

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.



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: Have you an hour to spare? If so, why not join St. Joseph's in Clonsilla or St. Vincent's on the Navan Road volunteer programme. We believe in the unique contribution that volunteers make to the life of a person with an intellectual disability. Volunteers, both young and old can bring both diversity and a wealth of experience through the sharing of their time, energy and enthusiasm. Volunteers will be involved in all aspects of our work; they will be involved directly or indirectly with our service users, from befriending to gardening, from drama to driving, from Social club to Sports Events—all skills, talents and ideas are welcomed. If you would like to find out more about the Volunteer Programme please contact **Rhoda Judge** on 8245449/ 0873283861 or email volunteer@docservice.ie

VIATOIRES CHRISTI VOLUNTEERS: Viatores Christi was founded in the 1960's and has aimed to respond to needs overseas by giving people an opportunity to share their lives and skills with those in need. Viatores Christi lay missionary development workers are assigned to projects which deal with a range of social and justice issues throughout the world including AIDS/HIV projects, displaced peoples, healthcare, intellectual disability, education and indigenous peoples. They need people from all disciplines, from teachers to electricians, doctors to administrators, farmers to childcare workers. If you are interested in learning more, please come along to their information and recruitment session in Dublin on Saturday 30th August at 10.30am in the Irish Aid Volunteering Centre, 27-31 O'Connell St. Upper or contact them on Colette@viatoreschristi.com

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

1. What question did Jesus ask the disciples?
2. What answers did they give?
3. Who gave the right answer?
4. Who did Jesus say that Peter was?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Well the summer holidays have flown by. I hope you all got a good rest and are ready to return to school this coming week. We ask God to watch over all those who are beginning school for the 1st time this week. Remember to say thank you to God in your prayers for all the good things you enjoyed during the summer.



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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER 24TH AUGUST, 2008 21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

PETER'S PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christ chose Peter to be the chief shepherd of his flock.

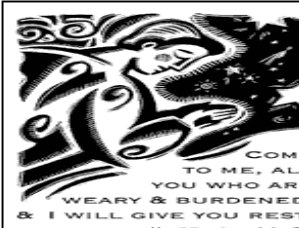
Though Peter had strengths he also had weaknesses.

Peter's story is our story too We too blow hot and cold.

Sometimes we are strong, and other times we are weak.

Without a warm relationship with Christ, we are only on the fringes of Christianity.

We are like someone talking about love compared with someone who is in love.



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, Joan Allen.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



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

Monday:

10.00 am: Special Intention

Tuesday:

10.00 am: Donal Lydon RIP

Wednesday: St. Monica

10.00 am: Service of Word and Communion

Thursday: St. Augustine

10.00 am: Int. of Carol Meehan

Friday: The Beheading of St. John the Baptist

10.00 am: Ellen O'Connell (Anniv)

Saturday:

10.00 am: Mass of Thanksgiving

22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Christy O'Riordan (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Int. of the Parish
10.30 am: Paddy Molloy (Anniv)
12.00 pm: James Mahon (Anniv)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

If you are a new parishioner or just visiting St. Mo-chta'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.

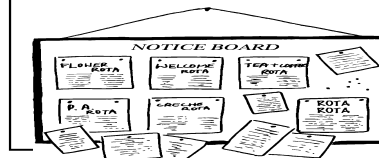
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

VISITING MISSIONARIES: Next weekend we will have the Medical Missionaries of Mary visit our parish to make an appeal for support for their work in the 3rd World. For more details of their work see the notice board at the back of the church.

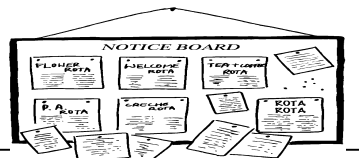
BLESSING FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR: There will be a family Mass **next Sunday** at 12 noon as we begin a new school year. All those returning to school will receive a blessing for the coming year, especially those beginning for the 1st time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: There is a meeting for all members of the Parish Finance Committee on **Monday 25th August** at 8pm.

PASTORAL CENTRE COMMITTEE: Meeting for all members of the committee this coming Thursday at 8pm in the house. This committee is responsible for the running of our new Parish Pastoral Centre. All enquiries regarding use of the Centre should be made in writing to the Management Committee and dropped into the parish office. Thank you.



PARISH NEWS



POPE BENEDICT: This month asks us to pray that that human family trust in God's plan for the world, and to come to respect that creation is a divine gift. You may remember the tsunami that struck south-east Asia after Christmas, 2004, killing thousands of people. I was in India shortly after that, and was struck by how people there spontaneously turned to God for help in their time of need. Meanwhile, back in Ireland and elsewhere in the West, there was an outpouring of articles and comment expressing doubt about the existence of God. I was struck by the contrast. We in the West live increasingly in a secular atmosphere where even believers doubt. The Pope's intention for this month - that we pray for trust in God's plan for our world - is timely. We are aware of the reasons for this atmosphere of doubt. Even at the best of times, believers have to face the mystery of evil and unearned suffering in a world created by a good God. Job, many thousands of years ago, had to face that challenge. But in modern times, with the success of science and technology, the situation seems to be exacerbated. It's as if many now feel that at last, men and women have grown up and there is no longer any need of the 'fairy-tale' belief in a good God that is a comfort to children only. To this basic question the Christian faith gives a clear answer. The Jews, through their experience of God's saving action on their behalf, came to believe in the one God who is Lord both of history and of creation. Creation occurs, then, not just at the beginning of the world, but is ongoing: God holds us in being always, and God's plan extends to every detail of our lives and to the Big Picture for all of us, including our end. All this is confirmed in an astounding way in the New Testament. Now God in Jesus comes among us to show us that far from being a distant, impassive figure He is with us intimately, passionately in love with us, that God in fact not just metaphorically but also literally 'loves us to death'. And it is this being with us out of love, this suffering and dying with us, with its climax in the resurrection that allows us to believe and hope that the Kingdom of God, God's dream of justice and love for our world, is in fact already happening. It will be seen in its full realization at the end of history as we know it. It is a dream which requires our cooperation: This is our faith. It asks us to see the world and our lives in terms of gift.

MARY O'REILLY RIP (Glenville): Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary who died during the week after a long illness. We offer our sympathies to her three sons Eddie, Patrick, Phil and all of her family. Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of her soul on Friday 22nd August. Mary was laid to rest in Mulhuddart Cemetery. May she rest in Peace. Amen.

DONAL LYDON RIP (Delwood): Please pray for the repose of the soul of Donal who died during on Friday after a long illness. We offer our sympathies to his wife Angela, their children Kevin, Patricia, Andrea, Elizabeth, Christine, Don and all of his family. Donal will be received into church on **Monday eve at 6pm** with Requiem Mass being celebrated for the repose of his soul on **Tuesday 26th August** at 10am. May he rest in Peace. Amen.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Peter has been called a stumbling saint.

He is a great consolation to us
because courage fails us all.

All of us are mere mortals,
who are inconstant in our beliefs.
We must learn to forgive ourselves
momentary weaknesses and failures.

We need to surmount these things
and see the world in less rigid terms.
We must not judge ourselves or others
by momentary inconsistencies,

but rather by commitment given over a long time.
Jesus was well aware of Peter's faults,
but he saw that, in spite of everything,
his heart was sound.

Which meant to had the ability to love.
And in the long run love is what counts.

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: 21-27**

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!!!!!!**



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Mark Kinsella & Linda O'Donnell, Fergus Kearney & Rosanne O'Neill and Seamus Traynor & Niamh Phillips** 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 **Aoife, James, Lochlann, James** 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.

