

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

ST MOCHTA'S PARISH PICNIC: This year's Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday 19th June** beginning after 12 o'clock Mass. It will be held once again in the grounds of Luttrellstown Castle which proved so successful last year. It is always a great family fun day and all are welcome to attend. So mark the date in your diary now. Tickets at **€10 per car / per family** are on sale today after Mass and in the Parish Office during office hours. Last year over 4,000 people attended the day!!! There are many activities organised for the day for all age groups; there will be fun for everyone. **All helpers** are asked to **attend a meeting** next **Tuesday night, 7th June** at **8pm** in the Parish Pastoral Centre. To help make this day a success there are a number of **ways that you can help out** over the coming weeks:

1. Sign up to help for an hour or longer on the day or with the planning and organising during the coming weeks. The event will **require LOTS of man and woman power**. If you are available to help out at any stage of the day with stalls, car parking, games/football, or set up and clean up after a fantastic day, **please give your name and contact details to the Parish Pastoral Committee Members after Mass or leave your name on the list in the Sacristy and Parish office.**

2. If you have any of the following items that can be sold on the Stalls as part of our fund raising we will take them... New or used **Handbags, Books, items for tuck shop/coffee shop, CD's, DVD's, etc.** Any **unwanted gifts** in good condition that can be used as Bric o' Brac or Raffle items Or if you wish to **donate a prize** for our raffle – it would be most welcome. **Items can be dropped into the Sacristy before and after mass or in the Parish Office during office hours in the weeks running up to the Picnic.**

3. And we will have a **Farmers Market**, if you know anyone interested in taking a stall or if you could hand out leaflets to promote it at similar markets, please **contact Mary Greene Byrne, pastoralcare@stmochtasparish.ie** in the Parish Centre during the week. Don't be shy there is plenty of work and fun for you. Thanks to everyone - Let's make our Funday a success again this year

CALLING ALL HILL WALKERS: Our 6th annual hill walk will take us to the Blessington area. There we aim to climb **Black Hill**. The climb itself will take 50 minutes approx. The route to the top offers spectacular views of West Wicklow. The walk is on **today, Sunday 5th June**. As usual we will meet in the **car park of St. Mochta's Church** at 1.30pm.

WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER: The fundraising committee held a **sell out Garden Party last Friday** in Fr. John's garden. A fantastic night was had by all. A big thank you to the organisers, especially Joan Cahill and Orla Leonard.

INTER PARISH MEETING INVITATION—
"Renewing Faith, Renewing Society" - (The Future Facing Your Family) - A Review led by David Quinn (Journalist & columnist with the Irish Independent and The Irish Catholic) in **Our Lady's Parish Centre, Beechpark Lawn, Castleknock** on **Tuesday, 7th June** at **8pm**. Admission is free. All are welcome.

CROSSCARE: Please join us for a wonderful evening of song in aid of and celebrating Crosscare. Habemus Chamber Choir will perform a varied repertoire of choral and acapella music on **Tuesday 14th June** at **7pm** in **St. Andrew's Church Westland Row, Dublin 2**. Tickets €10 (Students & OAP's €5) payable at the door. For more information contact Marie Keegan @ 086 3846001

A LIFE STORY: The obstacle in our path. In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the King's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, he laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand - every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.



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PARISH NEWSLETTER 5TH JUNE 2011

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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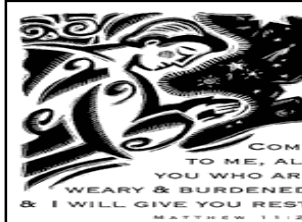
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On the feast of the Ascension we celebrate the glorification of Jesus.

The Ascension is seen as the culmination of Jesus' life and the start of the Church's mission. Jesus also promises to send them the Holy Spirit. The disciples return in joy to Jerusalem. The word of salvation will in time go forth from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.



