

## 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.

**QUIZ-ZA-THON:** Are you a Quiz Whizz? If so, sign up to **host a Quiz-ZA-Thon** during the month of **November, 2008** and help raise funds for **The National Children's Hospital, Tallaght**. We will send you out everything you need to run your very own Quiz-ZA-Thon including quiz questions, answer sheets, posters, balloons, a quizmasters t-shirt and more. You can sign up today by calling 01 4142375, or email [quiz@thenationalchildrenshospital.ie](mailto:quiz@thenationalchildrenshospital.ie)

**PIETA HOUSE—NIGHT OUT:** Centre for the prevention of self-harm and suicide at **Wright's Anglers Rest** on **Friday, 24th October, 2008 at 8.00 pm**. 3 Course Dinner including wine. Tickets €50. The entire proceeds go to Pieta House compliments of Wrights. For more information, please telephone Breda Hague on 086 2210318 or Marian Regan on 087 2958363. Thank you.

**NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL:** It was finally announced this week that the Porters-town/Clonsilla area will have a new VEC School for Sept. 09. It will be called Luttrells-town Community College. A big thanks to all who worked on the project and lobbied over the years to make this new school a reality. A special thanks has to go to **Ciaran O'Neill** for his untiring and selfless work on this project. A huge debt is owed to him by all of the community.

**SHARING IS CARING:** The old man placed order for one hamburger, French fries and a drink. He unwrapped the plain hamburger and carefully cut it in half, placing one half in front of his wife. He then carefully counted out the French fries, dividing them into two piles and neatly placed one pile in front of his wife. He took a sip of the drink, his wife took a sip and then set the cup down between them. As he began to eat his few bites of hamburger, the people around them were looking over and whispering. Obviously they were thinking, 'That poor old couple - all they can afford is one meal for the two of them.' As the man began to eat his fries a young man came to the table and politely offered to buy another meal for the old couple. The old man said, they were just fine - they were used to sharing everything. People closer to the table noticed the little old lady hadn't eaten a bite. She sat there watching her husband eat and occasionally taking turns sipping the drink. Again, the young man came over and begged them to let him buy another meal for them. This time the old woman said 'No, thank you, we are used to sharing everything.' Finally, as the old man finished and was wiping his face neatly with the napkin, the young man again came over to the little old lady who had yet to eat a single bite of food and asked 'What is it you are waiting for?' She answered **'THE TEETH.'**



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

1. What special Sunday are we celebrating today?
2. Do you know anyone who works on the missions?
3. What kind of work do they do?
4. How can you be a missionary for God?

**TASK FOR THE WEEK:** This Sunday is Mission Sunday throughout the whole world. We pray especially for Fr. Martin who is working in Kenya spreading God's Word. But all of us are called to be missionaries for God, bringing His word to others.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

# ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER 19TH OCTOBER 2008**  
**29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

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**Parish Pastoral Committee:** Chairperson George McLellan

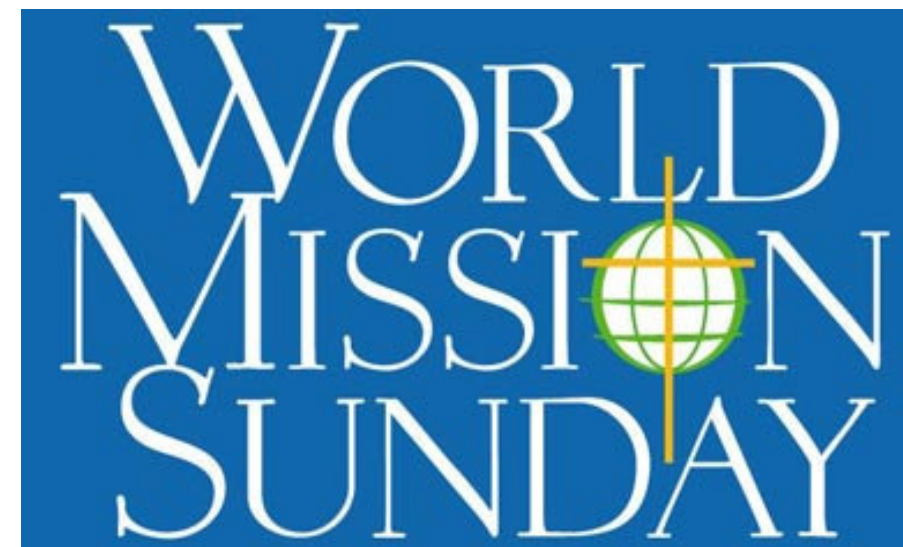
**Parish Finance Committee:** Chairperson Colm O'Neill

