

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

MICHAEL RETIRES :

Our Sacristan **Michael Harford** is stepping down after 22 years of looking after our parish church. He began in 1986 when Fr. Peadar Murney asked him would he cut the grass! Little did he know that 22 years later he would be looking after 100 weddings a year and all the other duties of a sacristan. His contribution to our parish community is immeasurable in the time, skill, energy and dedication he brought through the years to our community. He has helped the parish transition from a small country parish to the large thriving parish it is today. We as a community can't thank him enough for all that he has given to us and ask the Lord to continue to bless him and watch over him in the years ahead. He will be very hard to replace.



VOLUNTEER SACRISTAN REQUIRED:

As you know Michael our sacristan for the last 22 years retired last week (cf back page). So, Fr. John is looking for a parishioner who can give some time to look after the church and sacristy for Mass and weddings etc during the week until a more permanent arrangement can be made over the coming weeks. Please see Fr. John after Mass.

PARISH CENTRE VOLUNTEERS: Our new Parish Centre is nearing completion. We will need a number of volunteers who can give some time to helping run the Centre on Week-day mornings and help with Sunday mornings etc. If you can give a couple of hours a week to help in running the Centre please do see Fr. John after Mass. This is our Centre and its only with your energy and gifts and time that it will be a success and asset to our community.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Courage! Do not be afraid

Like Peter we too have often set out confidently across the waters of life. However, as soon as the winds of trouble rise against us, and the waves of adversity begin to buffet us, we lose our nerve and begin to sink. Lord, when our faith falters, as it often does, may we hear your gentle voice saying to us, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.' In that moment, Lord, may your divine power uphold us, calm our fears, steady our nerves, and enable us to steer our little boat to a place of safety and peace, beyond the wind and the waves.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS: Now that the schools are closed people will be taking to the hills, beaches and to the air. To all those heading away on holidays this coming week we wish you rest, enjoyment and renewal. We look forward to welcoming you back looking well tanned and rested. **Enjoy, enjoy, enjoy!!!!!!**

WESTMANSTOWN GAA SUMMER

CAMP: Westmanstown Gaels Juvenile Club are holding a GAA Summer camp sponsored by VHI Cul Camp from **Mon-Fri 18th August to 22nd August from 10 am to 2.30 pm.** The price is €65.00 per child. For further details or to book a place please contact Grace O'Boyle at 086 0582453 or e.mail secretary@westmanstowngaels.com

CASTLEKNOCK GAA CAMP 2008:

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

1. Who came walking on the waters to the disciples?
2. Who got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus?
3. Why did Jesus say he sank?
4. What did Jesus do when he got into the boat?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: If you are heading away on holiday soon have a wonderful time and remember that its summer holidays for the rest of your family too. So don't forget to help out at home more too.



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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 10TH AUGUST, 2008 19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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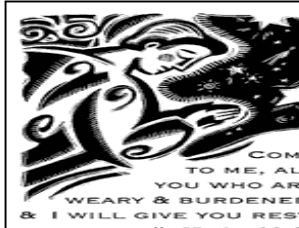
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Parish Office Hours : Monday - Friday : 9.30am – 12.30pm

WALKING ON WATER

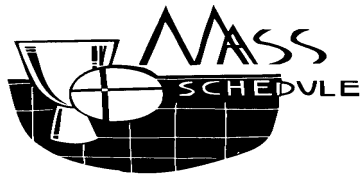
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Please pray for those who are sick or housebound at this time:

Irene Hoey, Sheila Doyle, Bridget Matthews, Bernie Byrne, Carol Meehan, Stuart O'Neill, Joe Reilly, Maureen Malone, Joan Allen.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Martin Moore (1st Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions for the Parish
10.30 am Deirdre Stevenson (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Mary Smalle R.I.P.
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: St. Clare

10.00 am: Int. of Bernie Byrne

Tuesday:

10.00 am: Nancy Power (Anniv)

Wednesday:

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

Thursday: St. Maximilian Kolbe

10.00 am Int. of Carol Meehan

7.00 pm Vigil for the feast of the Assumption

Friday: Feast of the Assumption

10.00 am Alice & Patrick Russell (Anniv)

Saturday: St. Stephen of Hungary

10.00 am: Mass of Thanksgiving

20TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Paddy Murphy (Anniv)
8.30 am: Int. of the Parish
10.30 am Paddy Molloy (Anniv)
12.00 pm Rosaleen McPoland (Anniv)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Jonathan Pierce and Amy Cotter** and **Jason Barr and Caroline O'Rourke** 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 **Aidan, Mya and Holly** 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. Thank you.



