to **mix it up again** by hosting a Pancake Party between **12th and 16th Feb.** Simply register online at www.pancakeparty.ie or phone 01 4142375.

EMMANUEL '10 23 Songs, 40 Schools, 1,200 Students—**24th & 25th March, 2010 at 8pm** in **The Helix**, Dublin 9. Tickets €20 available from The Helix Box Office—www.thehelix.ie. The Emmanuel Music Initiative is a project of the Dublin Diocesan Commission for Sacred Music.

FINGAL HOUSEBOUND LIBRARY SERVICE: This **FREE** service was established to cater for those who for reasons of age, incapacity or illness are unable to leave home/hospital/other care facilities to access a public library in Fingal. Please email houseboundlibrary@fingalcoco.ie



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

1. What week are we celebrating?
2. Why is your school called after a saint?
3. Why do we learn about our Jesus in school?
4. Who are your first and best teachers?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Your teacher is a very important person in your life. It is always important to listen to them so that you can learn and grow wiser. Don't forget to say thanks to them for all that they help you to learn this coming week.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 31ST JAN. 2010

4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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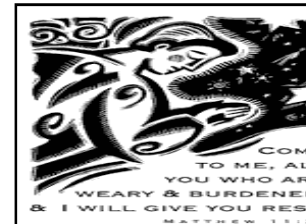
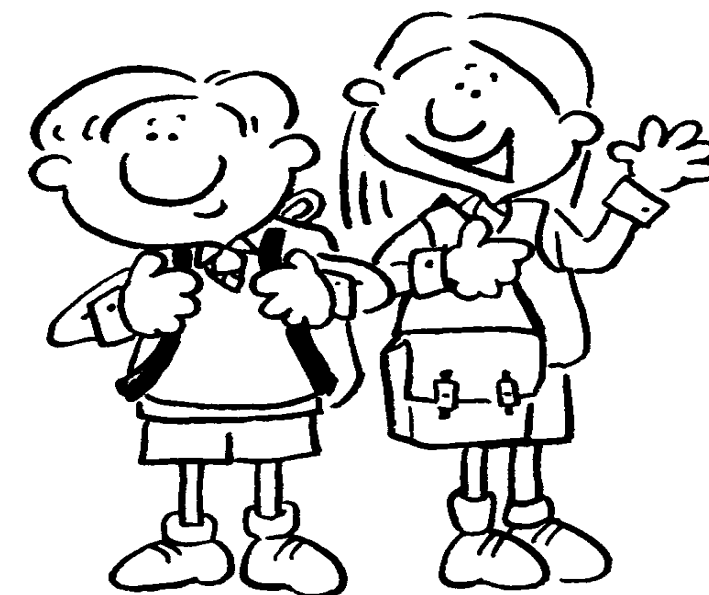
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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

This year the theme for the week is

'Catholic Schools—A Light for Every Generation'.

Catholic schools are committed to the education and formation of the young person in every aspect of their lives. Thus Catholic schools are light for parents, pupils, staff and society in every generation. This theme remind us that we are constantly challenged to let that light shine for the present generation and this will remain part of our task for future generations.



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

Sarah Harris, Chris Bruton, Liam Silcock, Baby Grace McCann, Allsún Henderson, Ena Kelly, Brian Lenihan.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.00 pm Joe & Rita Malone (Anniv.)
8.30 am Intentions of the Sick of the Parish
10.30 am Catherine Hughes (1st Anniv.)
12.00 pm Marie Dunne (2nd Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: St. Brigid

10.00 am:

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord

10.00 am: Mary Eustace (Anniv.)

Wednesday: St. Blaise

10.00 am: Blessing of Throats

Thursday:

10.00 am Special Intention

Friday: St. Agatha

10.00 am: **Altar List of the Dead**

Saturday: St. Paul Miki & Companions

10.00 am Jimmy Hogan (Recently deceased)

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.00 pm Tommie Phelan Birthday Remembrance
8.30 am Intentions of the Sick of the Parish
10.30 am Peter Martin (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Conor Hurst (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 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 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.

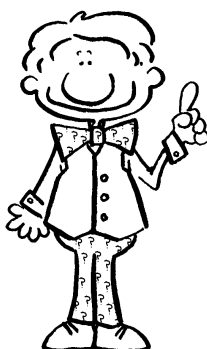
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

FEAST OF ST BLAIZE: Mass will be celebrated and throats will be blessed on Wednesday 3rd February at 10am Mass.

