

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 086 2350782.

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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The Family Mass Team are starting the Children's Liturgy at the beginning of October and are looking for parents to help with the supervision of the children while they are in the Parish Centre. The Children's Liturgy will be for children who have started school and up to 2nd class and will take place at the 10.30 and 12.00 o'clock masses. They will need guidance going to and returning from the Centre back to the church to rejoin the main congregation. If you would like to help out please contact Mary GreeneByrne at 01 8213218 or send your contact details and your preference for the 10.30 or 12.00 mass to email: pastoral-care@stmochtasparish.ie

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

CASTLEKNOCK CELTIC Children aged 4-8 yrs—Learn FUNdamental football skills in a safe and secure environment. Registration night Wednesday, 3rd September from 7.15 pm to 8.15 pm in Laurel Lodge Community Centre or contact Philip at 087 4138099.



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

1. What did Jesus tell the disciples?
2. Why was Peter upset?
3. What did Jesus say we have to do if we follow him?
4. What will we receive if we follow Jesus?

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 31ST AUGUST, 2008 22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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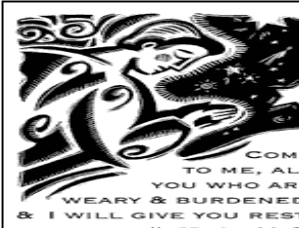
Parish Web Address: www.stmochtasparish.ie

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

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

To follow Christ inevitably means sacrifice. But there are great rewards too. The only thing that makes sacrifice easier is love. Love enables us to turn the cross from a stumbling block into a stepping stone. What Jesus did was an expression of his love for us and for his heavenly Father. The road to Jerusalem brought Jesus to Calvary. But it didn't end there. It led to Easter.

Jesus supports all those who follow him down the narrow road of sacrifice, and shares his Easter victory with them.



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, Baby Ailbhe.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



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

Monday:

10.00 am: Int. for Increase in Vocations to Priesthood

Tuesday:

10.00 am: Special Intention

Wednesday: St. Gregory the Great

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

Thursday: St. Mac Nissi

10.00 am Int. of Baby Ailbhe

Friday:

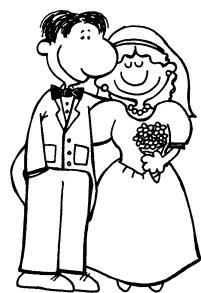
10.00 am Altar List of the Dead

Saturday:

10.00 am: Mass of Thanksgiving

23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Jack O'Leary (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am Int. of Seminarians who are preparing
for Priesthood
12.00 pm Fiona & Michael McCarthy (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Michael Kenny and Colette Kavanagh** 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 **Emily and Sadbh** 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, Mary 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.

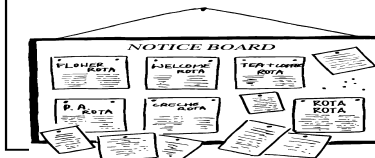
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

VISITING MISSIONARIES: This weekend we 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.

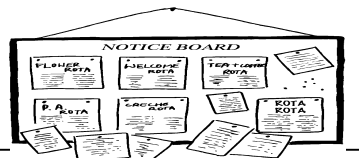
BLESSING FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR: At the Family Mass at 12 noon, all those returning to school will receive a blessing for the coming year, especially those beginning for the 1st time.

ESKER CEMETERY, LUCAN: Mass for the Dead will be celebrated on **Sunday, 7th September at 3.00 pm** in Esker Cemetery, Lucan (weather permitting).

NEW PARISH SACRISTAN: As you know our sacristan of the last 22 years, Michael Harford, retired a few weeks ago. I am delighted to announce that our new sacristan will be **Mary Stacey**. I know you'll will give her a warm welcome. Joe Molloy & Gerard Martin will continue to help out on a Sunday. Mary will be commissioned in the Autumn.



PARISH NEWS



WEEKLY REFLECTION

Gaining and losing

There is a way of losing by gaining.

You can win an argument but lose a friend.

Through competition and promotion

I may advance in my profession,
but in terms of relationships I am impoverished.

My energies are so focused on efficiency and success that I haven't time to grow emotionally and to develop my capacity for relationships.

In one's drive to attain power,
a person may sacrifice friendship and loyalty,
so much so that one ends up alone.

Lord, let me never forget your haunting words:
'What good will it do you to gain the whole world
if you lose your soul?'

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 18:15-20.**

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE:

Our builders finish this coming week thank God. We will spend the next couple of weeks setting up the offices and getting the place fitted out. Our official opening will be **Saturday 27th September** when the Archbishop of Dublin will come celebrate Mass at 7pm and then bless and officially open our new Parish Pastoral Centre. Unfortunately because of space we cannot have an open invitation for the official opening of the Pastoral Centre. It will be invite only and we will try to ensure that we have a cross section of our parish and representative off all our parish ministries, groups and committee's. Everybody is of course welcome to attend the 7pm Mass celebrated by the Archbishop. We intend to have an **open weekend** for everyone if they wish to see the new Centre on the weekend of **20th/21st September**. I would like to thank you all for your patience, support and cooperation during the building of the Pastoral Centre.



WHY PARABLES: The parables are related to the ordinary life of the people. But these portraits of real life are not an end in themselves. The most important thing about parables is that Jesus communicates to us, through them, a divine meaning in human affairs. In them he gives the events of life a new meaning. He gives us a new vision of everyday life. Jesus seldom explains his parables. Why? Parables do not give precise explanations or answers. They question us and invite us to question ourselves about life, about God. Sometimes Jesus ends a parable with these words: 'Let anyone with ears listen,' meaning, 'There you are. You've heard it. Now try to understand it.' He allows the people to discover the message. It is a vote of confidence in human beings. He thinks we have enough intelligence to discover from the things of life the meaning of the things of God. He does not spoon feed us. Instead of solving problems and supplying answers, Jesus puts problems and questions in the heads of others and forces them to think. They themselves, afterwards, by thinking, living and reflecting will discover the solutions to the problems Jesus has put in their heads. This is why speaking in parables is a very good way of teaching. It engages the audience more, teaching people to question themselves about the things that really matter, instead of giving people everything on a plate. Parables tease us into active though, encouraging us to make our own personal decisions with God's help. The parables are invitations therefore, waiting on our response in action. The parable is not effective until it is internally accepted and then put into action. The response of the hearer/reader completes the meaning of the parable. A parable is like a lamp we put in someone's hands. The person begins to examine it and see how it works, only to find that to give light it must be connected to an electric circuit. The parable reveals its full meaning and really begins to give light only when it is connected to the person of Christ, through a sincere conversion to him. Then the person begins to see clearly what the road is like. Thus the parables find their meaning in the person, example and teaching of Jesus himself.

ON-GOING CHURCH WORK: The rest of the benches have been prepared to make ready for the new distribution points for Holy Communion during Mass. This will begin shortly.