

# ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

**ST MOCHTA'S PARISH PICNIC:** This year's Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday 20th June** beginning after 12 o'clock Mass. It will be held once again in the grounds of Luttrellstown Castle which proved so successful last year. It is always a great family fun day and all are welcome to attend. So mark the date in your diary now. Last year over 2,000 people attended the day!!!! So if you can help please see Fr. John after Mass. There are many activities organised for the day for all age groups; there will be fun for everyone. To help make this day a success there are a number of **ways that you can help out** over the coming weeks: **1.** Sign up to help for an hour or longer on the day or with the planning and organising during the coming weeks. The event will **require LOTS of man and woman power**. If you are available to help out at any stage of the day with stalls, car parking, games/football, or set up and clean up after a fantastic day... there is a **meeting of ALL HELPERS of our Parish Picnic on Thursday 13th May at 8pm in our Parish Centre.** Give your name and contact details to the Pastoral Parish Members after Mass or leave your name on the list in the Sacristy. Your attendance at this meeting would be great as we need to co-ordinate and plan for June well in advance. Bring a friend who would like a job too! **2.** If you have any of the following items that can be sold on the Stalls as part of our fund raising we will take them... New or used **Handbags, Jewellery** (new or used), Your old **saucers & plates** for a smashing time, **Bottles** of alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages for Bottle Stall, **Books, CD's, DVD's, Bread & Cakes: Homemade Cakes n' Buns** please nearer the time and **homemade jams/chutneys**, etc. Any **unwanted gifts** in good condition that can be used as Bric o' Brac or Raffle items Or if you wish to **donate a prize** for our raffle – it would be most welcome. **Items can be dropped into the Sacristy before and after mass or in the Parish Office during office hours in the weeks running up to the Picnic.** **3.** And we will have a **Farmers Market**, if you know anyone interested in taking a stall or if you could hand out leaflets to promote it at similar markets, please contact Mary Greene Byrne in the Parish Centre during the week. Don't be shy there is plenty of work for you to do!!!! Thanks.



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

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

**YOGA CLASSES** every Tuesday from 8.30pm To book a place please contact Jakki Reid (yti dip) on 086 0792469.

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

**UNISLIM** every Wednesday from 7pm.

**SMYG1st & 3rd Friday of the month at 7.30pm**

**For more information please see our website [www.stmochtasparish.ie](http://www.stmochtasparish.ie)**

## CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

**2010:** Theme "The hope that never disappointed was Jesus Christ" Benedict XVI—takes place in All Hallows College, Drumcondra on **12th/13th June**. For info. catholicyouthconference@gmail.com

## KNOCK SUMMER CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL:

"Walk by Faith" from **25th to 27th June** at Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo. Strictly 18-35 yrs—€70 (incl. food & accommodation) Places limited. For more information and to book a place contact Veronica Jackson at 01 8725055 / [vjackson@cyc.ie](mailto:vjackson@cyc.ie)

## PHOENIX-TARA TOASTMASTERS

**PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB:** Next meeting, **Monday 10th May from 7.45pm to 10.15pm in Dunboyne Castle, Dunboyne.** Admission free to visitors and guests. For more information please contact Tony on 086 8221274, [www.phoenix-tara-toastmasters.com](http://www.phoenix-tara-toastmasters.com).

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

1. What did Jesus offer his disciples?
2. Who did he say he would send to them?
3. What will the Holy Spirit help them to do?
4. What Sunday are we celebrating next week?

**TASK FOR THE WEEK:** First Communion is taking place on Saturday 8th & 15th 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 9TH MAY 2010**

**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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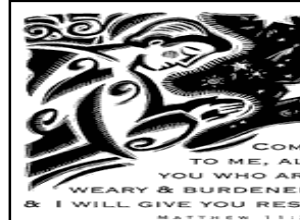
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**Parish Web Address: [www.stmochtasparish.ie](http://www.stmochtasparish.ie)**

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

## THE GIFT OF PEACE

Jesus said to his apostles, 'Peace I leave with you, my own peace I give you.' We can't give peace to others if we don't have it ourselves. Peace is communion with God. Since Jesus is in perfect communion with God, he can give us the gift of peace. We as Christians, followers of Jesus, have a vocation to peace. But what other peace can we give but our own? Fortunate are we if we taste the peace of Jesus, may we in our turn enable others to taste that gift.



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

**Sarah Harris, Chris Bruton, Liam Silcock, Allsún Henderson, Ena Kelly, Brian Lenihan, Ellen Spring.**

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: Paddy Tynan (Recently Deceased)  
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish  
10.30 am: Patrick Daly (Anniv)  
12.00 pm: Tom & Veronica McInerney (Anniv.)

### EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

#### Monday St. Comgall

10.00 am: Special Intention

#### Tuesday

10.00 am: Ciss Scarf (Anniv)

#### Wednesday Ss. Nereus & Achilleus; St. Pancras

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

#### Thursday Our Lady of Fatima

10.00 am: Int. of 1st Communion Classes

#### Friday St. Matthias

10.00 am: Connie & Sheila Tobin

#### Saturday: St. Carthage

10.00 am: 1st Holy Communion (St. Mochta's N.S.)

