

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

ST MOCHTA'S PARISH PICNIC: This year's Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday 21st June** beginning after 12 o'clock Mass. It will be held in the grounds around Luttrellstown Castle. It is always a great family fun day and all are welcome to attend. We will be looking for helpers to set up and run the day as well as doing a tidy up afterwards. So if you can help please give your name to Fr. John after Sunday Mass. There is a meeting for the organising committee and new volunteers this **Tuesday 19th May at 8pm** in the Parish Pastoral Centre. Don't be shy there is plenty of work for you to do!!!!

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. **PLEASE NOTE** the group will **not meet** on **Tuesday, 26th May**. It will resume again on Tuesday, 2nd June at 9.40 am.

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.

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.

CALLING ALL MOUNTAINEERS: We are planning another trip into the Wicklow Mountains. This year our target is Mount Seefin at the back of Kilbride Rifle Range. The journey to the top will take about 50 minutes. Some of this will be via a forest road and some via a hill path. Boots are recommended, and a walking stick. The final part of the climb is a little steep but not too rugged. There is a megalithic tomb at the top. On the way to the top we will have brilliant views of Liffey Valley and the lakes of Blessington. You won't find beauty like this outside of Kerry. We plan to assemble at St. Mochta's Church at **1.30 pm** and to go in convoy from there. **Date: 7th June.**

CROSSCARE: You are invited to **ASIST**—Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training on Tues. & Wed. 26th & 27th May in Crosscare, Main St., Blanchardstown. A two day skills building workshop in suicide first aid suitable for all kinds of caregivers, professional workers, volunteers, people responding to family, friends and co-workers. Hosted by Crosscare and supported by Dochas. For booking contact Caroline Lennon-Nally, Resource Officer for Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention HSE Dublin North East. Tele: 01 8823403. This course is free of charge. **INFORMATION SERVICES** every Monday from 2 pm—4 pm in Crosscare, Blanchardstown. For more information please contact Jean Martin, Area Coordinator, Main St., Blanchardstown on 01 8219892 or email jmartin@crosscare.ie.

THE SUNSHINE FUND—VDP: would like to thank all parishioners who so generously supported the Advocate Church Gate Collection on 4th/5th April. The amount collected was **€974.00**. Your support helped to make it an outstanding success and reflected the true generosity of Dublin people who despite a recession gave so generously that the Advocate Collection has indeed increased by €14,000.



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

1. What did Jesus ask his disciples to do?
2. What is his commandment?
3. What is the greatest love we can show?
4. Why does he call us friends?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: First Communion is taking place every Saturday this month 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 17TH MAY 2009

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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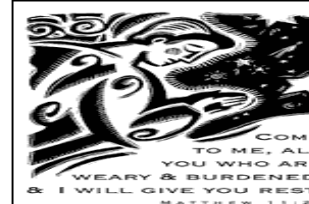
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No Greater Love

The Gospel of today's Mass reminds us of the commandment Christ left his disciples: 'Love one another as I have loved you.' It was God who first loved us.

As we call to mind God's love for us in Christ,
let us also call to mind that our response to that love is to love one another.



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

Sarah Harris, Rose Lynam, Miriam Soughley, Ruth Dayman, Gillian Dowling, Cora Galvin, Fr. Joe Caffrey

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



6TH 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

Monday: St John I

10.00 am: Special Intention

Tuesday:

10.00 am: Billy McGrane RIP

Wednesday: St. Bernardine of Siena

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday:

10.00 am Intentions of the Sick of the Parish

Friday:

10.00 am Intention of those doing exams

Saturday:

10.00 am 1st Communion Celebration
12.00 pm 1st Communion Celebration

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7.00 pm: John Saunders (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Beng Brophy (1st Anniv.)
10.30 am Vera O'Neill (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Michael & Mary Hall (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 **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.

