

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

CROSSCARE BLANCHARDSTOWN offers the following services: **Information Clinic** every Monday (excl Bank holidays) from 2pm to 4pm. **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.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TALLAGHT 2009 Odlums Pancake Party between **20th & 24th Feb.** To register phone 01 4142375 or www.odlumspancakeparty.ie and **Overseas Walk** in Tuscany from **21st Sept. to 27th Sept.** Contact 01 4142375 or www.trek@thenationalchildrenshospital.ie. Further information on the notice board at the back of the church.

NOTHING LIKE A CUP OF TEA: We would like to begin to be able to offer a cup of tea/coffee after the 10.30am Sunday Mass. We need volunteers to be able to provide this service. If you would be willing to do so please leave your name and details in the sacristy after Mass or see Fr. John. Don't be shy we need all the help we can get.

FOLK CHOIR NEED MALE SINGERS
The Folk Choir (who sing every second Sunday at the 12 o'clock mass) are presently looking for a few extra male singers. If you are interested in joining please see us after mass or call Joan on 087 6262008. No music knowledge necessary.

CASTLEKNOCK GAA: Forget the X-Factor, if you wish to show off your musical, dance or singing talent why not represent the club at Scor, the GAA All-Ireland talent competition. For further information contact Barbara on 086 3782419. The Club has a warm welcome for **New Players** at all ages and levels. Please see www.castleknock.net for relevant contact details or contact Club Coach Brendan on 085 1329397. Castleknock GAA, Go on, Give it a Go!

YOGA CLASSES: Jakki's Yoga Classes have started in the Parish Centre. The are on every **Tuesday evening at 8pm** and **every Thursday morning at 11am.** Yoga is for everyone regardless of age or levels of fitness. Classes run for 1 1/2 Hrs. over six weeks and cost €75. If you are interested in joining or to book your place please contact Jakki at **086 0792469.**

FRENCH FOR CHILDREN: La Jolie Ronde French classes will start in the Parish Centre on **Saturday, 28th February** for **3-12 years old children.** La Jolie Ronde methodology is a **proven and structured method** and give children the opportunity to excel at an age when they are most **receptive.** Children are grouped per age in small classes. **French native accent** for children to copy. Weekday classes also available for children who are not available at weekends. To enquire or book your child's place please contact Sabine Maher at **087 2279027.**

AN OIGE in conjunction with EcoAdventure Ireland are pleased to announce Easter and Summer Multi Activity and Pony Camps at their new 5 star Hostel in Knockree, Co. Wicklow. Camps are suitable for 8-17 year olds for the residential option and 6-17 year olds for the non residential option. Activities include: pony trekking, mountain biking, hill walking, basic survival training, archery, orienteering, team tasks and low ropes. Prices from €150 based on 5 days. To book or for further information please contact Eamonn on 01 2767988.



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

1. What happened when Jesus got to Simon Peter's house?
2. How did Jesus cure his mother-in-law?
3. What happened when people heard Jesus had cured someone?
4. What did Jesus do when he saw the crowds?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Make a card with the title: "I prayed to Jesus for you today to get well". Colour it in and give it to someone you know who is feeling sick, lonely or sad.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 8TH FEB. 2009

5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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MAKING TIME FOR THE LORD

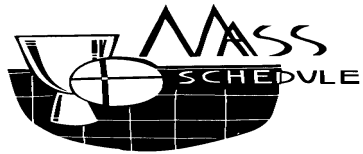
Most of us live very busy lives. As a result we may be spiritually impoverished. Today's Gospel shows us how in the midst of all his work Jesus took time out to pray. The Eucharistic Celebration provides us with a great opportunity to take time out to be with the Lord.



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

Bridget Matthews, Bernie Byrne, Joan Allen, Pdraig Byrne, Sarah Harris, Mary Rodgers, Miriam Soughley, Baby Reiltin.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.00 pm: Dan Bradley (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Peggy McKeown M/M
10.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
12.00 pm: Rosita Costelloe (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday:

10.00 am: James Matthews (Anniv.)

Tuesday: St. Scholastica

10.00 am:

Wednesday: Our Lady of Lourdes

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday:

10.00 am: John Smalle (1st Anniv.)

Friday:

10.00 am: Christine Brock M/M

Saturday: Ss. Cyril & Methodius

10.00 am: The Hanlon Family (Anniv.)

