

## ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

**SVP CLOTHING APPEAL:** The annual appeal for good clean second hand clothing (clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc) will take place at the end of the month. **Bags will be handed out on the weekend of 24th/25th Jan and all the bags will be collected ONLY on Sunday 1st Feb after Sunday Masses.** So start that spring 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, dress a bed, frame a wall!!!! The SVP will find a new home for them!!!!

**RAINBOWS IRELAND** is a support programme to assist children who are grieving a death, separation or other painful transition in their family. Our parish will begin its first Rainbows Programme in January, 2009 for children aged 7 yrs to 12 yrs. For further details please see the notice board at the back or the Church, or contact the Parish Office.

**EMMAUS** are holding a number of Workshops and Courses at Emmaus Retreat Centre, Swords in January, 2009—**Jan 17th/18th** Discovering the Read Me, **Jan 19th** "I Do Not Heal, God Is The One Who Heals", **Jan 24th** Companioning the Bereaved, **Jan 24th** "Be the Change-Symposium" and **Jan 31st** An Introduction to Personality Adaptations. For more information please see the notice board at the back of the church.

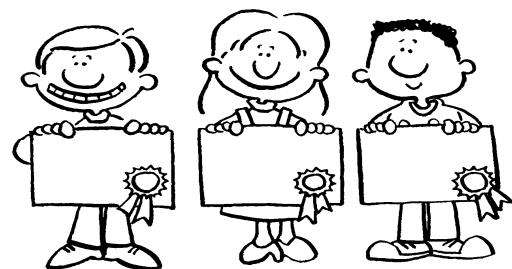
**THE CARERS ASSOCIATION** invites you to join the 'Care in the Home Training Course' Accredited by City & Guilds Institute, London. This course will start on **5th February, 2009** and will be held in the Carers Resource Centre, Main St., Blanchardstown. For more details, please call Michelle or Judith on 01 8119564/01 8119555 or see the notice board at the back of the Church.

**CASTLEKNOCK GAA** would like to thank all in the parish for making 2008 (the Club's 10th Anniversary) such a memorable year, and the Club wishes a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year to all. The Club has a warm welcome for New Players at all ages and levels. Please see [www.castleknock.net](http://www.castleknock.net) for relevant contact details or contact Club Coach Brendan on 085 1329397. Castleknock GAA, Go on, Give it a Go!

**YOGA CLASSES:** Jakki's Yoga Classes start in the Parish Centre on **TUES EVENING 13th Jan. at 8pm and Thurs MORNING 15th Jan. at 11am.** Yoga is for everyone regardless of age or levels of fitness. Classes run for 1 1/2 Hrs. over six weeks and cost €75. If you are interested in joining or to book your place please contact Jakki at **086 0792469.**

**PHOENIX-TARA TOASTMASTERS** public speaking club are having an open evening on **Monday 26th Jan.** in Dunboyne Castle, Dunboyne, Co. Meath (then every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month). Admission is free to visitors and guests.

**SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2009:** Application Forms for Enrolment for Junior Infants (September, 2009) are available in St. Patrick's N.S. and St. Mochta's N.S. Registration will take place in both schools on the following dates only: **Monday, 2nd Feb. 2009** 10am to 12pm and 7pm to 9pm; **Tuesday, 3rd Feb. 2009** 10am to 12pm and **Wednesday, 4th Feb. 2009** 10am to 12pm only.



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

1. Who baptised Jesus?
2. What happened after he was baptised?
3. Do we receive the same baptism?
4. What do we celebrate when we are baptised?

**TASK FOR THE WEEK:** I bet each one of you knows the date of your birthday which you no doubt celebrate each year. But how many of you know the date of your baptism? So if not try find out this coming week, there must be photos at home or even a video!!!



Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

# ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER 11TH JAN. 2009**

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

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## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

We celebrate birthdays with a lot of fuss. But never our baptism. Yet this is our birthday as Christians. In today's liturgy we celebrate the baptism of Jesus.

In celebrating his baptism we celebrate our own baptism too.



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

**Irene Hoey, Bridget Matthews, Bernie Byrne, Joan Allen, Padraig Byrne, Sarah Harris, Billy Balfe, Mary Rodgers, Miriam Soughley,**

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7.00 pm: Benny Stacey (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish  
10.30 am Peter Martin (Anniv.)  
12.00 pm Patrick & Philomena Gilbert (Anniv.)  
**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

#### Monday:

10.00 am: Peggy McKeown RIP

#### Tuesday: St. Hilary

10.00 am: Peter Melia (Anniv.)

#### Wednesday:

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

#### Thursday: St. Ita

10.00 am Esther Harford (Birthday Remembrance)

#### Friday: St. Fursa

10.00 am John Kavanagh (Anniv.)

