

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

NATIONAL CARERS WEEK: Monday 9th June to Friday 13th June—The Carers Association, Blanchardstown Programme - Monday 9th June 10.30 am to 12 noon—Information stand in Cabra Library

Tuesday 10th June 10.30 am to 1 pm—Flower Arranging in our Resource Centre in Blanchardstown

Wednesday 11th June—Social night in The Roselawn Inn, Roselawn Shopping Centre

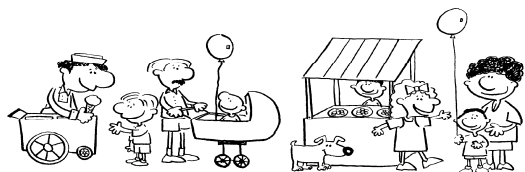
Friday 13th June 10 am to 12 noon—Information stand in Blanchardstown Library.

For more information please contact the office 01 8119555 (notice at the back of the church).

KNOCK SUMMER YOUTH FESTIVAL:

Living life to the full? Looking for something more? This is what you're looking for! Time out for you... **Knock Summer Youth Festival 24th to 27th July** in Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. May. Age strictly 18-35 yrs. Places are limited so book now. For more information and to book your place, please contact 094 9388100 / 087 6927850 or check out www.knock-shrine.ie/youthministry.

ST MOCHTA'S PARISH PICNIC: This year's Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday 15th June** beginning after 12 o'clock Mass. It will be held in the usual place, the park behind the school. 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. Don't be shy there is plenty of work for you to do!!!!



PARISH PASTORAL WORKERS: The Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin is composed of 200 parishes in six eastern counties, served in five pastoral areas. The Archdiocese is now inviting applications from suitably committed and qualified people who desire to work in the service of the Church as Parish Pastoral Workers. The Parish Pastoral Worker will be a baptised Catholic recommended by their parish community, who will work in partnership with the priests and pastoral council of a particular parish or group of parishes, as they serve the mission of the Church at local level. Vacancies will be filled in each pastoral area. Please see notice board at the end of the church for more details.

ATTENTION ALL MOUNTAINEERS:

Next Sunday, **June 8th**, we are planning another trip into the wilds of Wicklow Mountains. This year we aim to climb a mountain that overlooks two beautiful lakes—Upper Lough Bray and Lower Lough Bray. The walk offers great views of Wicklow. On a clear day it is possible to see Wales from up there. It is not a difficult climb, and should take an hour and a half at most. As some of the terrain is likely to be wet, hiking boots or wellies are welcome. A walking stick would be very useful on the way back down. The plan is to meet at the Church car park at **1.30pm** and go in convoy. Come on get those wellies on.

A NIGHT AT THE DOGS: St. Mochta's P.A. & Scout Unit have organised a night in Harold's Cross Greyhound Stadium for **Monday 9th June at 8pm**. Tickets are on sale in the school or by contacting 0862336622. This is a social and fundraising event for all the family. For more details see the poster on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

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

1. What did Jesus say it was important to listen to?
2. What is the best thing to build a house on?
3. What will happen if we build it on sand?
4. What should we build our lives on?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Its exam time at the moment. Maybe you have an older brother or sister doing the Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate. The exams start this coming week so please keep them in your prayers over the coming weeks.



Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 1ST JUNE, 2008 9TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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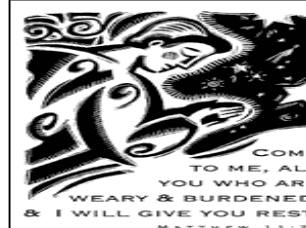
Parish Finance Committee: Chairperson Colm O'Neill

Parish Web Address: www.stmochtasparish.ie

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

BUILDING ON ROCK

God's word provides a rocklike foundation for our lives.
But it is not enough to listen to them; we have build our lives on them.
Those who base their lives on the teachings of Christ are able to
withstand all assaults, temptations and crises.



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

**Irene Hoey, Sheila Doyle, Bridget Matthews, Harry Silcock,
June Shannon, Stuart O'Neill, Margo Lynn, Thomas Monks
Bernie Byrne, John Dobbs.**

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



9TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: John McGrath (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am: Patrick Daly (Anniv.)
12.00 pm: Louise McClave (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: Ss. Marcellinus & Peter

10.00 am: Special Intention

Tuesday: Sts. Charles Lwanga & Kevin

10.00 am: Int. of those sitting exams

Wednesday:

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

Thursday: St. Boniface

10.00 am Int. of Sick of the Parish

Friday: Sts. Jarlath & Norbert

10.00 am Altar List of the Dead

Saturday: St. Colman

10.00 am: Mass of Thanksgiving

10TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Ethel Hynes (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am: Martin Convery (Anniv.)
12.00 pm: Mary Dignam (M/M)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Kevin McQuillan and Carol Murphy** and **Declan Sherlock and Sarah McCabe** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

WELCOMING SUNDAY: This weekend we welcome all those who are to be baptised this coming month and introduce them to our community. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit. Anyone enquiring about baptism please take one of the leaflets from the back of the church or see Fr. John after Mass. Thank you.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: A little reminder to all members of the meeting on Saturday **14th June** in the Parish of Brackenstown, Swords at 9.30am. The theme for the day is "Who is my neighbour?" It is important that all members attend this gathering.

