

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

CROSSCARE BLANCHARDSTOWN

Main Street, Blanchardstown, offers the following services: **Information Clinic** every Monday (excl Bank holidays) from 2pm to 4pm. **Coffee Break for Parents**—Are you a parent caring for a child who may have a special need, a neurological condition, a disability or long term illness? You are welcome at our Drop In Coffee Break on **Thursday 23rd April and/or Thursday 28th May** from 3pm to 4pm. Come along for a chance to meet other parents, have a break and a chat. **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.

ACCORD: urgently needs men and women to deliver our Marriage Preparation Courses. We would like to be able to offer a Marriage Preparation course to all couples who approach us. Unfortunately we can only meet half of the number of couples marrying in the Archdiocese. Perhaps you are interested or know someone who might be suitable for this work. **Information Evening** on **Tuesday, 31st March, 2009 at 8 pm** in ACCORD, 39 Harcourt St., Dublin 2. Further information may be obtained by phoning Mary at 01 4784400 or email marriagepreparation@dublin.accord.ie

CASTLEKNOCK CELTIC EASTER

SOCCER CAMP: Mon 6th to Thur 9th April from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. Venue: Blanch. Inst. of Technology. Application form and details on www.castleknockceltic.com or contact Philip on 087 4138099.

ST. MOCHTA'S FOOTBALL CLUB: Our club academy for players from 5 to 8 years of age runs every Saturday from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. Coaching is provided by FAI qualified trainers in a professional and safe environment. All children are welcome, boys and girls, no matter what their level of ability. Cost: €3.00 per session. Please come along this and every Saturday to St. Mochta's F.C., Porterstown Road (Beside Scoil Choilm). For more information please see the notice board.

WESTMANSTOWN GAELS EASTER

CAMP 2009: In Westmanstown Sports Centre—GAA Grounds—From **Tues. 14th to Fri 17th April** from 10 am to 2.30 pm. Cost €50.00 per child. All welcome. Further information contact Grace O'Doyle at 087 9752580 or email Secretary@westmanstowngaels.ie

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: A new Parent and Toddler Group has started in St. Mochta's Parish Pastoral Centre. It is run on Tuesday mornings from 9.40 am to 11.40 am. Cost: €2 per adult and 50c per child. Everyone welcome! From Baby to School Going Age. For further information email mary-oriordan@hotmail.com or call into the Parish Office between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm—Mon-Fri. **Tuesday, 21st April** Olivia Leonard from **The Little Gym** (Liffey Valley) will give a talk (and demonstration) on the various programmes they run for babies to toddlers.



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

1. What does Jesus say the seed must do?
2. Why was Jesus' soul troubled?
3. If we serve God what will he do for us?
4. What is next Sunday called?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Fr. John is asking all our boys and girls to boil or "blow" an egg and paint and decorate it as colourfully as you can for Easter. Get your mum or dad to help you create one over the next couple of weeks and bring to church on Easter morn for our Altar display.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 29TH MARCH 2009

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

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Parish Secretary: June Phelan Tel: 8213218

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Parish Pastoral Committee: Chairperson George McLellan

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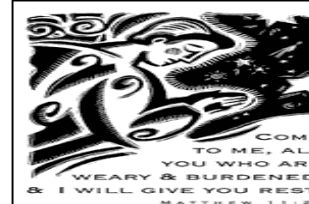
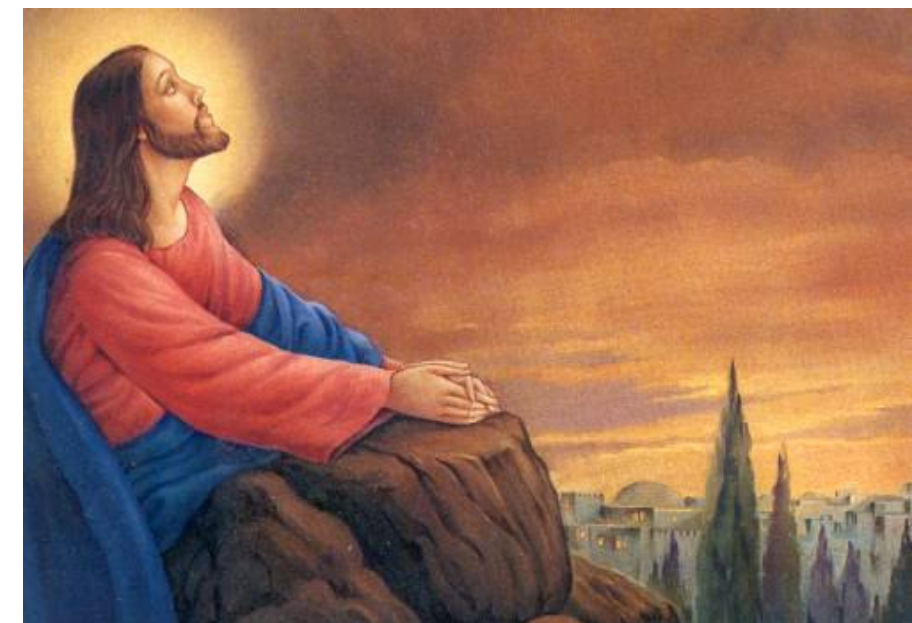
Parish Web Address: www.stmochtasparish.ie

HUMAN VULNERABILITY

You would not be human if you didn't feel fear when danger threatens.

Courage is not never feeling afraid; it is feeling afraid and going on in spite of it.