#### Saturday: St. Anthony

10.00 am: Intentions of the Sick of the Parish

### 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.00 pm: John & Mary Ward (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish  
10.30 am Mary Tymond (Anniv.)  
12.00 pm Pat Doyle & Doyle Family (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 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, Mary after Mass.

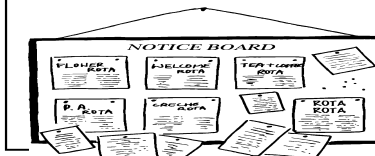
**CONFESSION:** the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

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

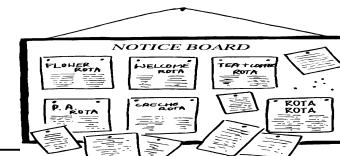
**PEGGY McKEOWN RIP (Lambourn):** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peggy who died this week after a short illness. We offer our sympathy to her two sons Sean and Paul and all of the family. This is a particularly difficult time for all of the family as Peggy's husband Frank died just 10 weeks ago. Peggy will be received into Church on Sunday evening at 6pm with Requiem Mass being celebrated for the repose of Peggy's soul on Monday morning at 10am. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Are available at the back of the church. The Christmas Offering goes to help support of the priests in the Diocese and the Parish. Thank you for your prayers and continued support, especially at this time.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** takes place this coming **Monday 12th January** at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. All members are asked to attend. Thank you.



# PARISH NEWS



### FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS:

This baptism was a very public one and was recorded for all generations to know about and understand, and it is important for several reasons. First, it pictures His death and resurrection. Second, it symbolizes the believer's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. Third, it marks His first public identification with those whose sins He would bear. Fourth, the event was a public affirmation of His Messiahship by the testimony that came directly from heaven. Water baptism is used as a way to identify. In Jesus' day, when a Gentile would convert to Judaism, he would have to be publicly baptized to identify him as a convert. Obviously, Jesus was not converting to anything. Jesus' baptism was an identification of Jesus with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus was baptized to publicly announce Himself as God's Son, and to pronounce the beginning of His ministry with the Holy Spirit's power. Jesus did not "need" the Holy Spirit. However, to set an example for us, Jesus emptied Himself and relied upon the Holy Spirit's power. Jesus' baptism and reliance upon the Holy Spirit is an example that we are to follow in our own lives.

### WE RETURN TO ORDINARY TIME

**AGAIN:** as Christmastide finishes with the feast of the baptism of the Lord today. Next Sunday will be the 2nd Sunday of the year. The dominant colour being green. However that won't last for long as we will begin the season of Lent on the **25th February** with the celebration of **Ash Wednesday**.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** have their monthly church gate collection this coming weekend. The proceeds each month help the Conference in their work in helping disadvantaged families and individuals in the community. collection amounted to **€1,268** for which St. Mochta's Conference members are most grateful.

### YOUTH RETREAT:

takes place in Castleknock church this coming week from Monday to Thursday each evening at 8.15pm. It is being given by Fr. Richard and will be well worth attending. All our young people are welcome.



### WEEKLY REFLECTION

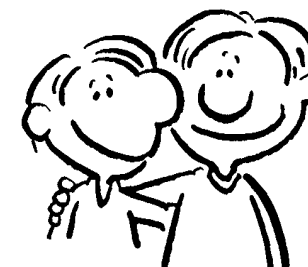
#### Finding one's work

I think it is a great blessing  
when people find their work.  
I often feel that I am as rich as Croesus,  
not in money,  
but rich because I have found my work.  
In that work I have something  
to which I can devote myself heart and soul,  
and which gives meaning  
and inspiration to my life.  
Even though I have lots of difficulties,  
and there are many gloomy days in my life,  
I count myself among the fortunate.  
This is not the road on which one perishes.  
This is a powerful stream  
that will bear me safely to port.

**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 1:35-42.**

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN

**UNITY:** will be celebrated from **January 18th—25th**. The theme chosen for this year's 'WEEK OF PRAYER' is from Exodus 37:17: "That they may become one in your hand". Recently, pope Benedict has re-affirmed ecumenism is his priority. In Ireland its importance is all too obvious. Archbishop Martin's hope is that all of us can strengthen our commitment to the pursuit of Christian unity in the encouraging recognition that Jesus himself has prayed to the Father. The annual Week of Prayer provides a unique opportunity to look around us and reach out again to build up new contacts with members of other churches. Right from the early beginnings of the Church we see how promoting Christian Unity is essential to evangelisation. In the writing of St. Paul, the great apostle of the nations, we hear him constantly encouraging and admonishing, advocating and pleading for unity among the community.



**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Graham Crawford and Deirdre Maher** 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 **Sophie, Aisling, Caolan and Sophie** 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. Anyone enquiring about baptism please take one of the leaflets from the back of the church or see Fr. John after Sunday Mass.

**ADORATION :** There is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Sunday evening from 7pm –9 pm and offers us an opportunity to spend some quiet time with the Lord.