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.00 pm: Nuala McHugh R.I.P.
8.30 am: Fred & Lillie Morris (Anniv.)
10.30 am: Eamonn Daly
12.00 pm: Patrick & Mary O'Neill (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Alanna, Freya, Robert and Eva** 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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: will take place this coming Monday, **9th February** at **8 pm** in the Parish Centre. All members are asked to attend.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION : There is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Sunday evening from 7pm –9 pm. This offers us an opportunity to spend some quiet time with the Lord. All are welcome.



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.

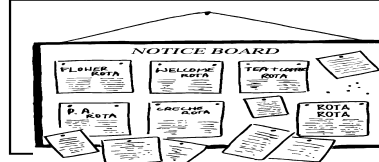
CONFESSION: the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

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

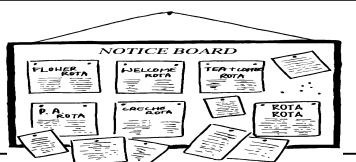
KATHLEEN HUGHES RIP: We ask you to pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen who died after a long illness last weekend. We offer our sympathy to all of her family and friends. Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of her soul on Tuesday. May she rest in peace.

CONOR HURST RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Conor, a young man of 21 who died after a short illness. We offer our sympathy to his mum and dad, Sandra and Eddie, to his sisters Aoibhinn and Fiona and all of his family and friends. Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul on Saturday. May he rest in peace.

IRENE HOEY RIP: Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Irene who died on Friday after a long illness. We offer our sympathy to her husband Tony, to her children Jennifer and Darragh and all of the family. Requiem will be celebrated for the repose of her soul on **Tuesday at 12 noon.** May she rest in peace.



PARISH NEWS



WEEKLY REFLECTION

A lonely place

Jesus often went off to a lonely place to pray.

Yet the same Jesus who prayed in lonely places said,

'When you pray, go into your room, and pray to your Father in secret.'

This means that the lonely place is not necessarily a place far away, or that by 'room' he means four walls that separate us physically from others.

The room is the room of our innermost heart.

This room is with us at all times.

We should make it a place to which we can go to find rest and spiritual recovery when the world is too much with us.

Then we will discover that the inner room is not empty after all, but is occupied by the God of love who dwells in us all.

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 Mk 1:40-45.**

MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION : The second meeting for parents in the Programme for Preparation for Confirmation will be held in **St Mochta's Parish Pastoral Centre** next **Tues. 10th Feb. 2009** at **8pm**. Please ensure that at least one parent or guardian attends this meeting.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL have their monthly church gate collection this coming weekend. The proceeds each month help the Conference in their work in helping disadvantaged families and individuals in the community. Last month's collection amounted to **€1,154.55** for which St. Mochta's Conference members are most grateful. Also SVP would like to thank our parishioners again for their generosity and continued support with their Annual Church Gate Clothing Appeal.

LUTTRELLSTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Enrolment for 2009/2010 academic year - Enrolment packs are available from The Customer Service Officer, Co. Dublin VEC, No. 1 Tuansgate, Belgard Square East, Tallaght, Dublin 24. Phone 01 4529648 or email customerservice@codubvec.ie. **Closing date** for enrolments is **Friday, 13th February, 2009.**

40 HOURS ADORATION: St. Mochta's Parish are holding 40 hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Mochta's Church **commencing immediately after 10am Mass on Friday, 20th February and finishing after Benediction on Sunday night, 22nd February at 9 pm** The Forty Hours Devotion is a special forty-hour period of continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. Of course, the focus of this devotion is on the Holy Eucharist. As Catholics, the words of our Lord burn in our hearts: "I myself am the living bread come down from Heaven. If anyone eats this bread, He shall live forever; the bread I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (John 6:51). Affirming our belief in the real presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, the Vatican Council II taught that the Holy Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life" While the Mass is the central act of worship for us Catholics, an act which participates in the eternal reality of our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection, Vatican Council II upheld and encouraged the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass. Pope John Paul II has repeatedly "highly recommended" public and private devotion of the Blessed Sacrament, the 40 Hours Devotion. The Forty Hours Devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person and the parish as a whole. In a world where temptation and evil abound, we need the Forty Hours Devotion more than ever. **There is an opportunity to sign up for a half hour or hour of your time over the weekend. It is something that each of us should consider. See the noticeboard for more details.**

ACCORD: The Annual Collection of ACCORD, The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and The Family, will be made at all Masses **next weekend 14th & 15th February, 2009.** The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection. ACCORD Dublin throughout the diocese offers: Marriage Preparation Courses; Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships.; Marital Sexual Therapy. **ACCORD Dublin needs your support. Please give generously next weekend.**

