

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

FR. MARTIN'S CHARITY GOLF DAY:

On behalf of my brother Martin, I want to thank the people of St. Mochta's Parish, for their wonderful support towards the Fundraising event on Monday, 22nd September. It was a great success and to date it has brought in **€15,000.00**. This result is more than I expected, given the 6 weeks we had to get it up and running. This money will go a long way in helping with Martin's Projects. I know Martin will be so grateful. He loved St. Mochta's and always said the people were wonderful. I got to experience that for myself over the past weeks. Thank you very much. Rolive.

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.

FOLK CHOIR NEED MALE SINGERS

The Folk Choir (who sing every second Sunday at the 12 o'clock mass) are presently looking for a few extra male singers. If you are interested in joining us please see us after mass or call Joan on 087 6262008.

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.

ARTHRITIS IRELAND: National Arthritis Week from 6th to 17th October, 2008. Join in the fun in support of young people with arthritis. For more information, please contact Caroline on 01 6618188 or email fundraising@arthritisisireland.ie or go online to www.arthritisisireland.ie to register. For more information, please see notice board at the back of the church.

PHOENIX TARA TOASTMASTERS public speaking club meets in **Dunboyne Castle Hotel**, Dunboyne, Co. Meath **every 2nd and 4th Monday** of the month. Next meeting **Monday, 6th October**. Adult visitors are welcome and there is no charge. For up-to-date information please check out our website www.phoenix-tara-toastmasters.com.



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

1. What were the two sons asked to do by their father?
2. What did the first son say?
3. What did the second son say?
4. Which son did the right thing?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: We will beginning our 1st Communion and Confirmation preparation soon. This year will be an important year for them and their families. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this special journey.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER 28TH SEPT. 2008 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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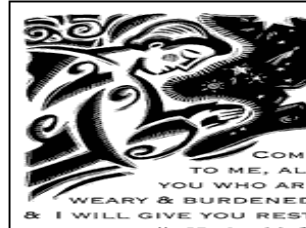
Parish Finance Committee: Chairperson Colm O'Neill

Parish Web Address: www.stmochtasparish.ie

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

THE TWO SONS

The parable of the two sons was addressed to the chief priests and elders of the people. Its purpose was to defend Jesus' invitation of sinners and outcasts to the Kingdom, in the face of the sneers of the religious establishment. The parable teaches us that promises can never take the place of performance, and fine words can never be a substitute for fine deeds.



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

Irene Hoey, Sheila Doyle, Bridget Matthews, Bernie Byrne, Carol Meehan, Joe Reilly, Joan Allen, Baby Ailbhe, Pdraig Byrne.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



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

Monday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

10.00 am:

Tuesday: St. Jerome

10.00 am: Alice O'Connell (Anniv.)

Wednesday: St. Teresa

10.00 am :

Thursday: The Guardian Angels

10.00 am

Friday: Altar List of the Dead

10.00 am

Saturday: St. Francis of Assisi

10.00 am: Sean Donnelly (Anniv.)

27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Intentions of the Parish
8.30 am: Intentions of the Sick of the Parish
10.30 am: Mass of Thanksgiving
12.00 pm
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@stmochtasparish.ie **Our parish office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.**

PARISH WEBSITE: The address for our new site is: www.stmochtasparish.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.

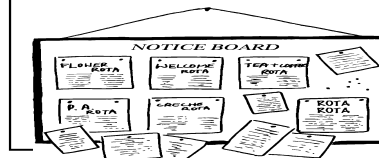
CONFESSION: the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

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

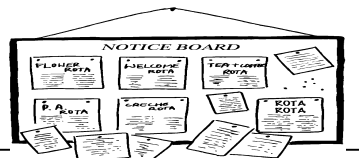
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: All new members of the Children's Liturgy Group will be commissioned after the 10.30 am and 12 noon Masses on Sunday 5th October, 2008.

