

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

MOCHTA'S ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC



This year our Parish **Pro-am** will be held on **Thursday 10th April** in the magnificent Luttrellstown Castle Golf & Country Club. There will be two "Shot-Gun" starts. The first in the morning at 9 am for teams of four players. The second "Shot-Gun" start will be at 2 p.m. this will be a **Pro-am**. The **Pro-am** offers you the opportunity to play with some of Ireland's leading professional golfers.

"TRINITY" HOLE-IN-ONE

The chance to win a new Mercedes Car, a Luxury Cruise, family membership in Luttrellstown Golf Club for a year are just some of the exciting elements of the day.

VARIETY OF WAYS

YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR DAY

A. Enter a Team of three to play in the Pro-Am.

Shotgun Start at 2pm **€1,500**

(Includes Dinner)

B. Enter a team of four in the morning classic.

Shotgun Start at 9am **€700**

(Includes Lunch)

C. Sponsor a T- Box or a Golf Hole on the Day

€250

D. Make a donation to St. Mochta's Parish Golf

Classic **€....**

Closing Date for entries 10th March

For further enquiries contact:

Fr. John Daly: 01 8213218; Eileen Ring: 086 8041342;

Rita Tighe 087 2868065

All cheques made payable to:

St. Mochta's Parish Golf Classic

FASHION SHOW: The St. Patrick's N.S. Parents' Association are holding their second Fashion Show in aid of St. Patrick's N.S. Diswellstown in the Castleknock Hotel & Country Club this **Wednesday, 12th March at 8.30 pm**. Tickets are €30 each and are available from June Phelan Phone 087 6256666.

THE SUNSHINE FUND—SVP The Sunshine Fund of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding its annual collection outside this Church and all Dublin Churches next weekend. Each year, The Sunshine Fund provides much-needed sea-side holidays for approximately 1,300 of Dublin's less fortunate children in Sunshine House, Balbriggan. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS DUBLIN 15

SPORTS CLUB: The Hot Fuzz Leadership Group is entering the Blanchardstown ABC Community Awards. Their project to to promote the Dublin 15 Special Olympics Sports Club. Please see the notice board for more details.

WESTMANSTOWN GAELS GAA are running an Easter Camp for children aged 5 upwards starting on **Tuesday, 25th March to Friday, 28th March**. Registration can be completed on the morning. It will start at 10 am until 2.30 pm in Westmanstown Sports Complex. Non-Members and Beginners welcome. Cost €55.00 per child. For more information visit www.westmanstowngaa.ie

EASTER EGG FOR CHURCH: Fr. John is asking all our boys and girls to boil or "blow" an egg and paint and decorate it as colourfully as you can for Easter. Get your mum or dad to help you create one over the next couple of weeks and bring to church on Easter morn for our Altar display.



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

1. What was the name of Jesus' friend who died?
2. Which sister came out to meet him?
3. What did Jesus do for his friend?
4. Who did Jesus tell Martha he was?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Fr. John is asking all our boys and girls to boil or "blow" an egg and paint and decorate it as colourfully as you can for Easter. Get your mum or dad to help you create one over the next couple of weeks and bring to church on Easter morn for our Altar display.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown, Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 9TH MARCH, 2008

5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Parish Priest : Rev. John Daly Tel: 8213218

email: john.daly5@hotmail.com

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

Secretary: June Phelan Tel: 8213218

Sacramental Co-ordinator & Faith Development: Mary Greene Byrne

Parish Pastoral Committee: Chairperson George McLellan

Parish Finance Committee: Chairperson Colm O'Neill

Catholic Schools serving our Parish: **St. Mochta's:** Mr. Terence Allen

St. Patrick's: Mr. Pairic Clerkin

Scoil Choilm : Mrs. Treasa Lowe

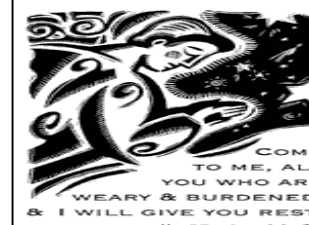
Castleknock Community College: Mr. Tom O'Brien

CHRIST THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

In today's Gospel we see a scene with which all of us are familiar, namely, people weeping over the death of a loved one.

Jesus is at the centre of that scene.

He is the one who gives hope to those who are surrounded by the shadows of death.



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

Irene Hoey, Baby Naoise, Doreen McCabe, Sheila Doyle, Agnes Proudfoot, Deirdre Hetherington.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

7.00 pm: John O'Rourke (Anniv.) & Lucy O'Rourke
8.30 am: Philomena Egan (M/M)
10.30 am: Elizabeth Farnan (1st Anniv.)
12.00 pm: Tom McNerney & Gemma McNamara (Ann)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday:

10.00 am: Bernadette O'Mahoney R.I.P.

Tuesday: St. Aengus

10.00 am: John Smalle (R.I.P.)

Wednesday:

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

Thursday:

10.00 am Fergal Mulleady R.I.P.

Friday: St. Joseph

10.00 am Bobby Smith R.I.P.

