

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 now open to members only meet again on Friday, **25th 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 Beginners & Improvers every **Tuesday** from **8pm to 9.30pm** To book your place, please contact Jakki Reid (yti dip) on 086 0792469.

CASTLEKNOCK GAA: Castleknock Hurling and Football Club are **opening their new pitches** in Somerton (beside the Castleknock Hotel) on the **weekend of the 9/10th April**. All are very welcome to visit the grounds to see the great progress made by the club in such a short space of time. Anyone interested in playing for Castleknock (at any level/age) just contact our Club Coach Brendan on 085 1329397. Nursery for 4-7 year olds every Saturday 10 to 11.30am, all are very welcome and why not bring a friend! Castleknock GAA, Go on, Give it a Go!

WESTMANSTOWN GAELS & GARDA GAA CLUB: Nursery (5 – 7 years) every Saturday Morning 10 to 11.30am (indoors during the winter months. All other teams (u8– \14) training on our all weather and grass pitches. Membership €60 per child p.a. and €30 for each subsequent child. New members at all levels welcome. Contact the Club Secretary Eddie on 087 1214658. Visit us at www.westmanstowngaeils.ie or on Facebook. Be Active—Have Fun—Play Gaelic Games.

ST. PATRICK'S NS DISWELLSTOWN are having a Pub Quiz on **Thurs, 17th February** in the **Clonsilla Inn**. €20 for a team of 4 Great prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed teams and a Raffle. Please come and support your local school.



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

1. What did Jesus ask his followers to keep?
2. Why did Jesus want us to try to live such good lives?
3. What can help to live good lives?

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 13TH FEB 2011

6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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Parish Finance Committee: Chairperson John Sherwood

Parish Child Protection Officers: Michael Stacey & Jackie Sherwood

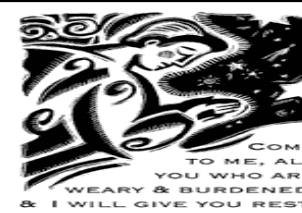
Parish Web Address: www.stmochtasparish.ie

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

NEW STANDARDS OF GOODNESS

Jesus says, 'If you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering'.

Let us reflect on those words for a moment.



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, Fr. Andy McNally and Bill Gaughan.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



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

Monday Ss. Cyril & Methodius

10.00 am Annie & Michael Keegan (Anniv.)

Tuesday

10.00 am: Int. of Confirmation Candidates

Wednesday

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday : St. Fintan

10.00 am Special Intention

Friday

10.00 am Int. of Ellen Spring (ill)

Saturday:

10.00 am Mary Smith (Anniv.)

7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm Dan Bradley (Anniv.)
8.30 am Int. of the Sick of the Parish
10.30 am Mick McCoy & Pauline Davis
12.00 pm

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.

NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome Sam, Elliot and Moriyanchukia 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.



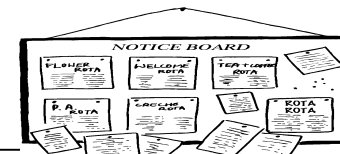
WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **David Malone and Niamh McCormack** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

MAUREEN CAMPION R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen who died last Sunday after a long and fruitful life. We offer our condolences to her six children and all of her family. Requiem Mass was celebrated on Tuesday for the repose of her soul. May she rest in Peace. Amen.

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office is closed from Monday 21st Feb. to Friday 25th Feb. incl. If you have a query, please leave a message on the answering machine—01 8213218. Urgent messages will be dealt with every day. Thank you.



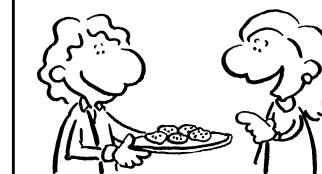
PARISH NEWS



ACCORD: The Annual Collection of ACCORD, The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and The Family, will be made at all Masses **this weekend 12th & 13th February, 2011.** 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 and Relationship and Sexuality Programmes in Schools. **ACCORD Dublin needs your support. Please give generously this weekend.**



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 and guide our candidates through the programme which takes place in the month of March. Please keep all our candidates in your prayers.



PARISH HELPERS THANK YOU NIGHT:

Our annual night to say thank you for all those who are actively involved in our parish takes place on **Fri. 4th March from 7.30pm** till late in the Parish Pastoral Centre. Please mark the date in your diary. Invitations will be issued shortly. We are also trying to send out as many invite by electronic mail to keep costs down. So if you have changed your email or have a newly acquired address please leave the details in the sacristy after Mass. Thank You.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

A prayer for the end of the day

Grant, O Lord, that each day before we enter the little death of sleep, we may undergo the little judgement of the past day, so that every wrong deed may be forgiven and every unholy thought set right. Let nothing to down into the depths of our being which has not been forgiven and sanctified.

Then we shall be ready for our final birth into eternity, and look forward with love and hope to standing before you, who art both judge and saviour, holy judge and loving saviour.

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 5:38-48.**

PEARL OF WISDOM: In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the King's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, he laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand - every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

COUCH WANTED St. Vincent de Paul conference are looking for a couch and armchairs for a family in our parish. If you can help in any way, please phone Naoise Cunningham on 086 1583877. Thank you.

