

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, please phone Fr. Martin's sister, Roline on 086 2350782.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME AT WESTMANSTOWN GAELS:

Westmanstown Gaels is open for membership again for 2008. Training takes place on Saturday mornings 10 am to 11.30 am. There is a nursery, suitable for 5/6 year olds, which takes place in indoor facilities. Training and matches for under 8's and upwards at GAA pitches in Westmanstown Gaels. Beginners welcome. Westmanstown Gaels Juvenile Club is open to everyone; membership of Westmanstown facilities or the Garda Siochana is not required. If you wish to come and view our training facilities, meet our coaches or attend matches, please contact Grace O'Boyle at 086 0582453 or e.mail secretary@westmanstowngaels.com.

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: pastoralcare@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

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

1. What did Jesus tell the disciples?
2. What did he mean when he said "When two of you meet together in my name then I will be there with you"?
3. Why do we get together and pray?
4. What way do you pray?
5. Why is prayer so important in our lives?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Having just finished one week back at school, choose someone from your class and from your home and say a little prayer for them everyday this week. Remember them each morning and ask God to look after them, to help them when they are finding something new hard to do and ask him to stay by their side to help them.



Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER 7TH SEPT, 2008
23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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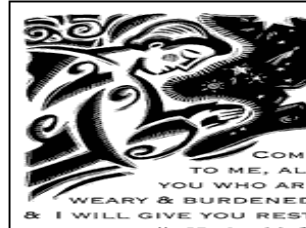
Parish Finance Committee: Chairperson Colm O'Neill

Parish Web Address: www.stmochtasparish.ie

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

ON FRATERNAL CORRECTION

Jesus says, 'Where two or three meet in my name, I will be there with them' - words we hear in today's Gospel. We are meeting in the Lord's name. Indeed, we are meeting at his command. Hence, we are confident that he is with us. Let us begin the Mass by making ourselves present to him.



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, Padraig Byrne.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Jack O'Leary (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Int. of Seminarians who are preparing for Priesthood
10.30 am Anne (Nancy) Lacey (1st Anniv.)
12.00 pm Fiona & Michael McCarthy (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: The Birthday of our Lady

10.00 am: Diarmuid Fitzgibbon R.I.P.

Tuesday: Sts. Ciaran & Peter Claver

10.00 am: Special Intentions

Wednesday:

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

Thursday:

10.00 am Intentions of the Parish

Friday: St. Ailbe

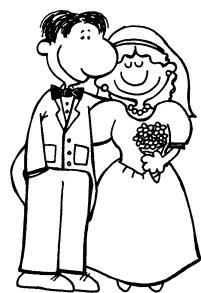
10.00 am

Saturday: St. John Chrysostom

10.00 am: Mass of Thanksgiving

24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Harry Cummins R.I.P. & Cummins Family
8.30 am: Intentions of the Sick of the Parish
10.30 am Int. for Increase in Vocations to Priesthood
12.00 pm John Rush (10th Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Brendan Aherne and Michelle Daly, Ross Murray and Emma Tracy, Peter Meehan and Grace Connellan and William Roe and Lorraine Tighe** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

WELCOMING SUNDAY:

This weekend we welcome all those who are to be baptised this coming month and introduce them to our community. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit. 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.

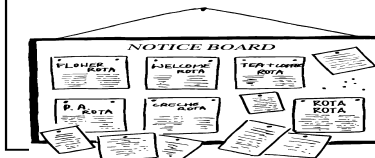
CONFESSION: the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

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

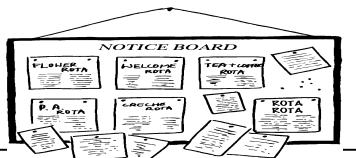
ESKER CEMETERY, LUCAN: Mass for the Dead will be celebrated this **Sunday, 7th September at 3.00 pm** in Esker Cemetery, Lucan (weather permitting).

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.

CLEANER SOUGHT FOR PARISH CENTRE: When up and running the new Centre will require the services of a cleaner. The person employed will be required to work 4 hours per week, 2 hours on Monday morning and 2 hours on Friday afternoon. If interested, please complete the Application form which is available in the Sacristy. Please returned the completed application form to the Sacristy or the Parish Office in the Centre.



PARISH NEWS



PARISH CENTRE UPDATE:

After a long wait we have finally moved into the Centre. A big thank you to everyone who turned up on Wednesday evening and lifted and carried; swept and washed until, bit by bit, the office was moved from the House to the new Centre. Our official opening will be **Saturday 27th September** when the Archbishop of Dublin will come and 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 of 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 co-operation during the building of the Pastoral Centre.



ON-GOING CHURCH WORK: This week the Confessional was removed and will be recycled to create a new Lectern for the Sanctuary and a new notice board for the wall at the back of the Church. All of the wood will be used in both items as well as creating better space at the back of the Church to cater for extra people. The new Lectern will have a shelf for holding our lectionary and will include a pull out step for Children to safely and comfortably read at our Liturgies. Plans include development of a Confessional for those who wish to privately receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

EVENING PRAYER BROADCASTS:

RTE will be broadcasting an edited version of the Evening Prayer with Brother Alois, the Prior of the Taize Ecumenical Monastic Community that took place on 25th April last at the Pro-Cathedral on: RTE One Television, Sunday 7th September at 10.00 am approx. The programme can also be viewed online at <http://www.rte.ie/live/> during transmission and will be archived afterwards at <http://www.rte.ie/tv/worship/>

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Harden not your heart

'O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.'

From a spiritual point of view, hardness of heart is one of the worst things that can happen to anyone. To adopt a hard-hearted attitude is to maim oneself.

A hard heart can't feel, can't respond, can't love.

A hard heart can't experience joy.

A hard heart is a closed heart.

A hard hear is a barren heart.

A soft heart, on the other hand, is a blessing.

A soft heart can receive and can respond.

It can be saddened but it can also be deliriously happy.

Softened by the rain of God's grace, and warmed by the sun of his love, the human heart can be turned from a desert into a garden.

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 18-21-35.**

PARISH CENTRE VOLUNTEERS: Our new Parish Centre is completed. We will need a number of volunteers who can give some time to helping run the Centre on Weekday 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 from the back of the church. 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.

