

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. JOSEPH'S CITIZEN ADVOCACY: Can you give someone a voice? Citizen advocacy is a means of empowering individuals with a disability to access their rights and pursue interests as valued and equal member of their community. It is a chance to make a real difference in your life and the lives of others. Full training is provided. **For more details contact Rhoda Judge 01 8245449 or pick up a leaflet from the back of the church.**

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.

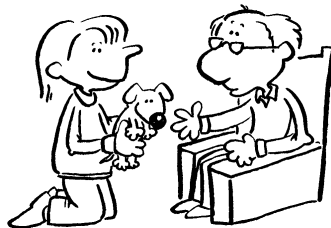
CASTLEKNOCK GAA: Castleknock Hurling and Football Club are **opening their new pitches** in Somerton (beside the Castleknock Hotel) on the **weekend of the 9/10th April**. All are very welcome to visit the grounds to see the great progress made by the club in such a short space of time. Anyone interested 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–u14) 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.

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 0861583877. Thank you.



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

1. What are we told to do for the person who asks?
2. What did Jesus ask us to do with our enemies?
3. What are we to try to be?

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. And of course enjoy your mid-term break, you lucky things.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER 20TH FEB 2011

7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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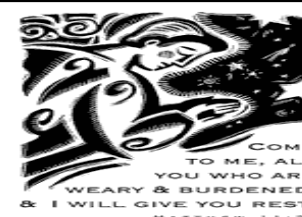
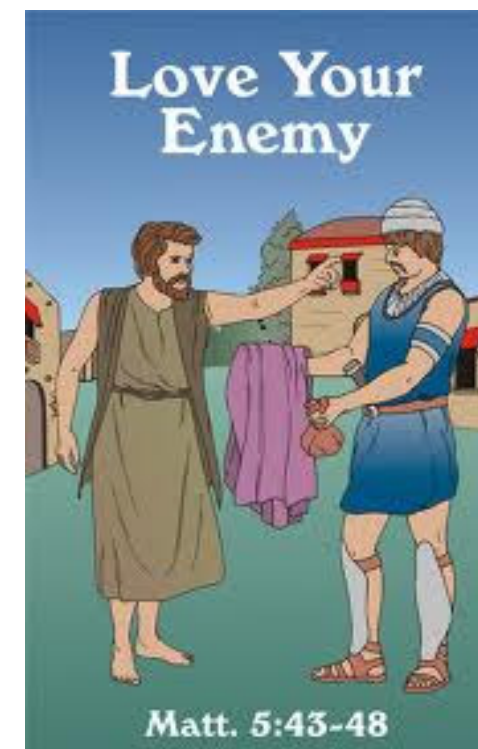
Parish Office Hours : Monday - Friday : 9.30am – 12.30pm

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Jesus tells us that God loves all of his children, deserving and undeserving.

And he urges us to imitate this all-embracing love of God.

We know how difficult love can be, especially in relation to people we don't like.



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



7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm Dan Bradley (Anniv.)
8.30 am Tom & Mary Ryan (Anniv.)
10.30 am Mick McCoy & Pauline Davis
12.00 pm Greta Hogan (Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday St. Peter Damian

10.00 am Alan Copeland

Tuesday

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Wednesday

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Thursday :

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Friday

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Saturday:

10.00 am Special Intention

8TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm Joe & Rita Malone (Anniv.)
8.30 am Intentions of the Sick of the Parish
10.30 am Paddy Callaghan (3rd Anniv.)
12.00 pm Jean Ennis (Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH MONTHLY FINANCE

JANUARY 2011

INCOME

Monthly Parish Offering Contributions €13,620

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

Receipts from Shrines and Weddings € 3,704

Total income for December €17,324

EXPENDITURE

Pastoral Expenses, Utilities , Wages etc **€ 9,205**

Monthly repayment on Parish Loan € 0,000

Total expenditure for December € 9,205

Balance: Surplus of € 8,119

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.

