

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

ST MOCHTA'S PARISH PICNIC: This year's Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday 21st June** beginning after 12 o'clock Mass. It will be held in the grounds around Luttrellstown Castle. It is always a great family fun day and all are welcome to attend. We are 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!!!!

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP PLEASE NOTE the group will **not meet** on **Tuesday, 26th May**. It will resume again on Tuesday, 2nd June at 9.40 am.

CASTLEKNOCK GAA are delighted to announce details of this year's annual Football mini leagues. They will take place on the week **commencing Monday 8th June** and finish on Saturday, 13th June. They will take place beside Castleknock Community College. Please see notice board for more information or contact Club Coach Brendan Phelan on 085 1329397 or visit www.castleknock.net.

CASTLEKNOCK CELTIC will hold **soccer trials** commencing in Porterstown Park on **Monday 25th May at 7pm** for U7s/8s until 5th June for u14s. Please see notice board for more information or visit www.castleknockceltic.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBANUS Order of Catholic Lay Men are seeking recruits to carry out Catholic Work in the Dublin area. For more information please contact John O'Brien on 086 0405165.

KNOCK CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL: "You are the Light of the world" from **23rd-26th July** at Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo. Strictly 18-35 yrs—€70/Free Buses. Further information phone 094 9375035 or see the notice board at the back of the church.

CALLING ALL MOUNTAINEERS: We are planning another trip into the Wicklow Mountains. This year our target is Mount Seefin at the back of Kilbride Rifle Range. The journey to the top will take about 50 minutes. Some of this will be via a forest road and some via a hill path. Boots are recommended, and a walking stick. The final part of the climb is a little steep but not too rugged. There is a megalithic tomb at the top. On the way to the top we will have brilliant views of Liffey Valley and the lakes of Blessington. You won't find beauty like this outside of Kerry. We plan to assemble at St. Mochta's Church at **1.30 pm** and to go in convoy from there. **Date: 7th June.**

CROSSCARE: You are invited to **ASIST**—Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training on **Tues. & Wed. 26th & 27th May** in Crosscare, Main St., Blanchardstown. A two day skills building workshop in suicide first aid suitable for all kinds of caregivers, professional workers, volunteers, people responding to family, friends and co-workers. Hosted by Crosscare and supported by Dochas. For booking contact Caroline Lennon—Nally, Resource Officer for Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention HSE Dublin North East. Tele: 01 8823403. This course is free of charge. **INFORMATION SERVICES** every Monday from 2 pm—4 pm in Crosscare, Blanchardstown. For more information please contact Jean Martin, Area Coordinator, Main St., Blanchardstown on 01 8219892 or email jmartin@crosscare.ie.

AN OIGE—THE IRISH YOUTH HOSTEL ASSOCIATION in conjunction with EcoAdventure Ireland are pleased to announce Summer Multi Activity and Pony Camps at their new 5 star Hostel in Knockree, Co. Wicklow. Camps are suitable for 8-17 year olds for the residential option and 6-17 year olds for the non residential option. Prices from €150 based on 5 days. Further information from Eamonn/Fiona on 01 2767988.



KIDS CORNER: Having listened to the readings 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 them?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Confirmation is taking place on Monday and Tuesday next week for our boys and girls. Please do say a prayer for them before going to bed that Jesus will help them prepare well to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 24TH MAY 2009

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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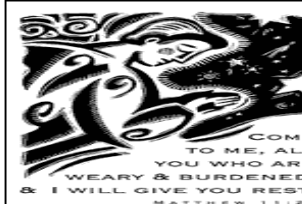
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ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Today we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven.
It is a day for renewing our hope in the goal towards which the Lord is leading us,
namely, a place in his kingdom.



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

Sarah Harris, Rose Lynam, Miriam Soughley, Ruth Dayman, Gillian Dowling, Cora Galvin, Fr. Joe Caffrey, Baby Aoibhe,

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7.00 pm: John Saunders (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Beng Brophy (1st Anniv.)
10.30 am: Vera O'Neill (Anniv.)
12.00 pm: Michael & Mary Hall (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: Sts. Bede, Gregory and Mary

9.00 am: Mary Fee (Anniv.)
11.00 am: Confirmation

Tuesday: St. Philip Neri

9.00 am: Mary Allen (Anniv.)
11.00 am: Confirmation

Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday:

10.00 am: Margaret O'Connell (Anniv.)

