

# 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

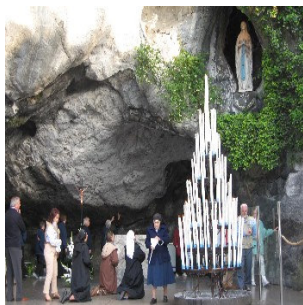
be part of this group please book your seat as soon as possible. For more details please contact Joan Cahill on 087-6262008.

**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 CLASSESS:** 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.

**THE BIG BREW!:** Thank you to all those who attended our coffee morning on Thursday. **€595.00** was collected this this worthy cause.



**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.

**ADULT LAWN TENNIS LESSONS:** Fingal County Council have organised Adult Tennis lessons every Wednesday 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](http://www.riverwoodres.ie).

**C.C.C PLANT SALE** takes place this **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.

**CASTLEKNOCK GAA:** To celebrate the 125th anniversary of the GAA, this **Sunday, 10th May** has been designated as La na gClub. To mark this occasion. Castleknock GAA are hosting a special **nursery blitz** in CCC at **12 noon** and are then inviting all members, friends and supporters to join them for an informal social gathering in the **Castleknock Hotel** from 2.30 **pm**. An art exhibition under the heading 'What the GAA means to me' will be on show. The Castleknock Scor team will also provide entertainment of Irish music and dance.



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

1. Who is the Vine?
2. What happens to the branches that bear no fruit?
3. What do we need to do to bear fruit?
4. How do we remain with Jesus?

**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.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

# ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

**PARISH NEWSLETTER 10TH MAY 2009**

**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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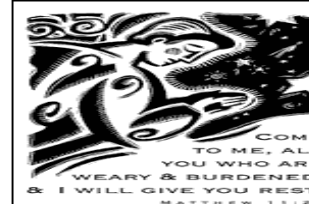
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## The Vine and the Branches

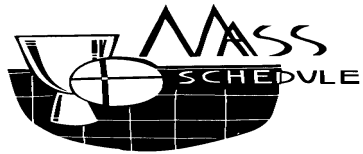
In the Gospel we have the lovely image of the vine and the branches. Here Jesus stresses the unity that exists between him and his disciples. Vine and branches need each other. The vine cannot bear fruit without the branches.. And the branches can have no life if separated from the vine. The branches need to be pruned (by trials) in order to be fruitful.



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

**Sarah Harris, Rose Lynam, Miriam Soughley, Ruth Dayman, Gillian Dowling, Billy McGrane, Cora Galvin.**

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: Esther Harford & Jack Lovely (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Mary Dignam (1st Anniv.)  
10.30 am: Doreen Walsh (Anniv.)  
12.00 pm: Miley Caldwell (Anniv.)  
**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

#### Monday:

10.00 am: Intentions of the Sick of the Parish

#### Tuesday: Ss. Nereus, Achilleus and Pancras

10.00 am:

#### Wednesday:

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

#### Thursday:

10.00 am: Intentions of the Parish

#### Friday: Sts. Carthage & Dymphna

10.00 am

#### Saturday: St. Brendan

10.00 am: 1st Communion Celebration

12.00 pm: 1st Communion Celebration

### 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: Elizabeth Fahy (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Baby Robyn Healy McAllister  
10.30 am: Tom & Veronica McInerney (Anniv.)  
12.00 pm: Nicola Kiernan (10th 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 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](mailto: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](http://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.

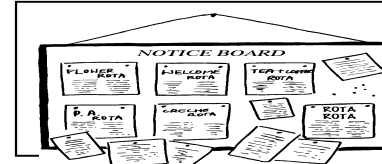
**CONFESSION:** the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

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

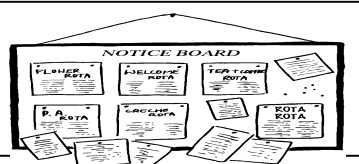
**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY:** Is celebrated this weekend. It is a day where we focus on the call to the ordained priesthood and religious life. **There is a special collection replacing the usual Share collection.**

**SVP CHURCH GATE COLLECTION:** The St. Vincent de Paul collection for May takes place after each Mass this weekend. Last month's (March) collection amounted to **€1,108.91** for which the St. Mochta's Conference members are most grateful. New members to the conference are always welcome. They meet each Tuesday evening at 7.00 pm in the Parish Centre. New members are very welcome.

