

# ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

## CROSSCARE BLANCHARDSTOWN

Main Street, Blanchardstown, offers the following services: **Information Clinic every Monday** (excl Bank holidays) from 2pm to 4pm. **Coffee Break for Parents**—Are you a parent caring for a child who may have a special need, a neurological condition, a disability or long term illness? You are welcome at our Drop In Coffee Break on **Thursday 23rd April and/or Thursday 28th May** from 3pm to 4pm. Come along for a chance to meet other parents, have a break and a chat. **Migrant Project**—'Walk In' information and advocacy clinic on immigration, emigration and return migration matters. Free service, no appointment necessary. **Housing & Welfare information.** 'Walk In' information on homelessness services & housing options, etc. Free service, no appointment necessary. **Let's Dance—Every Thursday** from 2pm to 4pm—Dance-Meditation-de-stress session. **For more information** please see the notice board at the back of the Church or contact Jean Martin, Area Coordinator on 01 8219892 or jmartin@crosscare.ie.

**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.



**ST. MOCHTA'S FOOTBALL CLUB:** Our club academy for players from **5 to 8 years of age** runs **every Saturday** from **10.30 am to 11.30 am**. Coaching is provided by **FAI qualified trainers** in a professional and safe environment. All children are welcome, boys and girls, no matter what their level of ability. Cost: €3.00 per session. Please come along this and every Saturday to St. Mochta's F.C., Porterstown Road (Beside Scoil Choilm). For more information please see the notice board.

**WESTMANSTOWN GAELS EASTER CAMP 2009:** In Westmanstown Sports Centre—GAA Grounds—From **Tues. 14th to Fri 17th April** from **10 am to 2.30 pm**. Cost €50.00 per child. All welcome. Further information contact Grace O'Doyle at 087 9752580 or email Secretary@westmanstowngael.ie

**PARENT & TODDLER GROUP:** The Parent and Toddler Group in St. Mochta's Parish Pastoral Centre will resume after Easter on Tuesday, **21st April** from 9.40 am to 11.40 am. On **21st April** Olivia Leonard from **The Little Gym** (Liffey Valley) will give a talk (and demonstration) on the various programmes they run for babies to toddlers. Everyone welcome! From Baby to School Going Age. Cost €3 per adult and 50c per child. For further information email mary-oriordan@hotmail.com or call into the Parish Office between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm.

**COOLMINE MUSICAL SOCIETY** presents Just Cole Crazy on **Sat. 25th April at 8 pm** in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown. All your favourite **Cole Porter Songs**. Admission €15. Tickets available at the Hotel Reception or call to reserve at 086 8443420.

**EMMAUS** are holding a number of workshops over the next couple of weeks—Dance Meditation Sat. 18th April, The Power of NOW Sun 26th April. Further information on the notice board.



**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.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

# ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER 12TH APRIL 2009**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

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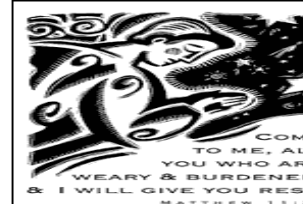
Parish Web Address: [www.stmochtasparrish.ie](http://www.stmochtasparrish.ie)

**ALLELUIA! THE LORD IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**



For Christians, Easter is the greatest feast of all. This is the day Jesus, our Brother, broke the chains of death and rose in triumph from the grave. This is truly the 'Day of the Lord.' But it is our day too, for Jesus shares with us the fruits of his victory.

Let us open our hearts to the joy of this great day.



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

**Joan Allen, Padraig Byrne, Sarah Harris, Mary Rodgers, Miriam Soughley, Ruth Dayman, Joseph O' Connor, Liam Silcock, Gillian Dowling, Michael Daly**

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### EASTER DAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

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

#### Easter Monday:

10.00 am: James Mooney (Anniv.)

#### Easter Tuesday:

10.00 am: Intentions of Sick of the Parish

#### Easter Wednesday:

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

#### Easter Thursday:

10.00 am Gertrude Murray

#### Easter Friday:

10.00 am Carmel Dunne

#### Easter Saturday:

10.00 am Int. of Michael Daly

### 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: Margaret & Patrick Sharkey (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Martin Crotty M/M  
10.30 am Mary (May) Kelly (Anniv.)  
12.00 pm Tom Davis (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 parish secretary June, our Sacristans Mary 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 the church and Pastoral Centre. Thank you for really brightening our celebrations. To my hard working altar servers, our Eucharistic ministers and ministers of the Word, especially Ellen and Gary 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 Children's Liturgy Group. Also to all those who have our church looking so beautiful this Easter, thank you. **If I have forgotten any one or group, thank you to you also!!!**

## 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.

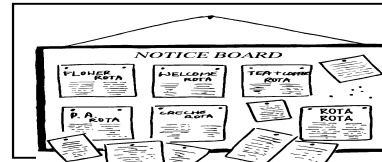
## PARISH HELPERS

**THANK YOU NIGHT:** Our annual night to say thank you for all those who are actively involved in our parish takes place on **Friday 24th April** in our Parish Centre from 8pm till late. Please mark the date in your diary.

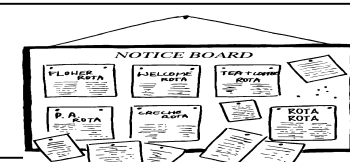


**CENTRE VOLUNTEERS:** The new roster for the Coffee Dock and Reception is available in the Sacristy for collection. Thank you.

**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



# 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!

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

As we go through life  
we all experience little deaths.

We get a foretaste of death when we live  
in bitterness, loneliness, sadness and despair.

In times like these the world closes in on us,  
and we seem to have one foot in the grave.

But we also experience little resurrections.

When we know love, acceptance,  
and forgiveness;

when we open our hearts to others and to life,  
the world opens up

and we emerge from the tomb.

Lord, may the splendour of your resurrection  
scatter the shadows of death,  
and enable us to walk in radiant hope  
towards the kingdom where there are  
no more shattered hopes or broken dreams.

**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 EASTER CHRISTIANS:** Congratulations to all those who were baptised at the Easter Vigil this Easter. We welcome **Micha, Yemi, John, Victoria, Mary, Lorena, Miriam and Busayo.** Micha also made her 1st Communion and Confirmation. Our other new Christians will be celebrating their 1st Communion in the coming weeks. We give thanks to God as they are received into the Church and we pray that they will witness to the Lord by the good deeds of their lives. A big thank you to Carmel and Mary who prepared them for the sacraments.

**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 Trocaire directly. Thank you.

**1ST COMMUNION MEETING:** The final Parents meeting in preparation for First Holy Communion is being held on **Tuesday 21st April** in the Parish Pastoral Centre at **8pm.** At least one parent/guardian must attend this meeting. Thank you.