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 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.

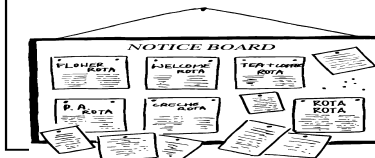
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES: Because of growing numbers for the blessing of the graves in St. Mary's Cemetery, Clonsilla, it has been decided to move the annual celebration to the summer. It will now take place on **Sunday, 22nd June 2008 at 3.00 pm.** All are welcome to attend. (The Castleknock Churchyard blessing will be in November as usual.)

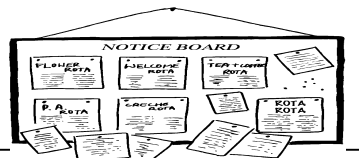
PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: There is a meeting for all members of the Finance Committee this coming **Tuesday 3rd June at 8pm** in the house.

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.



PARISH NEWS



IRISH BISHOPS ON LISBON TREATY:

On behalf of the Irish Bishops' Conference, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin and vice-president of the Conference, today published a pastoral reflection on the Lisbon Treaty: **Fostering a Community of Values at a press conference in the Mater Dei Institute, Dublin.** Speaking at the launch Archbishop Martin said: "The Bishops' Conference welcomes this opportunity to comment, by way of a pastoral reflection, on the Treaty of Lisbon. Our pastoral reflection is called **Fostering a Community of Values** and it is available now on the home page of the Bishops' website www.catholiccommunications.ie for all to read. **In summary, Fostering a Community of Values reflects the following:**

- We all have a responsibility to inform ourselves about the Lisbon Treaty and to vote.
- In deciding how to vote, recognition needs to be given to the distinctive roles of politics and religion and the legitimate autonomy of the political order.
- Those who seek to influence the outcome of the referendum either by offering misleading or patently incorrect advice or by introducing extraneous factors into the debate, ought to be condemned.
- The Lisbon Treaty referendum should not be used to register a protest vote.
- The Lisbon Treaty referendum should be about values: a community that is founded purely on economic self-interest will not last. Europe is a civilization and at all levels needs to promote an ethic of global solidarity.
- While acknowledging the Christian humanist values at the heart of the treaty, it is regrettable that there is no explicit recognition of the Christian heritage of Europe in the treaty.
- It is a challenge to all of us today to discern how best we can contribute to a new and enlarged Europe based on shared values of which future generations will be proud. Challenges to this common vision will emerge in Ireland and from within the structures of the EU.
- The convictions, the vigilance and the responsible engagement of citizens will always be important to ensure that Europe continues to be built, as the late pope John Paul II put it, "on the basis of authentic values, which are founded on the universal moral law written on the heart of every person". The Bishops' publication also cites Pope Benedict XVI's recent remarks on Europe's Christian roots:

The "European home", as we readily refer to the community of this continent, will be a good place to live for everyone only if it is built on a solid cultural and moral foundation of common values drawn from our history and our traditions. Europe cannot and must not deny her Christian roots.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

There is nothing sure or lasting in this world.

Human opinions change from day to day,
but the words of Christ do not
change or pass away.

However, those who listen to his words
but do not act on them, are building on sand.

Time will erase his words from their minds;
nothing will remain, nothing will come of them.
On the other hand, those who listen to his words
and who do act on them, are building on rock;
they will have something to show for their efforts,
something to be proud of,
and something that will last, last eternally.

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 Mt 9:9-13.**

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS: Congratulations to **Mr. McClelland, Mr. Mullarkey and Mr. Boner's** classes who celebrated their Confirmation on Tuesday. A big thank you to all those who were involved in making Tuesday such a wonderful celebration.

FAMILY OFFERING: A big thank you to all those who support the Parish Family Offering. The total for the month of April was €7,658. This was made up of €5,982— Standing Orders, €1,676—Cash/Cheques. This is the only source of income for the running of the parish. At the moment just over 350 support the Family Offering. Thank you for your continued generosity. If you would like to join the Family Offering and help support the parish financially please see Fr. John or fill out one of the Registration Forms and return it to the Parish Office.

YOUTH CONFERENCE: Takes place on **Sat. 21st June - Sun 22nd June** in All Hallows College, Drumcondra. The theme for the conference is "Holiness is for ordinary People". Everyone between the age of 18—40 is welcome to attend. For more details see the notice board at the back of the church.