

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

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

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP every Tuesday from 9.45am and 11.45am.

JUNIOR PLAYERS CLUB every Tuesday from 3pm to 5pm www.juniorplayersclub.ie

YOGA CLASSES every Tuesday at 8pm.

PARENT & INFANT GROUP (Babies up to one year only) every Wednesday from 10.15am to 12.15pm.

UNISLIM every Wednesday from 7pm.

SMYG 1st & 3rd Friday of the month at 7.30pm

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

ST. MOCHTA'S YOUTH GROUP will meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month unless otherwise stated in the newsletter. **SMYG** will not meet on Friday 2nd April (Good Friday).

UNISLIM: If your weight is getting you down, come and join Unislim at the Parish Centre on **Wednesdays at 7pm** where you will learn to "eat yourself slim" for life. Any existing or new member who brings a friend to join will get a voucher for a free class worth €10 (for a limited time only). So do not put it off any longer. You have nothing to lose except the unwanted lbs.

CROSSCARE are running a number of courses this month—Communication for Children with Special Needs—A Series of Presentations for Parents, Mentoring Programme to help Foster Integration, ASIST Suicide Prevention Workshop, Weekly Art and Dance Classes, Support Service for Parents, Drug & Alcohol Programme—Counselling service, etc. Also **Free Confidential Information Service every Monday 2pm-4pm** in Crosscare, Blanchardstown. For more information please see our notice board, email jmartin@crosscare.ie website: www.crosscare.ie or phone 01 8219892. Crosscare is the social care agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin

IRISH CANCER SOCIETY—COFFEE MORNING:

A coffee morning will be held in our Parish Pastoral Centre on **next Friday, 26th March** from **10.30am to 1pm**. All proceeds go to the Irish Cancer Society. Please come along, we would love to see you!



EASTER EGGS FOR CHURCH: 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 morning for our Altar display.



www.lucylearns.com



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

1. What were the people going to do to the woman?
2. What did Jesus say to them?
3. What did Jesus tell the woman to do?
4. Why should we not judge others?

Task for the Week: We are giving each home in the parish a copy of the Gospel of Luke. Why not try and sit down with your mum and dad and read a chapter each day from the Gospel during the Lent. It would be a great way of preparing for Easter.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 21ST MARCH. 2010 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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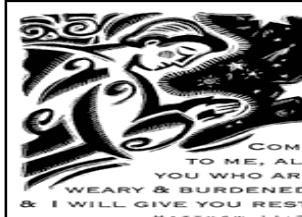
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THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY

In today's Gospel we hear again the immortal words of Jesus in relation to the woman caught in adultery: 'Let the one who is without sin cast the first stone.' Even though we are sinners ourselves, we may have cast the stone of judgement at others.

In his wisdom God understands our weakness, and in his mercy he forgives our sins. He not only helps us to put our sins behind us, but to draw good from them. And surely the fact that we have all sinned, and therefore stand continually in need of God's mercy, will make us refrain from casting stones at others.



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, Ellen Spring.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

7.00 pm Irene Faye (M/M)
8.30 am Intentions of the Sick of the Parish
10.30 am Eileen Daly
12.00 pm Joe & Willie Coyne (Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday:

10.00 am: Special Intention

Tuesday:

10.00 am: Intentions of the Parish

Wednesday: St. Macartan

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord

10.00 am

Friday:

10.00 am: Intentions of the Sick of the Parish

Saturday:

10.00 am Parish Retreat Day

PASSION 'PALM' SUNDAY

7.00 pm Charlie Hynes (Anniv.)
8.30 am May Dumpleton (2nd Anniv.)
10.30 am Ellis Poynton (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Louis Kelly (1st Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH MONTHLY FINANCE FEBRUARY 2010

INCOME

Monthly Parish Offering Contributions

€ 8,723.00

**(260 regular contributors and a few donations)*

Receipts from Shrines and Weddings

€ 4,485.00

Total income for February

€13,171.00

EXPENDITURE

Pastoral Expenses, Utilities, Wages etc

€10,881.00

Monthly repayment on Parish

Loan

€ 5,544.00

Total expenditure for February

€16,425.00

Balance:

Deficit of

(€ 3,254.00)

**(240 SO's, 20 envelopes and cheque donations)*

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

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@stmochtasparish.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

CHRISTIAN: We welcome **Robert, Maxwell, Ysabel and Freya** who will join our community through the waters of Baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit.

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Brendan Glover and Catherine Healy** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.



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 27th & 28th March**. 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.



PARISH NEWS



RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER: We will be holding a reconciliation service after each of our Masses **this weekend**. This will give us all an opportunity to make a good confession in preparation for our Easter celebrations and to experience the healing love of God.

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.

EASTER LEAFLET VOLUNTEERS: We have our Easter Card ready for delivery to all homes in our Parish. 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.

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 Pastoral 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.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING for all altar servers this coming **Thursday at 5pm** in preparation for the Easter Ceremonies. All servers to attend.

PARISH RETREAT FOR HOLY WEEK: We are holding a one day parish retreat on Saturday 27th March beginning at 9.45am in the Church. This day is open to all and will be lead by Fr. John Gallagher and Collette Furlong. It offers a great opportunity to prepare for the Holy Week celebrations. The retreat concludes at 5pm. All that is needed is a packed lunch. Don't be shy, please avail of this opportunity to renew your faith.

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 22:14-23:56.**

POPE'S PASTORAL LETTER: The Pope's Pastoral Letter is a letter addressed to the Catholic faith community in Ireland. He has asked believers to read it prayerfully and reflect on it and indicates some spiritual measures which the entire Church community can undertake. The Pope recognizes the grievous suffering of victims and says the he is truly sorry: "your trust has been betrayed and your dignity has been violated". The Letter is not a general commentary on the phenomenon of child sexual abuse within the Church. The Pastoral Letter is part of a broader and ongoing programme and strategy for renewal of the Catholic Church in Ireland following the scandals of the sexual abuse of children by priests and in Catholic institutions. The Pope recognizes that the crisis of healing and renewal cannot be resolved swiftly. The Pastoral Letter is not the final word. The Letter is not a new strategy for dealing with child sexual abuse. The Pope reaffirms and commends the measures that are currently in place within the Catholic Church in Ireland to deal with the problem. The Pope announces two further steps in his strategy for renewal of the Catholic Church in Ireland: An Apostolic Visitation of certain dioceses, of religious life and of seminary formation. A Mission of spiritual renewal for all Bishops, religious and priests. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin welcomes the Pastoral Letter of Pope Benedict XVI to the Catholics of Ireland. He described the Letter not as a final word but "a further step in the process of renewal and healing in the Catholic Church in Ireland following the crisis of the sexual abuse of children within the Church in Ireland. I welcome the Pope's expression of apology and his recognition of the suffering and betrayal experienced by survivors. The Pope recognizes the failures of Church authorities in how they dealt with sinful and criminal acts". **COPIES AND SUMMARIES OF THE POPE'S PASTORAL LETTER ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE BACK OF THE CHURCH ON BY GOING ONLINE; www.dublindiocese.ie**