Friday:

10.00 am: Intention of those doing exams

Saturday:

10.00 am: Ronan Smith (M/M)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: Max Turpie (1st Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am: Mary Rogers M/M
12.00 pm

NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Ruadhan, Jack, Daniel Rachel and Reiltin** 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. Please note there is a three month waiting list of baptism.



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Edward Kenny and Mary Kavanagh** and **Jerome Loison and Alana Doogan** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

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 take place on **Sunday, 5th**

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, Mary after Mass.

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.

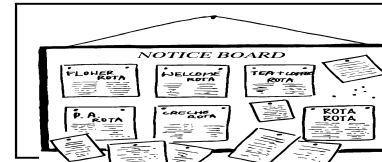
GORTA—THE FREEDOM FROM HUNGER COUNCIL OF IRELAND-

would like to thank all of you who so generously supported their Church Gate Collection last weekend. The amount collected was **€783.00**. If you require further information on Gorta, please check out their web site www.gorta.ie

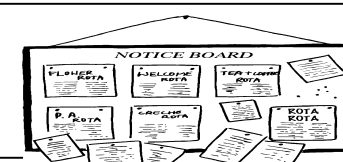
NEW CHURCH BELL: The new electronic bell system will be installed during the week. It means that the bell will ring automatically each day calling people to Mass and also to prayer with the ringing of the Angelus twice a day. The funds were raised for the system through the Christmas draw. Thank you to all who supported the draw last December.

CONFIRMATION CHURCH

CLEAN: As you know we have confirmation on Monday and Tuesday which is a big day for our parish. As a result it would be great to have the church looking at its best. I am looking for volunteers to give the place a big clean on Sunday afternoon at 3.30pm. So if you're free you know where we are.



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.

1st COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS: Congratulations to Ms. Murphy's, Ms. Aherne's and Ms. Creighton's classes who celebrated their First Holy Communion yesterday. A big thank you to all those who were involved in making yesterday such a wonderful celebration.

PARISH CONFIRMATIONS:

Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish **next Monday, 25th May at 11 am** for the children from **St. Patrick's NS** and **Tuesday 26th May at 11 am** for the children from **St. Mochta's NS**. We have 96 candidates for Confirmation between both schools. Please keep them in your prayers.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: A group from the parish will be heading to Lourdes on pilgrimage this coming Summer. They will journey to Lourdes on Tuesday, **18th August** for five days. If you would like to be part of this group please book your seat as soon as possible. For more details please contact Joan Cahill on 087-6262008.

PARISH AGM: Our 2nd Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd June at 8pm in the Parish Centre. This meeting is open to all parishers. The accounts will be presented and an overview of the year and hope and aspirations for the coming year. All are welcome to attend.



WEEKLY REFLECTION

'Go, preach the Gospel to all nations.'

This was the farewell command of Christ.

He has no body now on earth but ours.

He has no hands but ours to raise up the fallen.

No feet but ours to seek out the lost.

No eyes but ours

to see the silent tears of the suffering.

No ears but ours to listen to the lonely.

No tongue but ours

to speak a word of comfort to the sad.

No heart but ours to love the unloved.

Lord, take pity on us,

your timid and fearful disciples;

give us the courage to witness to you in the world,

and so the Gospel will be preached,

and people will find their way into your kingdom.

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 17:11-19.**

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.

GORTA: are looking for good clean second hand clothing, shoes, accessories, books, bric-a-brac, DVDs, CDs and other household items to sell in their network of twelve shops. Bags will be handed out on **6th/7th June** and all bags will be collected on **14th June ONLY** after Sunday Mass. So start that summer clean early and get searching through those wardrobes. You know there's stuff in there you've not seen for years. Clothes that are very sad and lonely because they have not seen the light of day in years, who long once more to hug a body, caress some toes!!!!

FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES OF MARY will visit our parish next weekend **30th/31st May**. They will be speaking at all weekend masses about their missions and will be asking for your support and prayers.