**GORTA—THE FREEDOM FROM HUNGER COUNCIL OF IRELAND-** will do a Church Gate Collection next weekend, **16th and 17th May, 2009** after each mass. Gorta are looking for some extra volunteers to help. Please phone Ann 01-6615522 or e.mail [ann@gorta.ie](mailto:ann@gorta.ie) if you are interested. If you require further information on Gorta, please check out their web site [www.gorta.ie](http://www.gorta.ie)



# PARISH NEWS



### PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY:

The ministry of a priest is a powerful one. Each priest is chosen by God for his own unique gifts and talents. Using these talents, gifts and way of living are a radical answering of God's call to lay down his life for his friends. In a world that seems often to misunderstand priesthood, the priest stands as a radical signpost to God. We must redouble our efforts to pray for vocations, and to do all we can to create an environments where reflecting upon a vocation to priesthood and religious life becomes the most natural thing in the world. In the Dublin Diocese we have good, gifted and generous men who are with the grace of God on the path of priesthood. They have answered God's call. They deserve and depend upon our prayers and our generosity. The have left all to follow the Lord, it is up to us to enable them to fulfil that calling. Please pray for them and for more vocations to the priesthood.

### CONFIRMATION MEETING, RETREAT & SERVICE OF LIGHT:

The last preparation meeting for parents of children for Confirmation will take place in **St Mochta's School Hall on Wednesday 13th May at 8pm.** Bishop Raymond Field will be attending the meeting to meet with the Candidates.

At least one parent should attend this meeting. **Please note the change in dates for the Retreat for each school.** St Mochta's National School: The Confirmation **Retreat** is now on **Thursday 14th** during school hours and includes lunch and refreshments. The **Service of Light** will take place on **Tuesday (evening) 12th May at 8pm** in **St Mochta's Church.** Each candidate should bring their **Baptismal Candle** with them to this service and candidates should be in the church by **7.45 pm.** All family members are welcome to attend. St Patrick's National School: The Confirmation **Retreat** is on now on **Tuesday 12th** during school hours and includes lunch and refreshments. The **Service of Light** will take place on **Thursday (evening) 14th May at 8pm** in **St Mochta's Church.** Each candidate should bring their **Baptismal Candle** with them to this service and candidates should be in the church by **7.45 pm.** All family members are welcome to attend.



### WEEKLY REFLECTION

Lord, you said: 'I am the vine,  
you are the branches.

Separated from me you can do nothing,  
But united with me you will bear much fruit.'  
Thank you, Lord, for the bond you formed with us.  
And thank you for the bond that exists among us  
Because of our union with you.

Thanks to this bond we have invisible riches  
To share with one another.

Grant that we may never be separated from you,  
So that we may produce in the world  
The fruits of faith, hope, and love.

**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 15:9-17**

### EVANGELISATION: PARISH MEETING:

**This coming Monday 11th May at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre Fr. Ciaran O' Carroll from Archbishop's House** will be speaking about the coming Year of Evangelisation and what it means for us as a parish and Church. Evangelisation is about proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. It starts with being evangelised ourselves; with a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and conversion to his vision and way of life. It is a lifelong journey which is nurtured through prayer, catechesis, Scripture and the Sacraments. It is being called to bring the values and demands of the Gospel into every sphere of human life and activity. It develops communities that are characterized by a sense of mission and a search for justice. Finally it forms the Church. All welcome to attend.

**CROSSCARE PRESENTATION:** **Jean Lynam** will be speaking to us about the work of Crosscare in Dublin 15 on Monday night also. All welcome to attend.

### 1st COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS:

Congratulations to **Mr. Heneghan's & Ms. McAnaw Classes** who celebrated their First Holy Communion yesterday. A big thank you to all those who were involved in making yesterday such a wonderful celebration. Our Communion celebrations continue next weekend with two more classes from St. Patrick's school. It is an important time for all our boys and girls in 2nd class in both St. Mochta's and St. Patrick's schools. Please do keep them in your prayers.



**NEW CHRISTIANS:** We welcome **Craig, Sarah, Daragh and Conor** 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.

**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Andy O'Donovan & Laura Lee Quinn** and **Andrew Jackson & Aoife Downey** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

### NANCY O'LEARY R.I.P (Weavers Row):

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nancy O'Leary who died during the week. We offer our sympathies to her sister Tilly, her brothers Nicky and Paddy and all of the family. Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of her soul on Thursday. May she rest in peace. Amen.