12 noon: 1st Holy Communion (St. Mochta's N.S.)

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7.00 pm: Elizabeth Fahy (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Billy McGrane (1st Anniv.)  
10.30 am: John & Mary Allen (Anniv.)  
12.00 pm: Br. Paddy Tynan (RIP)

### EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

## ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH MONTHLY FINANCE

### MARCH 2010

#### INCOME

Monthly Parish Offering Contributions € 8,923.00

\*(285 regular contributors and a few donations)

Receipts from Shrines and Weddings € 2,550.00

Total income for March €11,473.00

#### EXPENDITURE

Pastoral Expenses, Utilities, Wages etc €11,748.00

Monthly repayment on Parish Loan € 5,544.00

Total expenditure for March €17,292.00

Balance: Deficit of (€ 5,819.00)

\*(265 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 about 5,000 homes in the parish but as you can see only **285** homes contributed to the Parish Offering in March. 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](mailto: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.

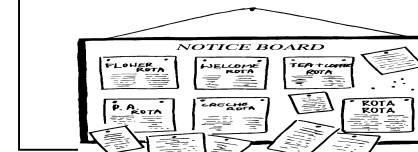
**NEW CHRISTIANS:** We welcome **Ben, Emma, Aidan and Alison** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind, and spirit in the years ahead. Please note there is a three month waiting list of baptism.



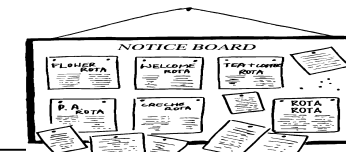
**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Marcello D'Angelone and Valeria Marino** and **Mark Middleton and Feena O'Brien** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

**SVP CHURCH GATE COLLECTION:** the monthly collection for the St. Vincent de Paul takes place this coming weekend. Last month's collection raised **€719.83** for which the Conference is most grateful. Thank you for your continued support and help.

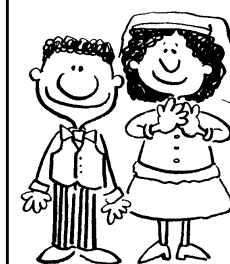
**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY:** Thank you for your support of the special collection last weekend. It amounted to **€1,073.**



# PARISH NEWS



## 1st COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS:



Congratulations to **Ms. McDermott's, Ms. Reilly's, Ms. Campbell's and Mr. Heneghan'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 week-end with **four 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.



**CONFIRMATION:** Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish this year on **Monday May 24th & Tuesday May 25th at 11am**. We have nearly 120 candidates for Confirmation this coming year. Please keep them in your prayers over these coming weeks.

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION:** will be celebrated **next Sunday**. On the feast of the Ascension we celebrate the glorification of Jesus. The Ascension is seen as the culmination of Jesus' life and the start of the Church's mission. Jesus also promises to send them the Holy Spirit. The disciples return in joy to Jerusalem. The Body of Christ began with a very small group of believers. The Apostles were ordinary, limited, average men. At the Lord's Ascension, any intelligent observer would have probably predicted that this small group would never get beyond Palestine. And, yet, the Church of Christ has grown and spread and continued for over 2000 years. You and I make up the Church in this third Christian millennium. We have the same mission as those first disciples on the day of the Ascension: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." It is our responsibility to influence society for the better.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** We have each **Sunday evening from 7pm—9pm** an opportunity to spend some quiet time in our church in the presence of the Lord. It is a lovely time to spend in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

To be glad of life,  
because it gives you a chance to love,  
to work, to play, and to look up at the stars.

Do despise nothing in the world  
except what is false and mean.

To fear nothing except what is cowardly.  
To be guided by what you admire and love,  
rather than by what you hate.

To envy nothing that is your neighbour's except  
their kindness of heart and gentleness of manner.

To think seldom of your enemies,  
often of your friends, and everyday of Christ.

As to spend as much time as you can,  
with body and with spirit, in God's out-of-doors.  
These are little signposts on the footpath of peace.

**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 Jn 14:23-29**

**CLASSICAL MUSIC FESTIVAL:** We have an exciting 1st for St. Mochta's the last weekend of May. We are going to hold a Classical Music Festival in our church. We will have three concerts. The performances will take place on **Friday 28th May & Saturday 29th May at 8pm**

and **Sunday 30th May at 4pm**. Tickets will cost €10 or €25 for all three concerts and are on sale from the Sacristy after Mass or the Parish Office (9.30am to 12.30pm—Mon-Fri). This festival is being part funded by the Arts Council.

**PARISH CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:** Next meeting takes place this coming Monday, **10th May at 7pm** in the Parish Centre. All members are asked to attend.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Next meeting takes place this coming Monday, **10th May at 8pm** in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

**PARISH PICNIC VOLUNTEERS MEETING:** there is a meeting of **ALL HELPERS** of our **Parish Picnic** on **Thursday 13th May at 8pm** in our **Parish Centre**. Give your name and contact details to the Pastoral Parish Members after Mass or leave your name on the list in the Sacristy. Your attendance at this meeting would be great as we need to co-ordinate and plan for June well in advance. Bring a friend who would like a job too!