

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.

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. Enter a team of four in the morning classic.
Shotgun Start at 9am **€700**
(Includes Lunch)
- C. Sponsor a **T- Box** or a **Golf Hole** on the Day
€250
- D. Make a **donation** to St. Mochta's Parish Golf Classic **€....**

Closing Date for entries 10th March

For further enquiries contact:
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Rita Tighe 0872868065
All cheques made payable to:
St. Mochta's Parish Golf Classic

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

We will have a parish journey to Lourdes leaving on Saturday 26th July for five days. The pilgrimage will be led by Fr. John. The cost is **€669**. A deposit of €200 is required by mid February. For more details please see the notice board at the back of the Church or contact Joan Cahill on 087-6262008 or Paul on 086 3275409.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: Leaving 20th Sept. for 7 nights with half board accommodation. The group leader is Patricia Ledwidge. For more information see the poster on the notice board at the back of the Church.

PANCAKE PARTY: A big thank you to everyone who supported the **Porterstown Scout Troop** Pancake Party last weekend.

PARISH CENTER UPDATE: The work on the Centre is flying along at the moment. All the interior wall have been completed. The plumbing for the heating is being laid at the moment. The roof will go on in the next two weeks followed by the tiling and windows. So we should have a sealed building within the next month. A new entrance is being constructed at the moment which will allow for easier and safer access. It will also enable cars to enter and exit at the same time. Watch this space for further updates.



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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown, Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 10TH FEBRUARY, 2008

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Parish Office : Monday - Friday : 9.30am – 12.30pm **Secretary:** June Phelan Tel: 8213218
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Parish Pastoral Committee: Chairperson George McLellan
Parish Finance Committee: Chairperson Colm O'Neill
Catholic Schools serving our Parish: **St. Mochta's:** Mr. Terence Allen
St. Patrick's: Mr. Pairic Clerkin
St. Choilm : Mrs. Treasa Lowe
Castleknock Community College: Mr. Tom O'Brien

ENTERING THE DESERT

Lent recalls the forty days Jesus spent in the desert, during which time he was tempted by the devil. But through prayer, fasting, and fidelity to the word of God he overcame the tempter. We too have to face temptation. Let us reflect for a moment on our temptations and how much we need God's help to resist them.



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

1. How many days did Jesus go into the desert?
2. Who did he meet in the desert?
3. How many times did the devil tempt Jesus?
4. What were the three ways that he tempted Jesus?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: It was not just Jesus who was tempted. We are always being tempted too. It can be hard to resist when we try to do it on our own. Each time Jesus was tempted he turned to God for help. That's why saying our prayers is so important. It is how to turn to God and ask for his help. We should pray especially when we feel tempted to do something wrong. God' will be our help and our strength.



Please pray for those who are sick or housebound at this time:
Irene Hoey, Brian Henry, John Smalle, Baby Naoise, Doreen McCabe , Patrick Callaghan, Sheila Doyle.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

7.00 pm: Dan Bradley (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Int. of the Parish
10.30 am: John & Maureen Keane (Anniv.)
12.00 pm: Katie & Pat Reynolds (Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: Our Lady of Lourdes
10.00 am: John, Sara and P.J. Mangan
Tuesday:
10.00 am: June Flanagan R.I.P.

Wednesday:

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

Thursday: Sts. Cyril and Methodius

10.00 am: Int. of the Hanlon Family

Friday:

10.00 am Christopher & Margaret Gilligan (Anniv.)
7.30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday:

10.00am Mass of Thanksgiving

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

7.00 pm: Patrick O'Neill (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Eileen O'Riordan (Anniv.)
10.30 am: Liam O'Reilly RIP
12.00 pm: James Hughes (Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

SVP CHURCH GATE COLLECTION:

The St. Vincent de Paul collection for February takes place after each Mass this weekend. Last month's collection amounted to **€1,569.00** for which the St. Mochta's Conference members are most grateful. New members to the conference are always welcome. They meet each **Tuesday eve at 7.00pm** in the Sacristy. New members are very welcome.

FAMILY OFFERING:

A big thank you to all those who support the Parish Family Offering. This is the only source of income for the running of the parish. At the moment just over 350 support the Family Offering. Thank you for your continued generosity. If you would like to join the Family Offering and help support the parish financially please see Fr. John or fill out one of the Registration Forms and return it to the Parish Office.

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. Our parish office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.

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 or June in the Parish Office between 9.30am – 12.30pm.



