

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

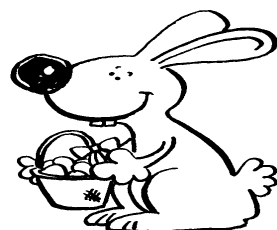
MOCHTA'S ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC:

This year our Parish **Pro-am** will be held on **Thursday 10th April** in the magnificent Luttrellstown Castle Golf & Country Club. There will be two "Shot-Gun" starts. The first in the morning at 9 am for teams of four players. The second "Shot-Gun" start will be at 2 p.m. this will be a **Pro-am**. The **Pro-am** offers you the opportunity to play with some of Ireland's leading professional golfers. **"TRINITY" HOLE-IN-ONE:** The chance to win a new Mercedes Car, a Luxury Cruise, family membership in Luttrellstown Golf Club for a year are just some of the exciting elements of the day. We have just four slots left for the afternoon.

VARIETY OF WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR DAY
A. Enter a Team of three to play in the Pro-Am. Shotgun Start at 2pm **€1,500(Includes Dinner)** **B. Sponsor a T- Box** or a **Golf Hole** on the Day **€250** **C. Make a donation** to St. Mochta's Parish Golf Classic. For more details see Fr. John or ring the Parish Office.

PARISH WEBSITE LAUNCH: As you know St. Mochta was a disciple of St. Patrick. So it seemed fitting that we should launch our new parish website this weekend. The website contains the various aspects of parish life and will be updated on a weekly basis. The address is: www.stmochtasparish.ie

THE EARLY EARLY YEARS: Is the title of a short talk being given in the Wren's Nest Pub about the Lower Road School (1904 – 1925), Strawberry Beds on Wednesday 26th March at 8.30pm. All welcome



EGGS,EGGS, EGGS: A big thank you to all our boys and girls for all the beautifully decorated Easter Eggs that were brought to the church. They fill the church with colour and happiness. Thank you to all our mums and dads for helping.

WORLD YOUTH DAY UPDATE: Our third WYD preparation day was last Saturday March 8th. It represented a departure from the norm for us as the day was to be held in Glendalough and not the usual evening gathering in Arran Quay. We were quite fortunate as we ended up in a walking group with the local parish priest Fr. Kevin whose local knowledge seemed to know no bounds. The scenery as we walked the 16 or so kilometers to St. Kevin's monastery was truly breathtaking from the top of the hills looking down into the valley of Glendmalur and from the bottom of the valley as we stood beside the river and looked back at the descent we had just made. After viewing the journey with some skepticism at the beginning, our mood as we left could hardly have been more different. We had a fantastic time as the walk was something out of the ordinary for both of us and the friendships made in the day will stand us in good stead on our trip to Australia. The 8th of July can't come quickly enough for us and we're eagerly awaiting our next meeting as we continue along the path of preparation for WYD '08.

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

1. Why did the friends of Jesus go back to the tomb?
2. What happened when they got there?
3. Why were they so full of joy?
4. Why does this day fill us with so much joy and hope?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: This is our day, the day we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead. He died for us and he also rose from the dead for us. To offer us the gift of life for ever with him in heaven. So while you are eating your Easter Egg remember to say a prayer of thanks to Jesus for his love for you.



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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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EASTER SUNDAY

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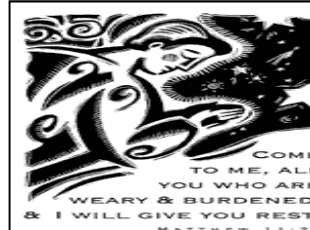
Parish Office Hours : Monday - Friday : 9.30am – 12.30pm

ALLELUIA! THE LORD IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

The Peace and Joy of the Risen Lord be yours this Eastertide



This is a day of celebration. This is the day Christ our Brother broke the chains of death and rose in triumph from the grave. He did this, not just for himself, but for all of us. He wants us to share in his great victory over sin and death.



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

Irene Hoey, Baby Naoise ,Sheila Doyle, Deirdre Hetherington, Bridget Matthews, Harry Silcock, Eileen Daly.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



EASTER DAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

8.30 am: **All Easter Masses**
10.30 am: **offered for the Intentions**
12.00 pm: **of the Parish**
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Easter Monday

10.00 am: Winnie, Bridie & Larry Reynolds (Anniv.)

Easter Tuesday

10.00 am: Margaret O'Sullivan RIP

Easter Wednesday

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

Easter Thursday

10.00 am Special Intention

Easter Friday

10.00 am: Tom O'Driscoll (Anniv.)

