

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC : Its time to dust down the golf bag and get that swing going for the fast approaching Spring. This year our Parish Golf Classic will be held on **Thursday 24th March** in the magnificent Luttrellstown Castle Golf & Country Club. If its anything like our previous Classics it will be a wonderful day. Our entry form and sponsorship forms will be available at the back of the church. Thank you for your support. All of the proceeds this year will be going to support the repayments on our beautiful Parish Centre. For further enquiries contact: Fr. John Daly: 01-8213218; Eileen Ring: 086 8041342; Rita Tighe 087 2868065



CONCERT FOR ST FRANCIS HOSPICE Saturday, 26th February, 2011

- Venue Mahony Hall Helix Time 7pm Champagne Reception Concert starts 8pm. Tickets €50
 - Amazing raffle on the night.
 - Performers Brendan Gleeson, Rebecca Storm, Riverdance, Noirin Ni Riain, Size2shoes, Virginia Kerr, Mount Sackville Choir, Liz Ryan, Jane Hackett (violinist) and many more.
 - Tickets available from Helix Box Office 01 7007000 or contact Eileen Ring 086 8041342, Lesley McDonough 086 8030592 or Catherine Hafford 086 8333189.
- Sell out concert last year raising **€54,500** for such a deserving cause. This year promises to be another great night. Don't delay in getting that ticket.

ST. MOCHTA'S YOUTH GROUP: SMYG is open to young people from 1st year and upwards. We will meet again next Friday, **11th February** from **7.30pm to 9.30pm** in the Parish Pastoral Centre.



PARENT, BABY & TODDLER GROUP: Meet every Tuesday from 9.45am to 11.45am.
YOGA CLASSES—New Class—Yoga During Pregnancy every **Tuesday** from **6.45pm to 8pm** **Beginners & Improvers** every **Tuesday** from **8pm to 9.30pm** To book your place, please contact Jakki Reid (yti dip) on 086 0792469.

RESPECT: Calling all Ladies—Do Your Bit & Get Fit for RESPECT on 6th June 2011. Join Kathryn Thomas and the RESPECT team at the **Womens Mini Marathon**. Walk, jog or run to raise vital funds to build 6 Specially Designed Bungalows and an Alzheimer's Unit for Our People with an Intellectual Disability at St. Josephs, Clonsilla. Please contact us on Tel: 01-8245420 or email info@respect.ie

CELEBRATE ST. VALENTINE'S NIGHT IN LUTTRELLSTOWN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB: Saturday night, **12th February**. Welcome glass of Champagne, 3 course dinner with a half bottle of wine and a golf voucher for 2 people all for €150 per couple. We also have a special menu for 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation lunches. For more information please phone 01 8089988. Thank you.

CASTLEKNOCK GAA: The Castleknock **Boys U13 Hurling & Football teams** are currently looking for **new players**. So if you were born in 1998 and would like to give hurling or football a try, just contact Dave on 087 2559559. Games are on Saturday afternoons.



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

1. Why did Jesus say his followers were like salt?
2. How is our belief in God like a light?
3. What did Jesus say we need to do with our faith?
4. How can you let you love for God shine out?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: It's the month of February and Spring is in the air. Take time this week to watch out for the new growth that is taking place and see if you can spot any daffodils popping up out of the group. They are great signs of new life and they remind us to give thanks to God for the wonderful creation all around us.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 6TH FEB 2011 5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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Parish Office Hours : Monday - Friday : 9.30am – 12.30pm

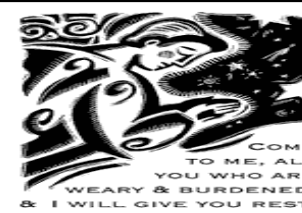
SALT OF THE EARTH & LIGHT OF THE WORLD

We are Christ's disciples.

As such we are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

This is a wonderful task but a difficult one.

Let us reflect on how much we need God's help if we are to be faithful.



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

Ellen Spring, Christy Hughes, Maureen Malone, David Keane, Baby James Patrick, Nessa Cahill, Carmel Brady and Fr. Andy McNally, Bill Gaughan.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm Conor Hurst (2nd Anniv.)
8.30 am Intentions of the Sick in our Parish
10.30 am Margaret Woods (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Thomas Monks & Cathy Hayden (Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday St. Mel

10.00 am Patrick Daly RIP

Tuesday Sts. Jerome & Josephine

10.00 am: Agnes & Joseph Murphy (Anniv.)

Wednesday

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday : St. Scholastica

10.00 am Ned Lyon's (Anniv.)

Friday Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Gobnait

10.00 am Hughie McKenna (Anniv.)