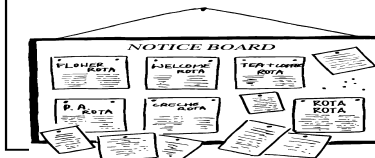
WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Patrick Melvin and Stacey Power** and **Brian Yeoman and Tayna Greene** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.



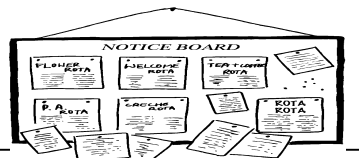
NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Aoibheann, Sadhbh** and **Emily** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May they continue to grown strong in body, mind and spirit. Anyone enquiring about baptism please take one of the leaflets from the back of the church or see Fr. John after Mass. Thank you

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting takes place this coming **Monday 11th February at 8.00pm** in the house. All members are asked to attend.

ACCORD ANNUAL APPEAL: The appeal for the Diocesan Marriage Advisory Service raised **€1,695 .00** Thank you for your ongoing support.



PARISH NEWS



MAKING THE MOST OF 40 DAYS: We live lives of tortured complexity. Inside each of us there is both a saint and a sinner. Our hearts are a murky cauldron of grace and din, angels and demons. Always, it seems, we are torn in a way that leaves us feeling unsure, guilty, and tense. The 40 days of Lent gives us the opportunity, like Jesus, to enter the desert. To go into the desert means to stare our inner chaos in the face. What demons live inside this chaos? They maybe the demons of bitterness, anger, jealousy, lust, deceit, addiction, hatred, distrust, selfishness etc. All these demons are inside every one of us. To stare them in the face is to enter the desert. A scary thing? Yes, but the scriptures assure us that if we muster the courage to face them, God will send angels to minister to us. Let us seize this opportunity to enter the desert, to trust in the Lord, to overcome our demons.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

To help us on our Lenten journey we will have a period of reflection each **Friday evening 7.30pm** on the Stations of the Cross. The final journey that Jesus made for us. All welcome to attend.

LENTEN TROCAIRE CAMPAIGN 2008: As we are in the Lenten season Trocaire's theme for their campaign this year is , 'Climate Change affects everyone.....but not equally.' This year's theme focuses on the devastating impact severe water shortages are having of people's lives in the developing world, particularly in many parts of Africa. Throughout Lent 2008 we aim to raise awareness of the increasing seriousness of this problem and to raise funds to help those least able to cope. The Trocaire Boxes have already been delivered to our schools and parish. Trocaire deeply appreciates the work you undertake each Lent in your home, school and parish. As always your support enables Trocaire to work with the poorest communities in the developing world. Go on take some action.....**TAKE A BOX HOME TODAY....**They are available from the back of the church. Thank you.

PARENTS CONFIRMATION MEETING:

Takes place this coming **Tuesday 12th Feb. at 8pm** in St. Mochta's School. It is imperative that all parents attend this 2nd preparation meeting for those who hope to be confirm this coming May by Bishop Field.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Pruning time is a painful time for a fruit tree.

The pruner rids it of all those suchers which use up a lot of energy but produce no fruit.

However, the aim of this surgery is not to inflict pain, but to help the tree produce more and better fruit.

Lent is a kind of spiritual pruning time.

there is much that is useless and perhaps harmful in our lives,

which saps our energy, and diminishes our spiritual fruitfulness.

Of what shall we prune ourselves this Lent

so that we may become more fruitful Branches of Christ, the true Vine?

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 17:1-9.**

NEW CANDLE SHRINES: We have two new shrines in the sanctuary. One to Our Lady and the second to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please do not let unaccompanied children light shrine candles. Thank you.

READING THE SCRIPTURES: During Lent the scriptures of the day will be left open on a lectern at the top of the church for all to read during the day. If offers us the opportunity to be refreshed, healed and nourished by God's Word when we take time to visit the Lord's house during the day.

NEW FUNERAL TEAM: We are in the process of training a number of people to assist with the preparation and celebration of Funeral Liturgies in the parish. This team will help to enhance our celebration of the life and death of a parishioner through the better celebration of the funeral liturgies. They will help with the Reception of the person into Church for the last time, in the celebration of the Requiem Mass and also at the Committal Service at the graveside. Over time they will be trained to lead a Prayer Service at the home of the deceased and also lead the Committal Service at the graveside. The Funeral Team will begin their ministry from Easter onwards. We look forward to this important new ministry for our parish community.