

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 on ONLY 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!!!!

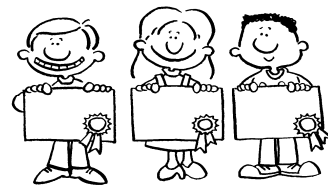


RAINBOWS IRELAND is a support programme to assist children who are grieving a death, separation or other painful transition in their family. Our parish will begin its first Rainbows Programme in January, 2009 for children aged 7 yrs to 12 yrs. For further details please see the notice board at the back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



ST. MOCHTA'S WAY: Donate a brick and be part of the heritage of our Parish. To commemorate our new Parish Centre and to build the heritage of our parish, St. Mochta's Way has been created so that you can make history for your family in the future. Everyone can participate by having a personalised engraved brick placed in St. Mochta's Way. You can order a single brick with up to two lines of lettering or a double brick with up to four lines. The bricks, available in gold lettering, are professionally engraved and hand painted with a long lasting gold infill. You could donate a brick with your family name or for any occasion, e.g. Birth, Christening, Birthday, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Graduation, Engagement, Wedding, Family Remembrance or any special personal or family occasion. If you would like more information about the scheme, pick up a brochure in the church, at the Parish Centre or you can download an order form, on our website. Take a look at 'St. Mochta's Way' at www.stmochtasparish.ie. **The 1st order of bricks for St. Mochta's Way will take place in January.**

JUNIOR INFANTS SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2009: Application Forms for Enrolment for Junior Infants (September, 2009) will be available in St. Patrick's N.S. and St. Mochta's N.S. from next Wednesday, 7th January, 2009. 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. What was there in the beginning?
2. Who was the Word with?
3. What did the Word make?
4. Who was the Word?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Well, Christmas holidays are over and its back to school this week. Make sure you say thank you to your mum and dad for all the good things you enjoyed during the holidays. Put the head down now and work hard till Easter which is not very far away at all.



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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 4TH JAN. 2009 2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISITMAS

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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY: TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah, Son of God and Saviour of the World. The great feast of the Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East. In the Magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the incarnation.



Mass will be celebrated on
Monday 5th Jan. 7pm & Tuesday 6th Jan. 10am



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, Maureen Malone, Miriam Soughley

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7.00 pm: Ellen Lynam (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am Dennis Farnan, Elizabeth Farnan
And Alan Farnan (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Rory & Connie Kennedy R.I.P.
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday:

10.00 am: Intentions of Anne Marie Collins
7.00 pm John & Grainne Kennedy RIP

Tuesday: The Epiphany of the Lord

10.00 am: Int. of the Parish

Wednesday: St. Raymond

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday:

10.00 am James O'Connell (Anniv.)

Friday:

10.00 am Deceased members of the Lynam Family

Saturday:

10.00 am: Emer Duff M/M

3rd Sunday after Christmas

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



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Seamus Kearns and Rachel Gannon** and **Thomas Synnott and Niamh Melvin** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

WELCOME SUNDAY:

This weekend we introduce to our community all those who will be baptised this coming month and become part of the Church. Anyone enquiring about baptism please take one of the leaflets from the back of the church. Thank you.



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.

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.

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.

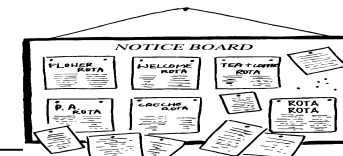
PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE will re-open tomorrow, **Monday 5th January** this includes all the parish offices.

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.

ENJOY THE WINTER BREAK: If you are lucky enough to get away for a few days enjoy your holidays and DON'T break a leg!!!



PARISH NEWS



EPIPHANY? The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the call of the Gentiles to salvation. In the gospel reading we hear how the magi came, not without difficulty, to offer homage to the infant Jesus. They were from a far distant land, out of nowhere, as it were, but, through God's guidance, they were led to the "newborn king" in Bethlehem. Somehow this child was of immense importance to them. In the epiphany narrative, Matthew teaches us that Jesus is the one source of salvation and that this salvation is intended for the whole world. There is one plan of salvation and it applies to everybody. Epiphany celebrates the unity and universality of God's plan. Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 7pm and on Tuesday 6th January at 10am.



FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS:

The story of Jesus' baptism is an epiphany story; Jesus is revealed as the Son of God. This is Matthew's main emphasis. Matthew also probably wanted to show what baptism means for Christians. We will celebrate this feast **next Sunday**. The feast day also marks the end of Christmastide.

CROSSCARE INFORMATION CLINIC:

Offers information on homeless services and housing options, benefits and entitlements and how to complete relevant forms, and information on other services that could assist you. The clinic is open every Monday from the 5th January onwards from 2.30pm – 4.30pm. It is located in the Capuchin Friary, Main Street, Blanchardstown. Crosscare also offers a Migrant Clinic for information on visas, residency status and other immigration issues. For more information please see the notice board at the back of the church or phone 8726775, 0861715967 or



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 Mk.1:7-11**

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.