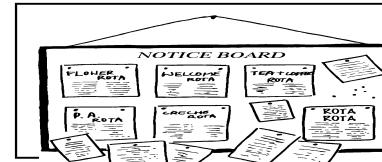
CONFESSION: the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

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

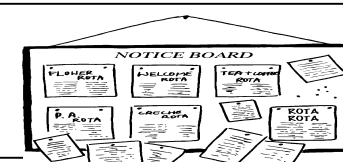
BILLY MCGRANE RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Billy (Luttrellstown Lawn) who died on Saturday morning after a long illness. We offer our sympathy to his wife, Noleen, their children Pearl and Justin and all of the family. Billy will be received into Church on Monday eve at 6pm with Requiem Mass being celebrated for the repose of his soul on Tuesday morn at 10am. May he rest in peace. Amen

GORTA—THE FREEDOM FROM HUNGER COUNCIL OF IRELAND- will do a Church Gate Collection this weekend, **16th and 17th May**, 2009 after each mass. If you require further information on Gorta, please check out their web site www.gorta.ie

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY: Thank you for your support of the special collection for those preparing for the priesthood in the diocese last weekend. It amounted to €1208, unfortunately, down over €350 on last years collection



PARISH NEWS



1st COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS: Congratulations to **Ms. Murray's** and **Ms. McDermott's 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 **three classes from St. Mochta'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 over these coming weeks.

PARISH CONFIRMATIONS:

Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on **Monday, 25th May at 11 am** for the children from **St. Patrick's NS** and **Tuesday 26th May at 11 am** for the children from **St. Mochta's NS**. We have 96 candidates for Confirmation between both schools. Please keep them in your prayers.



FEAST OF THE ASCENSION: The Ascension of Our Lord to his Father is celebration next Sunday with the celebration of Pentecost Sunday the following weekend.

NEW CHURCH BELL: The new electronic bell system will hopefully be installed this coming week. It means that the bell will ring automatically each day calling people to Mass and also to prayer with the ringing of the Angelus twice a day. The funds were raised for the system through the Christmas draw. Thank you to all who supported the draw last December.

PRAYING THE ANGELUS: The Angelus Domini, shortened to "the Angelus," is the ringing of the church bell -- in three groups of three chimes with a pause in between each group, at Noon, and 6 pm roughly, and its associated prayers, which spring from the monastic practice of praying the *tres orationes* at Matins, Prime and Compline. While the monastics said their prayers at the sound of the Angelus Bell, the faithful would stop what they were doing and say 3 Hail Mary's in honour of the Incarnation. Later, since at least 1600's, verses were added to these Hail Mary's that we get the form of the Angelus we have today. It is a great family prayer to pray each day. Now that we will have the new bell system it will remind us to stop to pray for a moment in the busyness of our day. The Family Mass will begin with praying the rosary once the system is installed. **Copies of the Angelus will be available at the back of the Church.**

WEEKLY REFLECTION

If only the heart was right
we could give so much more.
But, alas, the heart is often empty.
It is often cold and unwelcoming.
It is often hard and unyielding.
It is often weighed down with worry.
It is often sad and lonely.
It is often in darkness.
It is often wounded.
And it is sometimes broken.

We have to heal the wounds of the heart
in order to be able to love.

Lord, touch our hearts and heal them,
so that we may be able to bear the fruits of 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 Mk 16:15-20.**

PRAYER FOR THOSE DOING EXAMS:

Spirit of God, give me a sharp sense of understanding and a retentive memory and an ability to grasp things correctly. Most of all help me to work as if everything depended on me. To pray as if everything depended on you. Grant that I may reflect in the exams I do the best of the work I've done and the best of the teaching I have received. Amen.

TROCAIRE would like to thank all parishioners who so generously supported the Trocaire Lenten Campaign. The amount collected at **Porterstown** church was **€1,797.00**. Trocaire is committed to working for a just world for all. We can only have this vision because of your goodwill and solidarity.

GORTA: are looking for good clean second hand clothing (clothes, bed-clothes, curtains, shoes, etc.). Bags will be handed out on **6th/7th June** and all bags will be collected on **14th June ONLY** after Sunday Mass. So start that summer clean early and get searching through those wardrobes. You know there's stuff in there you've not seen for years. Clothes that are very sad and lonely because they have not seen the light of day in years, who long once more to hug a body, caress some toes!!!!



NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Liam, Aisling and Ethan** 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. Please note

there is a three month waiting list of baptism.

WEDDING BELLS:

Congratulations to **Cathal Gibbons and Eleanor Bannon** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.



ALTAR SERVERS MEETING: There will be a practice for all servers this coming **Thursday 21st May at 5pm** in preparation for Confirmation on Monday 25th and 26th May. All are asked to attend.