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 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.

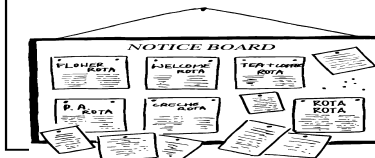
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING:

The August meeting of the Parish Council Committee takes place this coming Monday, 11th August at 8pm in the house. All members are asked to attend.

ALL NIGHT EUCHARISTIC VIGIL: Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Beech Park Lawn, Castleknock invites you to an All Night Eucharistic Vigil on **Friday, 15th August** on the Feast of the Assumption from 10.00 pm to 6.00 am (Mass). For further details, please see the notice board at the back of the church.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER: From this coming Monday there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after **Monday** morning Mass with some prayers from the Divine Mercy Chaplet being said. This time of prayer will be led by a parishioner and everybody is welcome to stay after Mass and spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.



PARISH NEWS



THE ASSUMPTION:

The idea of the assumption of Mary into heaven after her death is first expressed in narratives of the fifth and sixth centuries. Even though these were never official, they bear witness to the very early belief in a teaching of the Catholic Church which was not formally defined as a dogma (a teaching essential to the Catholic faith) until 50 years ago. Though it was almost universally believed for more than a thousand years, the Bible contains no mention of the assumption of Mary into heaven. On May 1, 1946, Pope Pius XII, asked all bishops in the world whether they thought this belief in the assumption of Mary into heaven should be defined as a proposition of faith, and whether they with their clergy and people desired the definition. Almost all the bishops replied in the affirmative. On November 1, 1950, the Feast of All Saints, Pope Pius XII declared as a dogma revealed by God that "Mary, the immaculate perpetually Virgin Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of Heaven". We have no real knowledge of the day, year, and manner of Our Lady's death. The dates which have been assigned to her death vary between three and fifteen years after Christ's Ascension. Both Jerusalem and Ephesus claim to be the place where she died. (By tradition, Mary lived at Ephesus after the death of Jesus.) Mary's tomb was presumably found in Jerusalem. It is believed that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that after her burial, her tomb, when opened, was found empty. Therefore, they concluded that her body had been taken up (assumed) into heaven. This is a celebration that offers to the Church and to all humanity an exemplar and a consoling message, teaching us the fulfilment of our highest hopes. **Mass is at 7pm Thurs & Fri. 10am.**

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 Mt 15:21-28.**



NEW ROMAN MISSAL FOR MASS: The Vatican has approved a new English translation for the most commonly used text of the Mass, meaning that Catholics in Ireland could be using the new version as early as **2010**. The new translation is more faithful to the Latin of the Roman Missal. The Vatican is confident that the universal use of these texts will greatly contribute to the building up of the Faith throughout the broad and diverse English-speaking world." The full text has not been made public, though many of the changes are known. In the penitential rite, the Confiteor, "I have sinned through my own fault" has been expanded to "I have greatly sinned... through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault". The response at the pre-Communion prayer Ecce Agnus Dei will be "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed". This replaces "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed". The Credo will begin "I believe" in line with the Latin rather than "We believe", while the Gloria has been re-translated and re-structured, though details have yet to be made public. At the Consecration, the priest will refer to Christ's blood which is "poured out for you and for many", which advocates say is a more accurate translation of pro multis than "for all". When the priest says et cum spiritu tuo, "The Lord be with you", the faithful will now respond "And with your spirit", rather than "And also with you." In the Eucharistic Prayer, references to the Church will use the pronouns "she" and "her" rather than "it". In the Agnus Dei, the text cites the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world," rather than using the singular word "sin." The first line of the Sanctus now reads "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts". Throughout the Offertory and Eucharistic Prayer, the traditional phrases of supplication are restored, with the Church identified as "holy" throughout, matching the Latin of the Roman Missal.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: We have a member of our Parish who is presently training as a Spiritual Director. If anyone who like some direction or help in their spiritual journey please see Fr. John after Mass or contact him during the week and he will pass on the contact details to you. There are more details on the notice board at the back of the church.