

## ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

**CASTLEKNOCK HURLING & FOOT-BALL CLUB:** Castleknock GAA Club would like to sincerely thank all from the parish who attended the Clubs Ground Development Launch last Monday night and who contributed to what was an historical and memorable night in the history of the club.

**ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND** would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported our recent Tea Party. A total of **€600** was raised. As always, we deeply appreciate your unfailing loyalty and support.

**YOU CAN'T PARK THERE!:** Parking on a Sunday morning has become a real problem. Please do not park up on the footpaths as it is forcing people to walk out onto a very dangerous road. Please be considerate in parking your car that you are not an obstruction to others and especially to the flow of traffic on the Luttrellstown Road. Thank you for your patience and cooperation. We are working with the council to ease the problem.

**3RD ROYAL CANAL WALK 3rd & 5th MAY, 2008:** The Royal Canal Walk will finish on **Monday, 5th May** at the **Twelfth Lock Hotel**, Castleknock. The band of An Garda Siochana will be welcoming home all the walkers at **2.30 pm**. All are welcome for a fun family day. The walkers will be completing an 80km, 3 day walk from Mullingar to Castleknock in aid of Crumlin Children's Hospital and The Children's Sunshine Home.

**ANNUAL PLANT SALE:** Takes place in **Castleknock Community College** next Saturday 10th 10am—6pm and Sunday 11th 10am—5pm. There is all the usual fun of the fair. It is always a great day with the added bonus of raising funds for Castleknock Community College.

**LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE:** Will take place this coming September. The people of the Diocese may join the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, as Associates, by being enrolled and by making a voluntary offering. The Associate Membership has for over fifty years been the backbone of the fund-raising to help send some very sick people to Lourdes every September. The money collected will be devoted to defraying the expensed of the sick pilgrims. Associates will receive in return, as Associates, an enrolment leaflet outlining the prayers for Associates. The enrolment sheets containing the names of the Associates will be placed at the Grotto during the Pilgrimage. Mass will be offered for all the Associate Members at the Grotto in Lourdes. More details are available from the back of the Church.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG:** Part of our Celtic heritage and renowned throughout Europe since the Middle Ages, Lough Derg is a unique place of peace. In today's modern world - where everything is fast and instant - Lough Derg still manages to maintain a pace where people have to move more slowly, where the mind can be stilled. If you are seeking an opportunity for calm, for renewal or growth, then this ancient Sanctuary of St. Patrick might well be the place. We invite you to become part of what has been an Irish tradition since the sixth century. We will have a parish pilgrimage to Lough Derg this coming summer. This is a three day pilgrimage involving prayer, fasting and renewal of faith. The group will leave on Monday 14th July at 8.30am and return on Wednesday 16th at 3pm. For more information please contact Ellen on 087 9668356



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

1. Where does Jesus meet his disciples?
2. Where is he going?
3. What did he ask them to do?
4. What were his final words to him?

**TASK FOR THE WEEK:** First Communion 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

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER 4TH MAY, 2008**

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

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

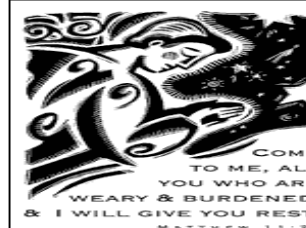
## ASCENSION OF THE LORD



The Ascension of Jesus is the climax of his victory over sin and death.

It is a day of joy and hope. Jesus wants us to share in his victory.

It's important to realize that he hasn't left us,  
but is still with us, helping us in our struggles.



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



### ASCENSION SUNDAY

7.00 pm: Michael McGuinness (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Winifred Quigley R.I.P. (Birthday)  
10.30 am: Patrick & Mary Whelan (Anniv.)  
12.00 pm: Margaret McAuley (Anniv.)

**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

### Monday: Blessed Edmund Rice

10.00 am: Intentions of Mary & Frank McPhail

### Tuesday:

10.00 am: Mary & Jane Harford (Anniv.)

### Wednesday:

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

### Thursday:

10.00 am Intentions of Gene & Nancy Garvey

### Friday:

10.00 am Special Intention

### Saturday:

10.00 am: 1st Communion Celebration

12.00 pm 1st Communion Celebration

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

7.00 pm: Lucy Darcy M/M  
8.30 am: Mary Fee (Anniv.)  
10.30 am Nicola Kiernan (Anniv.)  
12.00 pm: Peg Rodgers & Mary McCarthy (Anniv.)

