

## 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 on Monday, 22nd September 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 8205652 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 Síochána 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 email secretary@westmanstowngaels.com.

**HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING:** A coffee morning will be held in the Clonsilla Hall on Thursday 18th September from 11am to 1pm in aid of the St. Francis Hospice. We look forward to seeing you there.



**THE CARERS ASSOCIATION:** are running a support group meeting on Tuesday 16th September from 10.30am—12.30pm at Blanchardstown Carers Resource Centre, Main St. Blanchardstown. All family carers are welcome to attend. Phone Jacqueline or Michelle on 8119555

**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. Who was Jesus talking to in the darkness?
2. What was Jesus trying to explain to him?
3. Why is the Cross so important to us?
4. What do we show to the world when we bless ourselves?

**TASK FOR THE WEEK:** So how is school going for you. Hope you have settled into the new year. Our older students will be going back to college soon so do please say a prayer for them.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

# ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

**PARISH NEWSLETTER 14TH SEPT, 2008**  
**24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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**Parish Finance Committee:** Chairperson Colm O'Neill

**Parish Web Address:** [www.stmochtasparish.ie](http://www.stmochtasparish.ie)

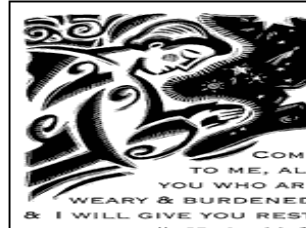
**Parish Office Hours :** Monday - Friday : 9.30am – 12.30pm

## THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS

Today we venerate the cross on which Jesus was lifted up and which has become the symbol of his victory over the power of evil. The instrument of humiliation, torture and death has become the instrument of our redemption.



*No pagaron los clavos los que soportaron a Jesús en la cruz, pero sí a la humanidad.*

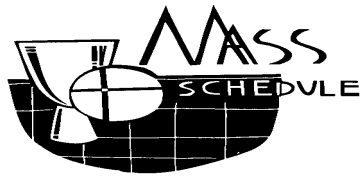


Please pray for those who are sick or housebound at this time:

**Irene Hoey, Sheila Doyle, Bridget Matthews, Bernie Byrne, Carol Meehan, Stuart O'Neill, Joe Reilly, Joan Allen, Baby Ailbhe, Pdraig Byrne.**

COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY & BURDENED, & I WILL GIVE YOU REST. MATTHEW 11:28

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### 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. of those returning to University/College  
12.00 pm John Rush (10th Anniv.)  
**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

#### Monday: Our Lady Of Sorrows

10.00 am: Kathleen Harford (Anniv.)

#### Tuesday: Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

10.00 am: Special Intention

#### Wednesday:

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

#### Thursday:

10.00 am Int. of Carol Meehan

#### Friday:

10.00 am Special Int.

#### Saturday:

10.00 am: Mass of Thanksgiving

### 25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: James Lynam (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Int. for Increase in Vocations to Priesthood  
10.30 am  
12.00 pm Sonny Laurence Lynam (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@stmochtasparrish.ie](mailto: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](http://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.

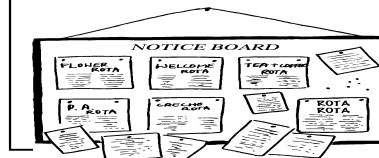
**HOSPITAL VISITATION:** If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** have their monthly church gate collection this coming weekend. The proceeds each month help the Conference in their work in helping disadvantaged families and individuals in the community. Last month's collection amounted to **£546** for which St. Mochta's Conference members are most grateful.

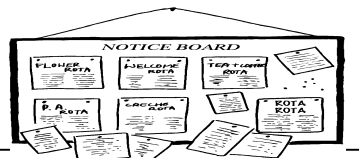
**NEW PARISH SACRISTAN:** As you know our sacristan of the last 22 years, Michael Harford, retired a few weeks ago. I am delighted to announce that our new sacristan will be **Mary Stacey**. I know you'll will give her a warm welcome. Joe Molloy & Gerard Martin will continue to help out on a Sunday.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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** takes place on **Tuesday 16th September at 8pm** in the house.

**CROSSCARE ANNUAL COLLECTION:** takes place **next weekend** and will replace the usual Share collection. Thank you for your support.



# PARISH NEWS



### PARISH CENTRE UPDATE:

After a long wait we have finally moved into the 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.

**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.



### 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.



### WEEKLY REFLECTION

#### Forgiveness

When we forgive we free ourselves  
of the burden of bitterness,  
And we free the other person  
of the burden of guilt.

But our forgiveness must come from the heart,  
which means it must be true, sincere, and warm.  
A cold forgiveness is not much use.

Forgiveness should start now.

Putting it off only deepens the wound,  
Prolongs bitterness, and postpones happiness.  
Life is short, time is fleeting.

Today is the day to forgive.

Lord, deliver us from the poison of bitterness,  
and give us the grace to forgive from the heart  
those who have offended us.

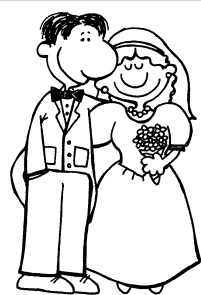
Then we will know the warmth  
of your forgiveness.

**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 20:1-16.**

### 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: [pastoralcare@stmochtasparrish.ie](mailto:pastoralcare@stmochtasparrish.ie) **There is a meeting for all those interested on Thursday 18th September at 8pm in the house.**

**ON-GOING CHURCH WORK:** The Confessional at the back of the Church has been removed to open up the back of the church to create more space and ease of movement. Individual Confession will now be celebrated in the sacristy. The wood from the confessional box is being used to make a new **lectern** to proclaim the Word of God. The work should be completed in the next couple of weeks.



**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Gary O'Meara and Natalie Ward, Desmond Molloy and Siobhan Barcoe and Jason O'Toole and Elaine O'Brien** 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 **Emma and Noah** 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.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** for all members of the committee this coming **Monday, 15th September at 8pm** in the Pastoral Centre. All are asked to attend.