

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 you for your support for 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.

HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING: We would like to sincerely thank everyone who so generously supported our recent coffee morning. A total of €530 was raised. A special thank you must go to our senior citizens who, true to form, continue to support us. Go raibh mile maith agaibh go leir!

TAX RELIEF ON DONATIONS: The tax relief claim to Revenue for donations received in 2007 has to be on its way shortly. The tax relief applies to total annual parishioner donations of €250 or more. The Parish Office has written to all those concerned and most have completed and returned the necessary claim form (CHY2) to the Parish Office. If you have not returned the form, please "dig it out" and send it back to the Parish Office in the coming week so that you can be included in the parish claim to Revenue.

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 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 return the completed application form to the Sacristy or the Parish Office in the Centre.

HOSPITAL HEALTH FAIR will be held on Wednesday, 24th September from 1 pm to 4 pm in the main reception area of Connolly hospital. Find out about healthy lifestyles, what we do and more! All welcome. See notice board for more information.



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

1. What did the man do agree to pay those working in his vineyard?
2. What did he do at the sixth and ninth hour?
3. Why were the workers upset?
4. Who do you think the owner of the vineyard is?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: The story in today's gospel is all about the fairness and justice of God. We are asked to go and do the same and try to be fair and just in all words we speak to others and actions with others. Ask Jesus to help you with this each day in your prayers.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 21ST SEPT. 2008 25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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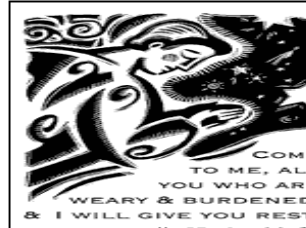
Parish Finance Committee: Chairperson Colm O'Neill

Parish Web Address: www.stmochtasparish.ie

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

THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

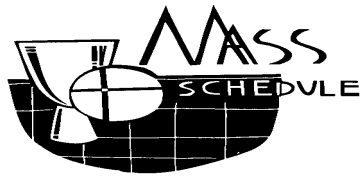
Which of us would like to be treated by God according to strict justice? Do we not all long for mercy rather than justice? We can't put God in our debt. But we don't need to either. God is generous to a degree that far outstrips human generosity. All we have to do is open our hearts to God's generosity. And having experience it, let it serve as a model for our dealings with others



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



25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: James Lynam (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Int. for Increase in Vocations to Priesthood
10.30 am Intentions of the Sick of the Parish
12.00 pm Sonny Laurence Lynam (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday:

10.00 am: Mary Lovely & Anne Hoyle (Anniv.)

Tuesday: St. Eunan

10.00 am: Paul Zenneck R.I.P.

Wednesday:

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

Thursday: St. Finbarr

10.00 am Intentions of the Joe Reilly

Friday: Sts. Cosmas & Damien

10.00 am Int. for Increase in Vocations to Priesthood

Saturday: St. Vincent de Paul

10.00 am: Special Intention

26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Richard Carroll (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Noel Martin (Anniv.)
10.30 am Rose Creaner (Anniv.)
12.00 pm Mary Reilly M/M
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 **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.

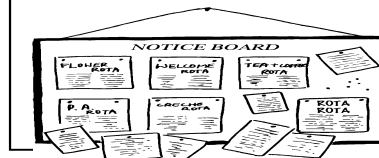
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

SERVICE OF WORD & COMMUNION: This past week Mary Eustace, Carmel Mulligan, Mary Skelly, Agnes Proudfoot and Orla Leonard were commissioned as ministers of Word & Communion for Wednesday mornings. May the Lord bless them in their new work for the parish.

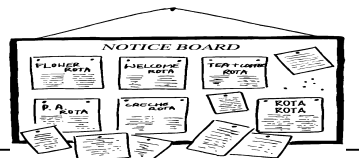
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: We had a great turn out (25) on Thursday night for all those interested in leading the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10.30am and 12 noon Masses. All will be commissioned in this new ministry at Sunday Mass in the new couple of weeks and the this new ministry for our children will begin shortly after.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING: A meeting for all altar servers this coming **Thursday at 5pm.** It is a meeting in preparation for the visit of the Archbishop next Saturday. It is important that all servers attend.

WYD SYDNEY THREE SPEAK: Maria, Patrick and James who travelled to Sydney for World Youth Day will speak at all our Masses this weekend.



PARISH NEWS



CROSSCARE ANNUAL COLLECTION:

Everyday and every night of the year Crosscare at a very practical level puts our faith into action and brings Christian love to those people who are vulnerable, most in need and socially isolated across the Archdiocese of Dublin. For over sixty five years Crosscare has been providing food and shelter, it has been helping young people and people with disabilities, emigrants, immigrants and the Travelling community as well as supporting the many carers in the diocese who dedicate their lives to caring for another. Crosscare aims to redress the harsh consequences of poverty and disadvantage. It aims to identify social exclusion, in its old and new expressions, and to lead those who are excluded into being once again people who can realise their God-given dignity to the fullest degree possible. Crosscare's action and programmes are shaped by the fact that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. This guides Crosscare to provide the highest standard of care and support to those who are most in need. There are still many people in our country who are struggling to cope in their daily lives and Crosscare is there for them, day after day. In the face of the uncertainties, the insecurities and the precariousness of their lives, those who need support can rely on Crosscare. takes place **this weekend** and will replace the usual Share collection. Thank you for your support.

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: After a long wait we have finally moved into the Centre. Our official opening will be **next 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. The centre is open this weekend **20th/21st September** after each Mass for anyone who wishes to view the centre. I would like to thank you all for your patience, support and co-operation during the building of the Pastoral Centre.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

'My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are my ways your ways.

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts,' says the Lord.

How small our thoughts can be, and how poor our ways of seeing and judging.

We thing miserly thoughts, and act in miserly ways.

Why?

Because we have small minds and small hearts.

Lord, open our minds and enlarge our hearts, so that we think more like you, and act more like you.

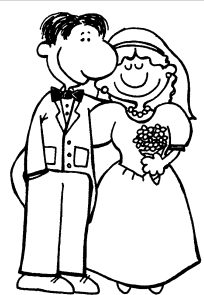
Let us not to begrudge your goodness to others, knowing that we too are undeserving of your favours, and stand more in need of your mercy than of your justice.

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 2:28-32.**

ON-GOING CHURCH WORK: The church will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week due to the floor of the sanctuary being sanded and relacquered. The fumes will be too strong to allow people in the church. **Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Centre on those days.** Fr. John apologises for any inconvenience caused and thanks you for your understanding and support of this essential work.

COME AND LEARN : the basic tenets of your faith. That's the invitation being made by the organisers of the Major Truths course which will be held in Our Lady Mother of the Church Parish Centre, Beechpark Lawn, Castleknock. The course will run every Wednesday morning at 11 am for 24 weeks commencing on the 8th October. It is based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church and will help people build a basic framework for their faith. For information, please contact John at 01 2889317

RETURN OF THE KERRYMAN: Delighted to announce that **Fr. Flor** return this weekend to give Kerry their usual September blessing!!! He will celebrate the 8.30am Mass. Good to have him back with us again.



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Derek Moore and Suzanne Reid, Derek Barron and Audrey Kerin, John McKeag and Avril McKeown and Brian Eivers and Judy Murphy** 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 **Steven, Killian and Katie** 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.