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

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

### MISSION SUNDAY:

This 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 this 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"**



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

**Irene Hoey, Bridget Matthews, Bernie Byrne, Joan Allen, Pdraig Byrne.**

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### 29TH SUNDAY - MISSION SUNDAY

7.00 pm: Mary Collins (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Int. of Missionaries  
10.30 am Carol Meehan RIP  
12.00 pm Jimmy Watters (Anniv.)  
**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

#### Monday:

10.00 am: Special Intention

#### Tuesday:

10.00 am: Int. of the Sick of the Parish

#### Wednesday:

10.00 am : Service of Word & Communion

#### Thursday: St. John Capistrano

10.00 am Joan McInerney (Anniv.)

#### Friday: St. Anthony Claret

10.00 am Mass of Thanksgiving

#### Saturday:

10.00 am: Des Cummins (Anniv.)

### 30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm:  
8.30 am:  
10.30 am Violet & Patrick Molloy (Anniv.)  
12.00 pm  
**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

**NEW CHRISTIANS:** We welcome **Joe, Caoimhe, Tara and Brendan** who join our community through the waters of baptism this week-end. 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.



**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Declan O'Reilly and Elizabeth Dunne** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** There will be a meeting on Monday night, 20th October at 8.00 pm in the Parish Centre. All members are asked to attend.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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.

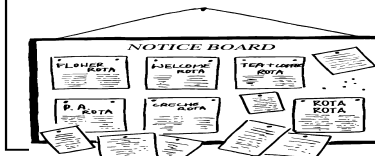
**CONFESSION:** the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

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

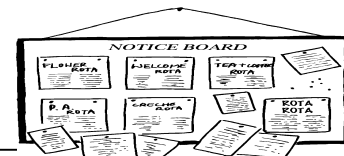
**FRANK McKEOWN RIP (Lambourn):** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frank who died this week after a long illness. We offer our sympathy to his wife Peggy and their two children Sean and Pau. Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of Frank's soul on Saturday. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**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.



# PARISH NEWS



## POPE'S MESSAGE FOR MISSION SUNDAY:

On the occasion of the World Mission Day, I would like to invite you to reflect on the continuing urgency to proclaim the Gospel also in our times. The missionary mandate continues to be an absolute priority for all baptized persons who are called to be "servants and apostles of Christ Jesus" at the beginning of this millennium. St Paul had understood well that only in Christ can humanity find redemption and hope. Therefore, he perceived that the mission was pressing and urgent to proclaim "the promise of life in Christ Jesus", "our hope", so that all peoples could be co-heirs and co-partners in the promise through the Gospel. He was aware that without Christ humanity is "without hope and without God in the world" - "without hope because they were without God". In fact, "anyone who does not know God, even though he may entertain all kinds of hopes, is ultimately without hope, without the great hope that sustains the whole of life. So it is God, who is Love, who leads the Church towards the frontiers of humanity and calls the evangelizers to drink "from the original source, which is Jesus Christ, from whose pierced heart flows the love of God". Only from this source can care, tenderness, compassion, hospitality, availability and interest in people's problems be drawn, as well as the other virtues necessary for the messengers of the Gospel to leave everything and dedicate themselves completely and unconditionally to spreading the perfume of Christ's charity around the world. No reason can justify its slackening or stagnation because "the task of evangelizing all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church". Lastly, may prayer be intensified ever more in the Christian people, the essential spiritual means for spreading among all peoples the light of Christ, the "light par excellence" that illuminates "the darkness of history". As I entrust to the Lord the apostolic work of the missionaries, the Churches all over the world and the faithful involved in various missionary activities and invoke the intercession of the Apostle Paul and Holy Mary, "the living Ark of the Covenant", the Star of evangelization and hope, I impart my Apostolic Blessing to everyone.

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** There will be an opportunity to receive God's forgiveness and healing after each of the Sunday Masses this weekend.

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

Who can separate his faith from his actions, or his belief from his occupations?

Who can spread his hours before him, saying:

'This for God and this for myself;  
this for my soul and this other for my body?'

He who wears his morality but as his best garment were better naked.

Your daily life is your temple and your religion. Whenever you enter into it take with you your all,

take the plough and the forge  
and the mallet and the lute,  
the things you have fashioned  
in necessity or for delight.

And take with you all men,

And if you would know God ... look about you.

And you will see him playing with your children.

**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 22:34-40.**

**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](http://www.stmochtasparish.ie). **The 1st order of bricks for St. Mochtas Way will take place in November. 1st 250 applications will be accepted.**