Easter Saturday:

10.00 am: Mass of Thanksgiving

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: Charlie Hynes (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Int. of the Parish
10.30 am: Paddy Callaghan M/M
12.00 pm: John Kelly (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

EASTER THANKS: Fr. John & Fr. Flor would like to say a big thank you to all who have been involved in the preparations and celebrations of the Easter Liturgies. Firstly, to say thank you to Mary, our parish pastoral worker, our Sacristans Michael and Joe for all their hard work behind the scenes. To our 3 choirs for the wonderful music throughout the week. I know there where a lot of nights spent practising in a cold church and school. Thank you for really brightening our celebrations. To my hard working altar servers, our Eucharistic ministers and ministers of the Word, especially Ellen and Gerry for coordinating both groups. I'd also like to say thank you to the Confirmation candidates and other children for their presentation of the Stations of the Cross which was organised by the Family Mass Group. Also to all those who have our church looking so beautiful this Easter, thank you. If I have forgotten anyone one or group, thank you to you also!!! **Have a great Easter.**

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@stmochtasparish.ie **Our parish office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.**

PARISH WEBSITE: The address for our new site is: www.stmochtasparish.ie

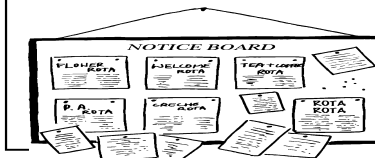
MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to have Mass offered for someone or offered for a particular intention please see our sacristan Michael after Mass. Thank you.

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.

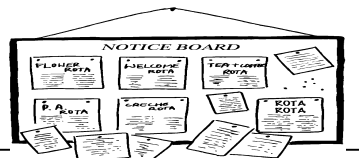
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH AGM: We will hold an annual general meeting for all parishioners for the first time on **Monday 14th April**. It will be chaired by the head of our Parish Pastoral Council and will give you an opportunity to meet all the members of the council. A financial report of the parish will be given by the chair of the Finance Committee along with a report on our new Pastoral Centre and parish development for the coming twelve months. This meeting is open to all parishioners and will be held in the church at 8pm.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR: We are looking for someone who would be willing to look after the Children's Choir from Easter onwards? The Children's Choir sing every second Sunday at the 12o'clock Mass and they are a great group of children and very easy to work with. You don't need to be a fantastic musician but just willing to give a little bit of your time every second week. Please contact Fr. John after Sunday Mass.



PARISH NEWS



CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! This is the great Easter cry that fills our hearts. The Lord's bursting out from the tomb of death is a gigantic explosion of new energy, new force, new life. Like an atomic explosion, his victory releases a new and immense power that can flood over the whole world, changing everything that receives it. His resurrection brakes open a deep and unyielding prison that holds captive our hope, our vision, our very souls. No longer is our horizon darkened by the black cloud of inevitable death and oblivion. No longer are we captive to the selfishness and sin that springs from that ultimate darkness. Now we can see further that death! We glimpse a new dawn. In the light of the Rising Son everything we do and say, our very being, is filled with new hope, new purpose, new joy. The fall-out from this explosion of the Holy Spirit was seen first in the lives of the apostles and the first communities of the disciples of Jesus. In their meetings with the Risen Christ they were filled with such joy and zeal for life. They were off, like sprinters from the starting blocks, proclaiming the 'good news' of Jesus right across the world. But we know that the fall-out from the resurrection has continued through the centuries right up to this present time.

RESURRECTION POWER: The Resurrection is not just something that happened to Jesus 2,000 years ago and will happen to each of us sometime in the future after we die when our own bodies will be raised to new life. It is that, but it is much more. The Resurrection is something that buoys up every moment of life and every aspect of reality. God is always making new life and undergirding it with a goodness, graciousness, mercy, and love that, in the end, heals all wounds, forgives all sins and brings deadness of all kinds to new life. We feel this resurrecting power in the most ordinary moments of our lives. A sense of the Resurrection, understood in its deepest sense, manifest itself unconsciously in our vitality, in what we call health; in the feeling, however dimly it is sensed, that it is good to be alive. The very structure of the cosmos feels and knows that resurrecting power. That is why it pushes forward blindly, buoyed up by a hope that it cannot understand. A friend once sent me an Easter card that ended with the challenge,"May you leave behind you a string of empty tombs!" That is both my Easter wish and challenge for all of us. Let our wounded, muted voices begin to sing again; Christ is risen! Life is very, very good! Happy Easter!

EASTER BLESSINGS: At the end of each of our Mass on Easter Sunday a little pamphlet will be distributed for each home. It contains some Easter prayers and blessings. The prayer on page 8 could be used as a grace before meals at your Easter dinner if you wish. **Remember the season of Easter lasts seven weeks and will finish with the celebration of Pentecost, the birth of the Church, on Sunday May 11th.**

WEEKLY REFLECTION

As long as the sun comes over the hills,
scatters the darkness,
and fills the world with light;
as long as the fields get green again,
and the primroses and violets return;
as long as the trees fill up again with leaves,
there is hope for us and for the world.
So come, let us follow the footsteps of spring,
for the snow has melted,
and life is awakening from its sleep
and wanders through the hills and valleys.
Come, let us ascend the heights
and gaze upon the waving greenness
of the plains below.
O come, let us rejoice on this Easter Day,
for death has folded up his tent and gone away.

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 20:19-31.**

NEW AMBRY INSTALLED: The new ambry for the holy oils has been put in place beside the baptismal font. It holds the Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumen and the Oil of Chrism. These were blessed by the Archbishop of Dublin at the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday. The statue of St. Therese and the Child of Prague will be relocated with new shrines in the church shortly. The ambry was paid for out of the proceeds of the Christmas Raffle as was the new keyboard for the choirs which arrived last week.

TROCAIRE BOXES: If you took a box from the church for use in your home over Lent please do return them to the sacristy over the next couple of weeks. We will count the money and forward it to Trocaire. Alternatively, you can forward your donation to them directly. Thank