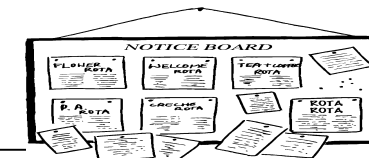
NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Leo, Hannah, Saoirse and Matthew** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind, and spirit in the years ahead.



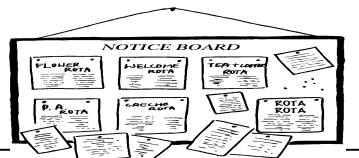
WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Paul Kelly & Roberta Rafter** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The next meeting will take place this coming **Monday, 21st February** at **8pm** in the Parish Pastoral Centre. All members are asked to attend.

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 or email secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie Urgent messages will be dealt with every day. Thank you.



PARISH NEWS



FAITH AND FAMILY: "At a recent celebration of First Confession the celebrant invited the children to give their parents a hug. He explained that when they share a hug with their parents, it is God's way of letting us know that he loves us. I noticed one of the boys hug his parents, then go over to where an elderly visiting priest was sitting. The young boy hugged the priest and returned to his seat. Later the priest told us that the boy had said to him, 'You have nobody here with you to tell you that God loves you, so I will give you a hug from God'. It strikes me that this is at the heart of what handing on the faith in the context of the family is about. It is in the family that we learn about love and belonging, sharing and sacrifice, joy and pain, forgiveness and unity. It is in the experience of being part of the family that we begin to learn about the great themes of Christianity: incarnation, redemption, reconciliation, though we rarely use these big words at home. It is in the family that we learn about faith as trusting in ourselves, others and God. The gift that we can hand on to our children is the sense that faith begins in trust. We can create homes where faith is part of the everyday reality of the family, not just something reserved for Sundays or special occasions. We can have an explicitly religious symbol in our homes and we can mark the liturgical seasons by lighting an Advent Wreath or making a small Jesse Tree. We can draw the stations of the Cross during Lent and decorate a May altar. We can use the Trocaire box, get involved with a charity and pray together at meal times. We can read biblical stories or learn about the lives of holy people. It is within the family that we learn about faith as a relationship of trust. It is within the family that we learn to receive and show God's love through the hug that shows us that we are accepted." Sandra Cullen

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. We are also trying to send out as many invite by electronic mail to keep costs down. Thank You.

BISHOP FIELD'S PARISH VISIT: We look forward to welcoming Bishop Field to our parish next weekend. He will preach at all our weekend Masses and will be the main celebrant for the 10.30am & 12 noon Masses.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

When Abraham Lincoln was running for president of the United States there was a man called Stanton, who never lost an opportunity to vilify him.

Yet when Lincoln won the election he gave Stanton a post in his cabinet. Why?

Because he considered him the best man for the job.

And Lincoln was proved right.

Stanton gave him loyal service.

Asked why he didn't destroy his enemies, Lincoln replied,

'Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?'

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 6:24-34.**

SVP CHURCH GATE COLLECTION: The monthly collection for the St. Vincent de Paul takes place this weekend, **19th & 20th February**. Last month's collection raised **€963.50** for which the Conference is most grateful. Thank you for your continued support and help.

BETHANY SUPPORT GROUP: The members of the **Bethany Bereavement Support Group** will be available to meet with the bereaved or those suffering a loss of any kind in the Pastoral Centre on **Monday 28th February between 8p.m. and 9p.m.** This is a strictly confidential free service. All are welcome.

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME 2011: A preparation meeting for parents of children (ages 7 –14) who expressed an interest to have their child baptised will be held in the **Parish Centre on Thursday 3rd March 2011 at 8pm sharp**. The baptismal preparation programme will run during the season of Lent and the children who participate fully in this preparation will be baptised during Eastertide before 1st Communion and Confirmation celebrations. **Children will NOT be accepted for baptism if they do not register for this preparation programme before the 3rd of March.** Registration forms can be collected in the sacristy.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: We are trying to organise a 5 day pilgrimage to Lourdes beginning Friday 2nd September. We will be staying at the Hotel Solitude (full board). The cost is €715. If you are interested please leave your name in the sacristy after Mass.