**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

**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:** There will be a meeting for all members on **Monday 12th May at 8pm** in the house.



**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Enda Murphy and Rebecca Murphy** and **Kieran Fitzgerald and Deirdre Littlewood** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

## 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](mailto:secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie) **Our parish office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.**

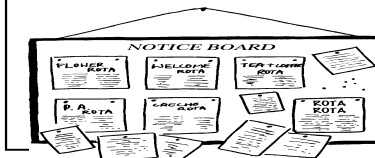
**PARISH WEBSITE:** The address for our new site is: **[www.stmochtasparrish.ie](http://www.stmochtasparrish.ie)**

**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.

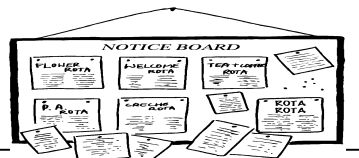
**CONFESSION:** the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

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

**PRAYING THE ANGELUS:** The Angelus Domini, shortened to "the Angelus," is the ringing of the church bell -- in three groups of three chimes with a pause in between each group, at 6 am, Noon, and 6 pm roughly, and its associated prayers, which spring from the monastic practice of praying the *tres orationes* at Matins, Prime and Compline. While the monastics said their prayers at the sound of the Angelus Bell, the faithful would stop what they were doing and say 3 Hail Mary's in honour of the Incarnation. Later, since at least 1600's, verses were added to these Hail Mary's that we get the form of the Angelus we have today. It is a great family prayer to pray each day. **Copies are available at the back of the Church.**



# PARISH NEWS



**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION:** "I am with you always, until the end of the age." Today, we celebrate a paradox: Jesus ascends to His Father in heaven, and yet He tells us He is with us always. How can both be true? How can Jesus go away, and be with us at the same time? Among other things, He tells us that it is in giving that we receive, it is in dying that we truly live, it is in forgetting ourselves that we find our true happiness. The paradox of Christ going to the Father, yet remaining with us always, is at the heart of the Feast of the Ascension which the Church celebrates today. It seems odd that the Church would joyously celebrate the Lord leaving Her, but it is the radically new and different presence of Christ that we celebrate today. Before the resurrection, Jesus was limited in His physical body to a specific period of time and to particular places. After His Resurrection and Ascension, Jesus is no longer limited; He is present in every age and place. His new presence is His Church, His Mystical Body. The presence of Christ remains through the body of believers, through you and me. The continuing presence of Christ is made possible through the existence of the Church, which continues to ordain ministers of the Word and sacraments. The role of the Church, the mission of the Church, is to witness to the presence of Jesus Christ. This she accomplishes by teaching — spreading the Good News of Salvation and God's love, by inviting people to return love to God and to each other and by uniting all people to God through Jesus Christ. The Church accomplishes this through her members: you and me. 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.

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### Returning to God

We are born in exile and die there too.

As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life, we begin our return.

We spend our lives dreaming of a homeland we have never seen.

Like homing birds that are released in a strange country,

and know no rest until they return home, so it is with us. When we die,

we do not so much go to God as return to him.

You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts will never rest, until they rest in you.

**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 17:1-11.**

**1st COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS:** We are fast approaching our 1st Communion celebrations which will begin next Saturday 10th May with celebrations for two of the classes from St. Patrick'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.

**PARISH FUNERAL TEAM:** In these days where we have dwindling numbers of priests it is important that we have people in our parish who are able to lead and preside at liturgical services to support and assist the priest. Over the last number of months we have been preparing a number of people which will form a "Funeral Team" who will assist the parish priest. The final training for our new Parish Funeral Team took place last Monday morning. The team will assist Fr. John with the Reception of the remains of the deceased into Church for the last time. They will also assist with the celebration of the Requiem Mass and the graveside committal service. In time they will also lead prayers for the deceased in the family home or the funeral home. In the future they will be able to preside at the Reception and Committal service at the graveside. Please pray for the success of this new ministry in our parish. Our new funeral team will be commissioned at Mass on Pentecost Sunday.