

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.

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.

CASTLEKNOCK GAA: Dates for your diary—**Third Annual Race Day** takes place on Sat. 21st Feb. in Fairyhouse Racecourse. Contact John Conway on 086 2601765. **Annual Club Mass** takes place in St. Mochta's Church, Porterstown on Saturday, 14th March at 7 pm. **Annual Spring Ball** takes place on Sat. 21st March in the Castleknock Hotel & Country Club. More information to follow. **Club Lotto** takes place every Thursday. If you're not in, you can't win. **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. For Juvenile Section, please contact Club coach Brendan on 085 1329397. Adult players please contact David on 086 326220 or see www.castleknock.net 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.**



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

1. What is leprosy?
2. Why were they not allowed go near people?
3. What did they ask Jesus?
4. What did Jesus do for them?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Lent is getting closer, why not take one of the boxes from the back of the church and read the story of Khalid and his family. See what you can do to help him and others like him.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 15TH FEB. 2009

6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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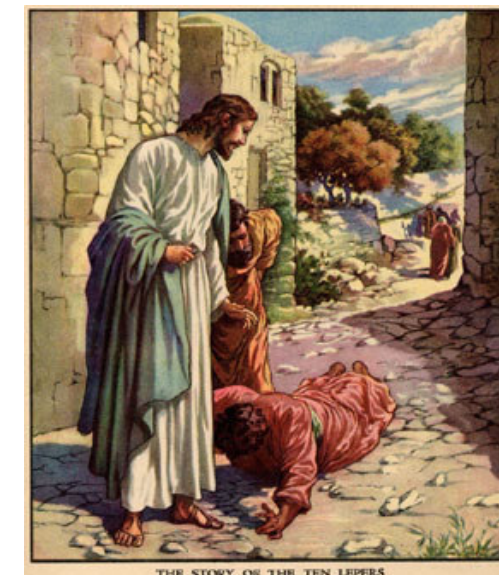
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CURE OF THE LEPER

In biblical times people did not touch lepers for fear of contagion. Yet Jesus reached out and touched lepers. Jesus accepted the leper just as he was. Acceptance is the answer to rejection. Each of us longs to be accepted for what we are. It is how we are able to realise our full potential. This is how Christ accepts us. In our turn we could rekindle hope, bring back the zest for living, in someone else, by our acceptance of them just as they are, and thus mirror dimly the infinite compassion of God.



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, Martin Crotty.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



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

Monday:

10.00 am: Daniel O'Connell (Anniv.)

Tuesday: St. Fintan

10.00 am: Eileen O'Riordan (Anniv.)

Wednesday:

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday:

10.00 am Ann Molloy (Anniv.)

Friday:

10.00 am Irene Hoey R.I.P.

FORTY HOURS ADORATION BEGINS

Saturday: St. Peter Damian

10.00 am: Patrick Rocca M/M

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.00 pm: James Lovely & Simon Lovely (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Rita & Joe Malone (Anniv.)
10.30 am Billy Balfe (M/M)
12.00 pm Intentions of the Parish
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Katie, Marcus and Anna** 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.



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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Would anybody have a cooker or buggy to donate to VDP? If so, please contact John Kane, VDP on 086 0780697. Thank you.

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

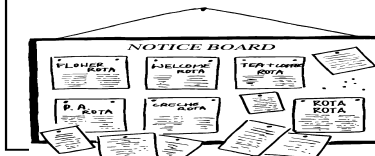
MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to have Mass offered for someone or offered for a particular intention please see our sacristan, Mary after Mass.

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.

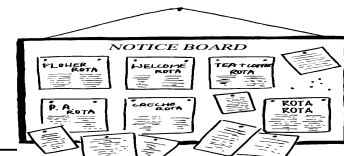
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

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.



PARISH NEWS



WEEKLY REFLECTION

Touching

Many of us are afraid to touch other people.

We give a few pennies to a beggar, but make sure there is no contact between us, not even eye-contact.

Jesus didn't stand off or keep his distance.

He wasn't afraid to touch others.

He touches lepers, sinners, sick people, and even the dead.

Physical contact is precisely what gives people, especially sick and wounded people, a sense of warmth and joy.

By the very act of touching another person, we accept that person exactly as he or she is.

Lord, give us a warm heart and kind hands.

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 2:1-12.**

WHEN DOES LENT START? We will celebrate the beginning of the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday on **February 25th**. Lent is a time of prayer and fasting as we prepare to celebrate Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the Church's biggest celebration in the liturgical year.

LENTEN TROCAIRE CAMPAIGN 2009:

We are nearing the Lenten season. Trocaire's campaign for this year highlights the plight of people who have been forced to flee their homes as a result of armed conflict, violence and violation of their human rights. Globally there are 163 million people displaced. No country around the world is untouched by displacement. Of these 26 million have been displaced as a result of war and conflict. The Trocaire box focuses on displacement in Somalia and tell the story of Khalid and his family. Somalia is currently one of the most unstable countries in the world and one of the world's most forgotten crises. The Trocaire Boxes have already been delivered to our schools and parish. Trocaire deeply appreciates the work you undertake each Lent in your home, school and parish. As always your support enables Trocaire to work with the poorest communities in the developing world. Go on take some action.....**TAKE A BOX HOME TODAY....**They are available from the back of the church. Thank you.

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 next 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 **this 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 this weekend.**