1st FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: This coming Friday is the 1st Friday of the month. Mass will be offered in the morning for all those whose names appear on the Altar List of the Dead.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENTS: Our church has had some interior changes over the past couple of weeks. The floor of the sanctuary has been sanded and relacquered bringing it back to its former glory. Also a new carpet has been laid in the sanctuary. The new noticeboard has been made and mounted on the wall to give more floor space at the back of the church. The baptismal font has been relocated to the center of the church to give greater emphasis to the importance of the sacrament of baptism throughout our whole life. Space has also been created in the center of the church for the distribution of communion which will assist in the movement of the congregation during our Liturgical celebrations.



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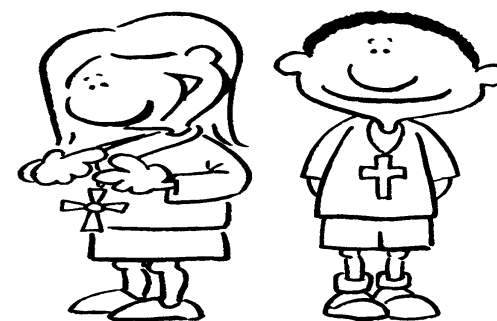


OPENING OF THE PARISH CENTRE:

Our new Parish Centre will be opened officially this weekend by His Grace Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. It has been a long road for the dream to come to a reality. Many, many people have been involved through the years since this project was first muted and it has come to fruition through the vision, time and energy of all involved. A special thank you to our architect Kieran Fitzgerald of DGI Architects for designing a beautiful and efficient building and to our builder Eugene Garrihy of Castleknock Construction for building us a Centre to such a high standard of workmanship. None of this would have been possible without our many generous benefactors, the parish is indebted to you for your kindness and generosity. Thank you also to our Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee for their tireless work behind the scenes. I would also like to say thank you to all those volunteers who worked so hard to get the Centre ready over the last couple of weeks. Our Pastoral Centre offers our parish a new beginning in so many ways. It offers a wonderful opportunity now for our parish community to meet, learn and grow in the faith. It is up to each of us to seize this new beginning and the opportunities it offers for our parish.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS PREPARATION MEETING:

A meeting for parents of 2nd Class Children, who will be preparing to receive First Holy Communion, will take place in **St. Mochta's Parish Centre** on **Tuesday, 7th October, 2008 at 8 pm**. Parents are requested to present a Baptismal Certificate for your child prior to this meeting. Please return the Baptismal Certificate to your child's teacher as soon as possible. The Enrolment ceremony for children for First Holy Communion will take place in the Church for **St. Mochta's N.S.** on **Tuesday, 14th October at 8 pm** and for **St. Patrick's N.S.** on **Thursday, 16th October at 8 pm**.



WEEKLY REFLECTION

A father had three sons.
One day he said to them,
'Go and work in the vineyard today.'
The first said, 'Sure, Dad.' But he didn't go.
The second said, 'I won't go.'
However, later in the day he changed his mind and went grudgingly.
The third said, 'Sure, Dad.'
And he went immediately and willingly.
Which of the sons will feel closest to the father at the end of the day?
The third, of course.
The more we do the will of God out of love, the more we will appreciate his love for us.
Lord, save us from the darkness of broken promises, and help us to walk in the light of faithfulness.

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 21:33-43**

MEDICAL MISSIONARIES OF MARY would like to convey to all parishioners their thanks and gratitude for the welcome they received in the Parish. They would also like to thank you for the generous amount of **€2,180** raised which will go towards their missionary 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.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS: There is a meeting this coming **Wednesday 1st October** for all those who have volunteered to work in our new Pastoral Centre. For those who have volunteered to work Sundays, the meeting is at 7.30pm; for those who have volunteered to work in the Centre on weekdays, the meeting is at 8.30pm. Thank you again for offering the parish your time and skills, it is greatly appreciated.

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Frank Smyth and Nicola O'Gorman, John Dunphy and Sandra Murphy** and **Cormac Hayes and Janice Denny** 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 **Eva, Brody, Cillian 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.