7.00 pm Mushtague Kulsoom Nazida R.I.P.

Saturday: St Patrick (transferred)

10.00am Int. of the Parish

12.00 pm Int. of the Parish

PASSION "PALM" SUNDAY

7.00 pm: James Lynch (Anniv.)

8.30 am: Eileen Tobin & Prayers for Ellen Moran

10.30 am: Tommy Bracken (Anniv.)

12.00 pm: Eddie Thornton (Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

We will have a parish journey to Lourdes leaving on **Saturday 26th July** for five days. The pilgrimage will be led by Fr. John. The cost is **€669**. A deposit of €200 is required by mid February. For more details please see the notice board at the back of the Church or contact Joan Cahill on 087-6262008 or Paul on 086 3275409.

SVP CHURCH GATE COLLECTION:

The St. Vincent de Paul collection for March takes place after each Mass this weekend. Last month's collection amounted to **€878.75** for which the St. Mochta's Conference members are most grateful. New members to the conference are always welcome. They meet each **Tuesday eve at 7.00pm** in the Sacristy.

PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE

meeting takes place this coming **Monday, 10th March at 8.00 pm** in the house. All members are asked to attend.

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. Our parish office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.

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

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.

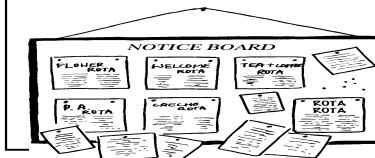
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John or June in the Parish Office between 9.30am – 12.30pm.



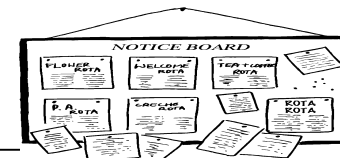
WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Seamus Lynch and Ailish Doyle** and **Aidan Tansey and Sinead O'Reilly** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Jack, Ciaran, Luca and Philip** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. We pray that they may 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 Mass. Thank you.

DAFFODIL DAY THANK YOU: to all those who supported the Coffee Morning in aid of the **Irish Cancer Society** last Thursday. A special thank you for the loyalty and support of our senior citizens. A big thank you on behalf of the society to Carmel Egan who organised the morning. A total of **€1.005** was raised for Daffodil Day.



PARISH NEWS



ST. PATRICK'S DAY 15TH MARCH: Please note that because the 17th March falls on the Monday of Holy Week, the feast of St. Patrick has been switched to **Saturday 15th March**. There will be a vigil Mass on the Friday evening at **7pm** with Masses on **Saturday at 10am & 12 noon**. There will be **NO** Mass for the feast day on the Monday.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONS: Weather permitting we will have a procession from Fr. John's front garden for the 10.30am and 12 noon Masses next weekend. So people will need to gather there next Sunday before our celebration begins.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: There will be an opportunity next week to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation after each of the Masses next weekend. This offers each of us an opportunity to ready ourselves for the celebration of Easter.

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS: We will print the full programme of Holy Week celebrations in the bulletin next weekend. Holy Week is the most important week of the year for us as we celebrate the death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

EASTER LEAFLET VOLUNTEERS: We have our Easter leaflet ready for delivery. We'd be grateful if our usual volunteers would collect them from the Sacristy this weekend or call into the Parish Office during the week. We are also looking for new recruits for our ever expanding parish. Please see Fr. John after Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING: Meeting for all altar servers this coming **Thursday at 5.00pm** in preparation for the Easter Ceremonies. All servers are asked to attend.

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH AGM: We will hold an annual general meeting for all parishioners for the first time on **Monday 14th April**. It will be chaired by the head of our Parish Pastoral Council and will give you an opportunity to meet all the members of the council. A financial report of the parish will be given by the chair of the Finance Committee along with a report on our new Pastoral Centre and parish development for the coming twelve months. This meeting is open to all parishioners and will be held in the church at 8pm. Mark the date in your diary.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

I believe in death.

I believe that it is part of life.

I believe that we are born to die,
to die that we may live more fully;
born to die a little each day
to selfishness, to pretence, and to sin.

I believe that every time we pass
from one stage of life to another,
something in us dies and
something new is born.

I believe we taste death in
moments of loneliness,

rejection, sorrow, disappointment, and failure.

I believe that we are dying before our time
when we live in bitterness,
in hatred, and in isolation.

I believe that each day we are creating
our own death by the way we live.

For those with faith,
death is not extinguishing the light;
it is putting out the lamp
because the dawn has come.

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 Matthew 26:14-27:66.**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR:



sing to the
Lord a new song

We are looking for someone who would be willing to look after the Children's Choir from Easter onwards? The Children's Choir sing every second Sunday at the 12o'clock Mass and they are a great group of children and very easy to work with. You don't need to be a fantastic musician but just willing to give a little bit of your time every second week. Please contact Fr. John Sunday Mass.

CHILDREN STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

I'd like to have a special Stations of the Cross on Good Friday for all our young boys and girls. I'm looking for about 15 of our candidates for Confirmation to volunteer to do the Stations at noon for your young boys and girls. If you are interested please see Fr. John after Mass.