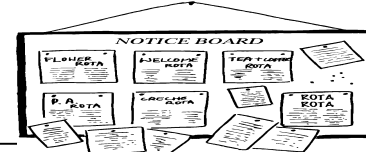
SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI:

Last weekend after all masses we had a special collection for the Victims of the earthquake in Haiti. We raised **€6,811**. I would like to thank all who contributed to this appeal. **St. Mochta's National School** contributed **€2,500** to the appeal which brings the total amount raised in the Parish to **€9,311**. A cheque for same has been sent to Concern Ireland.

SVP CLOTHING APPEAL: The annual appeal for good clean second hand clothing (clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc) took place last weekend. **Bags will be collected THIS WEEKEND ONLY after Sunday Masses. PLEASE DO NOT BRING BAGS TO THE CHURCH AFTER THIS WEEKEND.**



PARISH NEWS



WHAT IS A CATHOLIC SCHOOL? Schools are important places. We spend a lot of time in them. This includes a significant proportion of that most formative period in life between 4-5 years of age and 17-18 years of age. When schools are working at or near their best they are truly a remarkable human achievement. Catholic schools in Ireland make an enormous contribution to our society and are models of inclusivity and care for all the students who attend them. There are about 3,500 Catholic schools in the Republic of Ireland. Listening to some commentators one would think that there is some major flaw, almost a moral difficulty, in the management and patronage structures of these schools. Catholic Schools offer a distinctive vision of life and corresponding philosophy of education based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They strive to create a learning environment where every child is encouraged and enabled to develop to their full and unique potential as human beings, made in the image and likeness of God. They seek to form pupils who will unselfishly use their gifts for the common good and are committed to work for a more just and caring society. They are a welcoming and inclusive community that is respectful and tolerant of all religious traditions and beliefs. They work in partnership with parents and the parish community to keep the light of faith received at baptism burning brightly. It provides opportunities for worship through prayer and the celebration of liturgy and the sacraments. Catholic schools are civic institutions providing an important service to the State. There is no contradiction between this civic commitment and the religious ethos of the school for the same person can be a good citizen and a sincere religious believer. Many of the outstanding citizens in the history of our State, not least in the area of education, have made their civic contribution precisely because of deep religious motivation. We are giving thanks for the role of our Catholic Schools in our parish and community this weekend at the 10.30am (St. Patrick's) & 12 noon (St. Mochta's) Masses. Members of the Board of Management will speak after the Gospel.



WEEKLY REFLECTION

A Loving Person

Jesus fulfilled the ideal of love Paul speaks about.

He was never in a hurry,
and was always kindness itself.

He never envied anybody,
and never boasted about himself.

He was never snobbish, or rude, or selfish.

He did not take offence easily,
nor did he keep on talking

about the wrong things other people did.

He preferred to remember the good things
and to rejoice in them.

He was tough—he could face anything.

And he never lost trust in God, or in people.

He never lost hope; he never gave in.

He never stopped loving.

SCRIPTURE READING: Each week we suggest a piece of Scripture to use in your prayer. Light a candle and read slowly the passage, reread it a couple of times and reflect on it and listen to what God is saying to you. **This week's is Lk 5:1-11.**

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME 2010:

A preparation meeting for parents of children (ages 7 –9) who expressed an interest to have their child baptised will be held in the **Parish Centre this Tuesday 2nd Feb. 2010 at 7.30 pm sharp**. The baptismal preparation programme will run during the season of Lent and the children who participate fully in this preparation will be baptised at the Easter Vigil (April 3rd). Children will NOT be accepted for baptism if they do not register for this preparation programme. **This meeting is for parents only.**

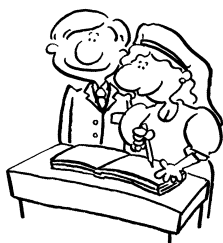
WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2010

is celebrated in the Archdiocese on Sat. & Sun. 6th & 7th February. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, has for the past 18 years given us the opportunity to pray with and for those who are sick and their carers. Over the weekend there will be two events—Sat. 6th Feb **'Caring for those who Care'** - a time-out for people who dedicate their lives as carers—in Cherith Centre, Carmelite Monastery, Firhouse, Dublin 24 from 10.30am to 3.30pm and **Sun. 7th Feb. Celebration of Mass with Anointing of the Sick** in The Church of the Good Shepherd, Churchtown, Dublin 24 at 3 pm.



NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Gavin** who joins our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May he 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 **Colm Fox and Rebecca Belcher** who were married this past week. We pray that the Lord will continue to enrich and deepen their love for each other in the years ahead.



FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: This coming **Friday 5th February** will be the 1st of the month. Morning Mass will be offered for all those whose names appear on the Altar List of the Dead.