

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

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.

PUB QUIZ: St. Mochta's N.S. are holding their annual Pub Quiz this **Thursday, 16th October** at **8.30 pm** in the **Clonsilla Inn**. This was great fun when we last held it raising some much needed funds in the process. It's a great social event and a chance to catch up with other parents other than at the school gates! **BIG** cash prizes and raffle with amazing spot prizes. So bring your friends, family and neighbours along for a great night of entertainment while you support your school.

TWILIGHT RETREAT: Catholic Youth Care have established a new office for Youth Evangelisation. The aim of the new office is to involve, inspire and invite as many young people into the greater level of involvement in their faith. The first phase of this new vision is to invite young adults to attend a diocesan **Twilight Retreat** next **Saturday, 18th October** from **4 pm-7 pm** in **St. Paul's Church, Smithfield**. This event will be attended by young people who travelled to Australia for World Youth Day. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. John after mass or Mary GreeneByrne at 01 8213218 or pastoral-care@stmochtasparish.ie

PASTORAL CENTRE OPEN: Our new Centre is in full swing from this Monday. It will be open from **9.30am—12.30pm** and **from 7pm—10pm Monday to Friday**. Use of the Centre will be restricted to Parish Groups only until the New Year as this will give us an opportunity to get ourselves organised and work out all the teething problems. I would like to say a big thank you to our team of volunteers who will man the Centre during the week and on Sunday mornings. To say thank you also to our newly formed Parish Centre Management Committee for all their time and energy. It is an exciting time for the parish as the Centre will provide many new beginnings for the parish please God.

FANCY A CUPPA: If you fancy a cup of tea or coffee after Mass to recover from Fr. John's sermon the Centre will provide the above after week-day Mass and 12 Mass on a Sunday Morning starting from this week. It will be a great way to meet people and build community. We are looking for volunteers to be able to provide the same after the 10.30am & 7pm Mass too. So don't be shy the more hands the better.

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.

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 please see us after mass or call Joan on 087 6262008.



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

1. Who was having the wedding feast?
2. Why did those invited not come?
3. How did they get people to come to the wedding?
4. What happen to the man who was not wearing the right clothes?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Today's Gospel is all about God's wedding feast, God's Kingdom in heaven. All of us are invited to this wedding, but it is up to each one of us to be worthy and ready for the wedding. So this week lets try and prepare ourselves by being good followers of the Jesus Christ.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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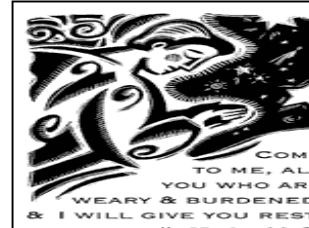
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Parish Office Hours : Monday - Friday : 9.30am – 12.30pm

THE WEDDING BANQUET

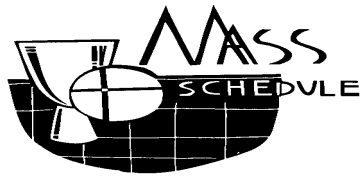
What is a banquet? The banquet stands for the fullness of life to which God is calling us. It is a call to intimacy with God, and to a deeper and more authentic personal life. But it is also a call to community with others. The invitation challenges us to abandon our isolationism, our exclusivism, our self-sufficiency, and to be willing so share with others, to associate with others, and to collaborate with others And, of course, in the final analysis, it is a call to eternal life in the hereafter.



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

Irene Hoey, Bridget Matthews, Bernie Byrne, Joan Allen, Padraig Byrne.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Harry O'Reilly (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Kathleen Wills (Anniv.)
10.30 am Intentions of the Parish
12.00 pm Gerry, Margaret & Gerry Jnr McCauley (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: St. Edward the Confessor

10.00 am: Special Intention

Tuesday: St. Callistus

10.00 am: Margaret Kinsella (Anniv.)

Wednesday: St. Teresa of Avila

10.00 am : Service of Word & Communion

Thursday: Sts. Gall, Hedwig & Margaret Mary

10.00 am Int. of the Sick of the Parish

Friday: St. Ignatius of Antioch

10.00 am Int. of Fr. Martin Murnaghan

Saturday: St. Luke, Evangelist

10.00 am: Mass of Thanksgiving

29TH SUNDAY - MISSION SUNDAY

7.00 pm:
8.30 am:
10.30 am
12.00 pm
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Lucy, Laura, Ailbhe and Fallon** 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.

