

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

FR. MARTIN'S CHARITY GOLF DAY:

Fr. Martin Murnaghan will be home for a short holiday this September, we ask for your support on this Charity Golf Day whether you play on the day, sponsor a hole or make a donation. All the proceeds will go to fund much needed projects for the area. These include building a house, pastoral centre, staff accommodation, local maternity unit and a school. Your help and generosity would be greatly appreciated for the funding of these projects. The cost of a team for the day is €500 per team of 4. To book a team please call 8 2 0 5 6 5 2 or email mark@castleknockgolfclub.ie. To make a donation call Fr. Martin's sister Rolve on 0862350782.

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. The Sunday opening is to facilitate parishioners who wish to meet and have a cup of tea and a chat after mass. Consequently the duties on Sunday will include the setting up of the room, the making of the tea and the tidy up afterwards. It would be hoped that teams of helpers would fill the Sunday positions. If you can give a couple of hours a week to help in running the Centre please do take one of the forms which will be distributed after Mass this weekend. 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.



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".



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

1. Who was sick?
2. What did the woman shout out?
3. What did the woman ask Jesus to do?
4. Why did he heal the girl?

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.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER 17TH AUGUST, 2008 20TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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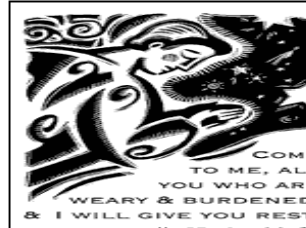
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Parish Office Hours : Monday - Friday : 9.30am – 12.30pm

Have
Faith
in
GOD

Jesus said to the woman in the Gospel today, 'Woman you have great faith'. Faith is not a magic wand. It calls forth from us humility, courage, perseverance, and above all love. A person of faith never gives up. Faith and love are inseparably connected Love is the expression of our faith.



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



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

Monday:

10.00 am: Special Intention

Tuesday: St. Mochta

10.00 am: Int. of the Sick of the Parish

Wednesday: St. Bernard

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

Thursday: St. Pius X

10.00 am Int. of Carol Meehan

Friday:

10.00 am Int. of Joan Allen

Saturday:

10.00 am: Mass of Thanksgiving

21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Mick Doyle (Anniv)
8.30 am: Int. of the Parish
10.30 am Dougie Boucher M/M
12.00 pm Jim Barrett (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

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.

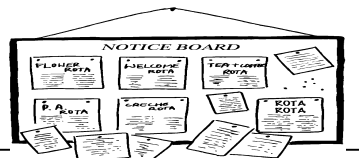
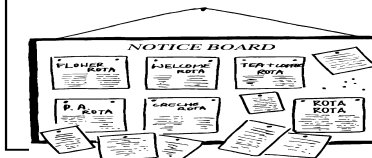
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

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.

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!!!!!!!**

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 16:13-20.**

PARISH NEWS



IS GOD PUNISHING ME? Misfortune of any kind often leaves us with a sense that we are not loved by God, or what amounts to the same thing, that we are being punished in some way. Yet God's love is a constant in all our lives even when God might seem very far removed. Whatever else we may say about suffering, God does not wish it on us. Suffering is an evil and God does not wish evil on any of creation. You have probably heard this many times before but the truth is that there is a deep mystery in suffering. It is easy for people like me in the full of their health to say such things to people like you, but if I were not to say this I would be failing to proclaim the Gospel which we both believe in. While we have a duty to do what we can to relieve pain and heal illness there are many ways of doing this today. There is no doubt that modern medicine has made great strides and other traditional techniques are being rediscovered. However, there are some people who still do not benefit from these developments and that can be very disheartening. As you yourself put it, there is a sense in which you feel that there is 'something wrong'. You can feel let down. You can even feel angry with God for allowing this to happen. Indeed, you would hardly be human if you didn't! This feeling of rejection can add to your pain in a very real way. One thing which must never be forgotten about feelings and emotions of any kind is that we are not responsible for them. When the weather is bad it is bad and there is not getting away from it. Likewise if you feel rejected and abandoned by God - in spite of all your prayers and your novenas - that is like really bad weather. There is no escaping it, but that does not mean that there is something wrong with you. What it does mean is that you are sharing, to a real if limited extent, in the experience of Jesus on the cross when he cried out to the Father: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" It is important in our suffering to be as open with God as Jesus was with the Father on the cross. If you feel let down, tell God that you feel let down. If you are angry with God, don't try to hide it. When you hide your true feelings from God, you are hiding yourself and when that happens God cannot reach you. Above all else it is important to remember that God does not take it badly when we are angry with God in the midst of our suffering.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

God be good to you in all your days,
God be kind to you in all your ways.
God give strength to you when crosses lean,
God send light to you, the clouds between.
God give peace to you in times of strife,
God bless everything that fills your life.
God send joy to you when grief is o'er,
God make way for you at Heaven's door.

THE ROUGH WITH THE SMOOTH: One of the recognized authorities on prayer, Saint Teresa of Avila, tells us that there was a period in her life when she seemed to spend her time looking at the sand in her hour-glass. The period of prayer seemed interminable. Like all the rest of us, there were times when she found the going so hard that she wanted to give up. But she also found that there were other times when it was not so hard at all. On these occasions it was as if she was being carried along as distinct from struggling against a strong head-wind. She was to discover that if she did her best to keep going when it was difficult, sooner or later God would provide her with a favourable wind. From this she learned that prayer is primarily the work of the Holy Spirit, described in the Scriptures in terms of fire, breath and wind. In her writings, St. Teresa shares her experience of the wonderful workings of God in her own life, convinced that he will deal with everyone else in a similar way. For Saint Teresa, prayer is simply a conversation with a friend who loves you. Another Carmelite nun, Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity, was more precise. She saw this conversation as 'a tête-à-tête in the dark'. You cannot see this friend but you know through faith that he is there. St. Ignatius of Loyola, another of the great masters of prayer, reminds us that if we set out earnestly to give time to prayer over our lives, in the early days we will experience both what he calls desolation and consolation. In any long journey you have the challenging effort of struggling uphill alternating with the relative ease of going down the other side. We learn to take the rough with the smooth and keep going. In this journey we have the consoling final words of St. Matthew's Gospel: 'And look, I am with you always; yes, to the end of time'.



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Declan Purcell & Natalie Rooney** and **David McKinly & Pearl McGrane** 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 **Simonka, Aoife, Ronan and Harry** 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.