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

Ellen Spring, Baby James Patrick, Nessa Cahill, Carmel Brady, Fr. Andy McNally, David Keane, Brendan Shortall and Maureen Malone.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7.00 pm: Maisie Daly (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Stacia Haughney RIP
10.30 am: William Dorman (1st Anniv.)
12.00 pm: Tommy Hoare (Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday St. Jarlath

10.00am: Intentions of Donal & Annette Russell

Tuesday St. Colman

10.00am: Special Intention For Doireann & Clodagh (Exams)

Wednesday

10.00am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday St. Columba

10.00am: For all Students starting exams this week

Friday

10.00am: Margaret Kinsella (Birthday Remembrance)

Saturday St. Barnabas

10.00am: Special Intention

FEAST OF PENTECOST

7.00 pm: Rose Lynam (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Sick in the Parish
10.30 am: Ned Lyons (Anniv.)
12.00 pm: Jimmy Watters (Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

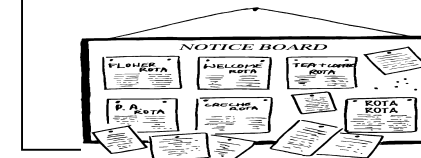
If you are a new parishioner or just visiting St. Mochta's you are very welcome and we, the existing community, hope you feel at home. If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to Fr. John. I would also be grateful if you could fill out a **Registration Form** in order to register with 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.

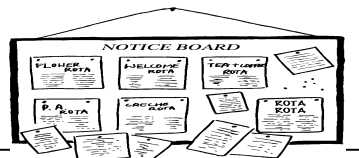
PARISH OFFICE: For all parish enquires please ring our secretary June on 8213218 or email: secretary@stmochtasparrish.ie **Our parish office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.**

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.



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.

FEAST OF PENTECOST: Its is impossible to live the life of a Christian without the help of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives us power to participate in the work of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is our strength in times of weakness, our guide in times of doubt, our consoler in times of sadness, our advocate who always pleads our cause. We can't take even one step without the Spirit. The gifts of the Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, reverence, wonder and awe in God's presence and knowledge. The spirit that has been given to us is not a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power. Wind and fire are symbols of the Holy Spirit. Wind has the power to move, to uproot. Fire has the power to refine and transform. The coming of the Spirit provided the apostles with the energy, the courage, and the love to get on with the task Christ had given them. **We celebrate the Feast of Pentecost next Sunday.**

PRAYER FOR THOSE DOING EXAMS: Below is a little prayer for those sitting exams over the next couple of weeks. "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."

WEEKLY REFLECTION

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. **This week's is Jn 17:1-11.**

PARISH OFFERING SCHEME

APPEAL: Every Sunday we come to Mass and put a few bob in the basket when it is passed around – but do you know where that money goes? The money from the **First Collection** is sent each week to the **Archdiocese** where it is used to pay the salaries of priests, working and retired. The **Second Collection**, "Share", is again sent directly to the **Archdiocese** and used to support less advantaged parishes and fund the running of the Archdiocese. We as a parish have to fund our own day to day expenses and any capital expenditure. The **ONLY** source of income for our parish is what's known as the **Parish Offering Scheme**. This is comprised of individuals and families in the parish contributing by monthly standing order, weekly envelopes and one-off donations and bequests. The average running expenses of the parish are **€15,500** per month. In an average month we receive **€14,300**. So you can see, with an average shortfall of **€1,200** per month, we have a problem. We need **your** help to pay our way. So I am asking you for your financial support by joining the **Parish Offering Scheme**. **All the details for the Scheme can be found at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.**

THE SERVANT AT THE SUPPER—a play written and performed by Eleanor Glenn will take place on **Tues 14th June at 7.30pm** in **St. Mochta's Church**. Admission is FOC. This is in preparation for the 50th IEC in 2012.

APRIL 2011

INCOME

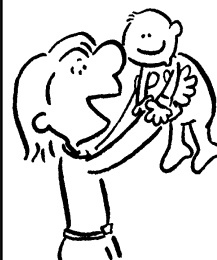
Monthly Parish Offering Contributions	€ 9,686
<i>*(277 regular contributors and a few donations)</i>	
Receipts from Shrines and Weddings	€ 2,279
Easter Draw	€ 2,790
Total income for April	€14,755

EXPENDITURE

Pastoral Expenses, Utilities, Wages etc	€10,915
Monthly repayment on Parish Loan	€ 3,500
Total expenditure for April	€14,415

Balance:	Surplus of	€340
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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 **277** homes contributed to the Parish Offering in April. 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 Finance Committee**



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 Sunday Mass. Thank you.

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Derek McDermott and Jennifer O'Halloran** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.



CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to Mr. O'Neill's, Mr. MacConamha's and Ms. Nolan's classes from St. Patrick's N.S. and Ms. Farrell's, Ms. Mackle's and Mr. Boner's classes from St. Mochta's N.S. who celebrated their Confirmation during the week. A big thank you to all those who were involved in making Monday and Tuesday such a wonderful celebration.