Saturday:

10.00 am Mass of Thanksgiving (Tyrrell Family)

6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm Kathleen Hughes (Anniv.)
8.30 am Int. of the Sick of the Parish
10.30 am Eamonn Daly RIP
12.00 pm Patrick O'Neill (Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH MONTHLY FINANCE DECEMBER 2010

INCOME

Monthly Parish Offering Contributions €8,253

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

Receipts from Shrines and Weddings €4,085

Cake Sale € 720

Total income for December €13,058

EXPENDITURE

Pastoral Expenses, Utilities, Wages etc € 9,954

Monthly repayment on Parish Loan € 0,000

Total expenditure for December € 9,954

Balance: Surplus of € 3,104

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 about 5,000 homes in the parish but as you can see only **290** homes contributed to the Parish Offering in December. You can contribute to the **Parish Offering** by Standing Order or Cheque/Cash Donation. These forms are available from the back of the Church or Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support. **John Sherwood Chair of Finance Committee**

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@stmochtasparrish.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.

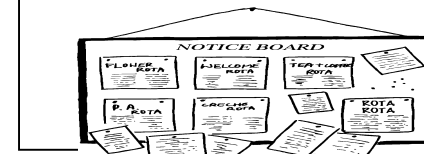
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

WELCOME SUNDAY: This weekend we introduce to our community all those who will be baptised this coming month and become part of the Church. Anyone enquiring about baptism please take one of the leaflets from the back of the church or See Fr. John after Sunday Mass. Thank you.

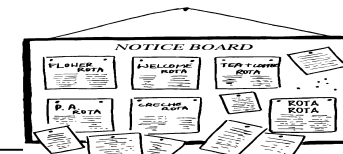


BAPTISM AND PRACTICE OF FAITH: When parents request baptism in the Church for their child it is very important that they understand the responsibilities they take on. In asking to have your child baptised in the Church you make the promise to be the first and best teachers of the Catholic Faith for your child. You take on that task of passing on the gift of faith to them, of helping them to be part of the worshipping community and of instructing them in the teaches of the Church and its spiritual life. It is your faith that carries them to the baptismal font.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING this **Monday, 7th February** at **8pm** in the Parish Pastoral Centre. All members are asked to attend.



PARISH NEWS



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2011 is celebrated in the Archdiocese on Saturday and Sunday, 5th & 6th February. The celebration of World Day of the Sick was an initiative of the late Pope John Paul II who felt that those who are sick and those who care for them are important witnesses to the gospel message.

At the heart of Jesus' own ministry the care of cure of the sick opened his followers eyes and hearts to the extraordinary love of the Father for each one of us and pointed them towards the values of the Kingdom. These days give us an opportunity to pray with and for those who are sick and for those who care for them. **On Sun. 6th Feb. Celebration of Mass with Anointing of the Sick** in St. Anthony's Church, Clontarf at 3 pm.

ACCORD: The Annual Collection of ACCORD, The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and The Family, will be made next weekend, **12th & 13th February, 2011**. Marriage and the family need our support. For the Christian tradition the relationship between a man and woman in marriage is not something accidental or cultural, but something constitutive of human existence. The Book of Genesis notes that "God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them". The complementarity of man and woman reflects this unique way a dimension of the image of God; the marital love of man and woman is a unique reflection of the God who is love. ACCORD is primarily a voluntary organization which in 2010 saw more than 3,500 clients and helped 1,285 couples prepare for the sacrament of marriage. In the last year their services were more in demand than ever before, mostly due to the negative impact of the current economic situation on spouses and families. They anticipate that demand for services to increase again this year. **The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection next weekend.** ACCORD Dublin throughout the diocese offers: Marriage Preparation Courses, Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, Marital Sexual Therapy and Relationship and Sexuality Programmes in Schools.



WEEKLY REFLECTION

Let your light shine

the most important thing about each of us is our capacity for goodness.

We can be a source of light.

We have hands that can care,

eyes that can see,

ears that can hear,

tongues that can speak,

feet that can walk,

and above all hearts that can love.

Unfortunately, through laziness, selfishness, and cowardice, our light can be dimmed, so that we become shadows of the people we could be.

Lord, help us to believe in our own goodness, and to let the light of that goodness shine.

On seeing this light others find their way, and you will be glorified.

SCRIPTURE READING: Each week we suggest a piece of Scripture to use in 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 passage is Mt 5:17-37.**

SVP CLOTHING APPEAL: SVP would like to thank everyone again for their generosity and support with their Annual Church Gate Clothing Appeal.

CONFIRMATION: PARENTS

MEETING: The next Parents Preparation Meeting for Confirmation will take place in St Mochta's Parish Centre on **Tuesday 15th February 2011 at 8pm**. This meeting looks at the next elements of the Programme covering the Faith Friends program, Retreat and the Service of Light. **Confirmation candidates should also attend on this night** as this year we would like them to meet their **Faith Friends** on the evening. At least one parent should attend this meeting. If **you cannot attend** please contact the Parish office at (01) 8213218. The Faith Friends Programme is a support mechanism for those preparing to be confirmed in their faith. It gives them the opportunity to share their faith with each other in an open and friendly setting. Young Adults from our parish will lead the guide our candidates through the programme which takes place in the month of March. Please keep all our candidates in your prayers.