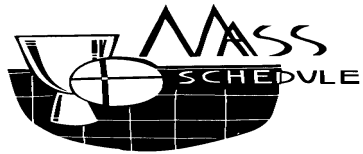
Jesus' agony in the garden gives us comfort and hope in our low moments. There is no need to pretend that we are made of granite. We must not hide our weakness and fear. Like Jesus, we must turn to God in heart-felt prayer. And we must also see human comforting as Jesus did when he asked Peter, James and John to watch and pray with him.



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

Joan Allen, Padraig Byrne, Sarah Harris, Mary Rodgers, Miriam Soughley, Ruth Dayman, Joseph O' Connor, Liam Silcock, Gillian Dowling, Baby Patrick.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

7.00 pm: Charlie Hynes (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Patrick Malone (Anniv.)
10.30 am: Molly McCoy (Anniv.)
12.00 pm: Jack Kelly (Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday:

10.00 am: Special Intention

Tuesday:

10.00 am: Christy & Michael Harford (Anniv.)

Wednesday: St. Celsus

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday: St. Francis of Paola

10.00 am: Christy O'Riordan (Anniv.)

Friday:

10.00 am: Altar List of the Dead

Saturday: St. Isidore

10.00 am: Deceased members of The McCallion Family

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

7.00 pm: John Mullins (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am: Intentions of the Sick of the Parish
12.00 pm: Eileen Sweeney R.I.P.

**THERE WILL BE A PROCESSION AT
THE 10.30 & 12 MASSES**

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

NEW CHRISTIANS:

We welcome **Charlie, Grace and Adam** 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.



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Diarmuid Barron and Rosalie Quinsey** and **Alan O'Rafferty and Rachelle Zijlstra** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

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.

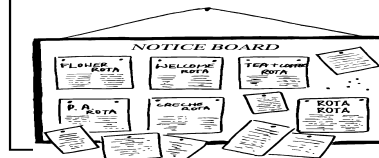
CONFESSION: the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

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

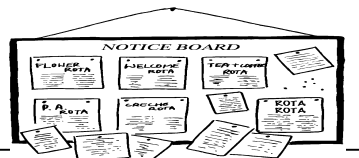
ALTAR SERVERS MEETING: Meeting for all altar servers this coming **Thursday at 5.00pm** in preparation for the Easter Ceremonies. All servers are asked to attend.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: is celebrated this coming **Friday, 3rd April**. Mass will be offered for all those whose names appear on the Altar List of the Dead on Friday morning. If you know of anyone in the parish who is housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion on the 1st Friday of the month please do contact the parish office or Fr. John directly. Thank you.

EASTER LEAFLET VOLUNTEERS: We have our Easter Card ready for delivery. We'd be grateful if our usual volunteers would collect them from the Sacristy this weekend or call into the Parish Office (9.30 am—12.30 pm) during the week. We are also looking for new recruits for our ever expanding parish. Please see Fr. John after Mass.



PARISH NEWS



HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS: We will print the full programme of Holy Week celebrations in the bulletin next weekend. Holy Week is the most important week of the year for us as we celebrate the death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Each household in the parish will receive an Easter Card which will contain all the times and details of our Easter Ceremonies.

PALM SUNDAY

PROCESSIONS: Weather permitting we will have a procession from in front of the Parish Centre for the **10.30am and 12 noon Masses next weekend for the Palm Sunday celebrations.**



So people will need to gather there next Sunday before our celebration begins.

RCIA: FINAL SCRUTINY: The final weeks of preparation for all our candidates for Baptism is taking place at the moment. The scrutinies are short prayers for those preparing for baptism and confirmation. The final scrutiny will be celebrated at the 12 noon Mass at which each of the elect will receive a copy of the Lord's Prayer. Please keep them in your prayers over the coming weeks.

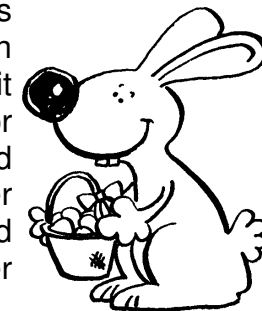
CHILDREN STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

I'd like to have a special Stations of the Cross on Good Friday for all our young boys and girls. I'm looking for about 15 of our candidates for Confirmation to volunteer to do the Stations at noon for your young boys and girls. **If you are interested please see Fr. John after Mass.**



EASTER EGGS FOR CHURCH:

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WEEKLY REFLECTION

A grain of wheat must die

Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by God.

Just as a grain of wheat must die so as to produce a harvest,
So we must die to self in order to bear the fruits of love.

This dying to self is a gradual process and happens in little ways.

Every act of humility involves dying to pride.

Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice.

Every act of kindness involves dying to cruelty.

Every act of love involves dying to selfishness.

Thus the false self dies, and the true self, made in God's image, is born and nurtured.

It is by giving that we receive;
it is by forgiving that we are forgiven;
it is by dying that we are born to eternal life.

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 14:1-15:47.**

CENTRE VOLUNTEERS—REMINDER:

There will be a meeting this coming **Monday, 30th March at 7 pm** in the Parish Pastoral Centre. All Coffee Dock and Reception volunteers are asked to attend.

ADVOCATE COLLECTION: The Sunshine Fund of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding its annual collection outside this Church and all Dublin Churches next weekend. Each year, The Sunshine Fund provides much-needed sea-side holidays for approximately 1,100 of Dublin's less fortunate children. All holidays are directly dependent upon the generosity of the people of Dublin who for the last 70 years have been most generous and supportive. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: A group from the parish will be heading to Lourdes on pilgrimage (with Donnycarney Parish) 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.