MISSION SUNDAY: Next week marks the annual worldwide Catholic celebration of Mission Sunday. Our prayers and donations on Mission Sunday help to support missionaries and those they reach out to in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Our support allows Catholic communities throughout the world to become self-sufficient and progress according to their own needs and traditions. A special collection will be taken up next Sunday in aid of our brothers and sisters currently on mission allowing them to continue their difficult but vital work reflecting the theme for Mission Sunday 2008: **“Go and Tell”**

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.

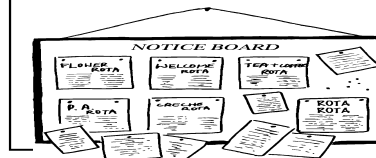
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

CARMEL BALFE RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carmel who died last Sunday and who was laid to rest in Mulhuddart Cemetery on Wednesday after the celebration of Requiem Mass. We offer our sympathy to her brothers Billy, Paddy, Jack and to her fiancée Pat White. May she rest in peace.

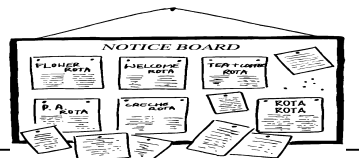
JOE REILLY RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joe who died on Wednesday after a long illness and who was laid to rest in Ruske cemetery on Friday after the celebration of Requiem Mass. We offer our sympathy to his wife Joan and all of the family. May he rest in peace.

LECTIO DIVINA: The next course for Readers on Lectio Divina (over 5 Mondays) will begin on **Monday, 10th November at 7.15 pm** in **St. Paul's Church, Smithfield**. For more information, please see the notice board at the back of the church.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a meeting on Monday night at 8.00 pm in the Parish Centre. All members are asked to attend.



PARISH NEWS



ENROLMENT CEREMONY:

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 7 pm and for St. Patrick's N.S. on Thursday, 16th October at 7 pm. **Only those children who have presented a valid baptismal certificate will be accepted for enrolment in the First Communion Preparation Programme.**



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The Children's Liturgy will be for children who have started school (Junior Infants) up to 2nd class will commence this weekend and will take place at the 10.30 am and 12.00 noon masses. It is an exciting new beginning for our children and I hope parents will encourage their children to participate. We will also be involving our Confirmation candidates each week to assist our leaders. If you would like to help out please contact Mary Greene-Byrne 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

REMEMBERING SOULS IN NOV.:

November has traditionally been a time to remember loved ones who have died. If you would like to have your loved ones prayed for during the month and on the First Friday of each month through the year **please take one of the lists and envelopes at the back of the church.**

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES: St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock will hold their Ecumenical Blessing of the Graves on Sunday, **2nd November at 3.00 pm**. All Welcome. Disabled / elderly parking only at the Church. All others please park in the grounds of Castleknock N.S. opposite.

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 **€953** for which St. Mochta's Conference members are most grateful.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

God's call comes to us in many ways and at many different levels. However, his call is not so much a voice as a tug at our hearts, which we feel at quiet and reflective moments in our lives. He is calling us to a deeper and more authentic life.

He is calling us into intimacy with himself. He is calling us into community with others. And at death he will call us into eternal life.

To accept means to admit our need. Jesus said, 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will go hungry. But blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.'

A sense of something missing in our lives is not a curse but a blessing. A spiritual hunger

is God's way of inviting us to his banquet.

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 22:15-21.**

ST. MOCHTA'S WAY: Donate a brick and be part of the heritage of our Parish. To commemorate our new Parish Centre and to build the heritage of our parish, St. Mochta's Way has been created so that you can make history for your family in the future. Everyone can participate by having a personalised engraved brick placed in St. Mochta's Way. You can order a single brick with up to two lines of lettering or a double brick with up to four lines. The bricks, available in gold lettering, are professionally engraved and hand painted with a long lasting gold infill. You could donate a brick with your family name or for any occasion, e.g. Birth, Christening, Birthday, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Graduation, Engagement, Wedding, Family Remembrance or any special personal or family occasion. Each brick comes with its own unique 'Certificate of Authenticity' that you can frame or present as a gift. **If you would like more information about the scheme, pick up a brochure in the church, at the Parish Centre or you can download an order form, on our website. Take a look at 'St. Mochta's Way' at www.stmochtasparish.ie.**