

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

MOCHTA'S ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC:

This year our Parish **Pro-am** will be held on **Thursday 10th April** in the magnificent Luttrellstown Castle Golf & Country Club. There will be two "Shot-Gun" starts. The first in the morning at 9 am for teams of four players. The second "Shot-Gun" start will be at 2 p.m. this will be a **Pro-am**. The **Pro-am** offers you the opportunity to play with some of Ireland's leading professional golfers. **"TRINITY" HOLE-IN-ONE:** The chance to win a new Mercedes Car, a Luxury Cruise, family membership in Luttrellstown Golf Club for a year are just some of the exciting elements of the day. We have just four slots left for the afternoon.

VARIETY OF WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR DAY

A. Enter a Team of three to play in the Pro-Am. Shotgun Start at 2pm **€1,500(Includes Dinner)** **B. Sponsor a T- Box** or a **Golf Hole on the Day €250** **C. Make a donation** to St. Mochta's Parish Golf Classic. For more details see Fr. John or ring the Parish Office.

PARISH WEBSITE LAUNCH: As you know St. Mochta was a disciple of St. Patrick. So it seemed fitting that we should launch our new parish website this weekend. The website contains the various aspects of parish life and will be updated on a weekly basis. The address is: www.stmochtasparish.ie

LOUGH DERG SEASON BEGINS : The famous pilgrimage site will open its doors again on 1st June. St. Oliver Plunkett's Pilgrimage's run a number of trips to the holy island throughout the summer. You'll see listed the dates and all relevant information on the notice board at the back of the church. So if you want to spend a weekend in prayer, with little sleep, no shoes, no food etc this is the place for you!!!

THE LOCKED CAR DOOR: A woman was at work when she received a phone call that her daughter was very sick with a fever. She left her work and stopped by the pharmacy to get some medication. She got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys in the car. She didn't know what to do, so she called home and told the baby sitter what had happened. The baby sitter told her that her the fever was getting worse. She said, "You might find a coat hanger and use that to open the door." The woman looked around and found an old rusty coat hanger that had been thrown down on the ground, possibly by someone else who at some time or other had locked their keys in their car. Then she looked at the hanger and said, "I don't know how to use this." So she bowed her head and asked God to send her some help. Within five minutes an old rusty car pulled up, with a dirty, greasy, bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag on his head. The woman thought, "This is what you sent to help me?" But, she was desperate, so she was also very thankful. The man got out of his car and asked her if he could help. She said, "Yes, my daughter is very sick. I stopped to get her some medication and I locked my keys in my car. I must get home to her. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?" He said, "Sure". He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was opened. She hugged the man and through her tears she said, "Thank You So Much! You are a very nice man." The man replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison today. I was in prison for car theft and have only been out for about an hour." The woman hugged the man again and with sobbing tears cried out loud, "Oh, Thank you God! You even sent me a Professional!"



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

1. Why did Thomas not believe?
2. What did he say he must do?
3. Why did he come to believe?
4. What did Jesus say to him?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Well, I hope you enjoyed the Easter holidays wherever you spent them. It back to school now and it will be a special time for a lot of our boys and girls. We have about 150 boys & girls making their 1st Holy Communion in May and about 55 being confirmed by the bishop at the end of May. Please do keep them in your prayers over the next couple of weeks.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER 30th MARCH, 2008

2nd SUNDAY EASTER

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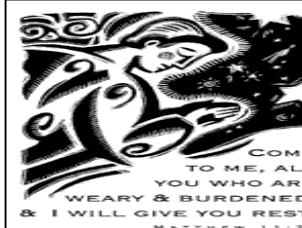
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Parish Office Hours : Monday - Friday : 9.30am – 12.30pm

In today's Gospel we meet Doubting Thomas. Each of us has something in common with Doubting Thomas, because at times we too are troubled by doubts. Instead of denying our doubts, let us bring them to the Lord.



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

Irene Hoey, Baby Naoise, Sheila Doyle, Deirdre Hetherington, Bridget Matthews, Harry Silcock.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: Charlie Hynes (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Int. of the Parish
10.30 am: Paddy Callaghan M/M
12.00 pm: John Kelly (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday The Annunciation of the Lord

10.00 am: Tom & Rosaleen McCallion

Tuesday

10.00 am: Christopher O'Riordan

Wednesday

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

Thursday

10.00 am Int. of Marie McArdle (ill)

Friday 1st Friday of the Month

10.00 am: Altar List of the Dead

Saturday:

10.00 am: Patrick Collins (Anniv.)

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: John Mullins (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Int. of the Parish
10.30 am: Patrick & Bridget McNamara (Anniv.)
12.00 pm: Fred McGonigle (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

EASTER THANKS: Fr. John & Fr. Flor would like to say a big thank you to all who have been involved in the preparations and celebrations of the Easter Liturgies. Firstly, to say thank you to Mary, our parish pastoral worker, our Sacristans Michael and Joe for all their hard work behind the scenes. To our 3 choirs for the wonderful music throughout the week. I know there where a lot of nights spent practising in a cold church and school. Thank you for really brightening our celebrations. To my hard working altar servers, our Eucharistic ministers and ministers of the Word, especially Ellen and Gerry for coordinating both groups. I'd also like to say thank you to the Confirmation candidates and other children for their presentation of the Stations of the Cross which was organised by the Family Mass Group. Also to all those who have our church looking so beautiful this Easter, thank you. If I have forgotten anyone one or group, thank you to you also!!! **Have a great Easter.**

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 Michael after Mass. Thank you.

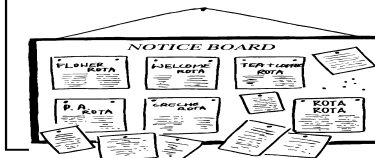
CONFESSION: the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

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

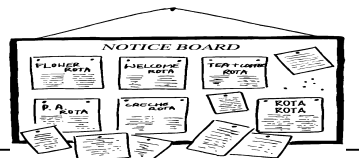
EILEEN DALY RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen who died during the week after a short illness. Eileen was laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery, Clonsilla We offer our sympathy to her son Michael and all of her family. May she rest in peace. Amen.

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH AGM: We will hold an annual general meeting for all parishioners for the first time on **Monday 14th April**. It will be chaired by the head of our Parish Pastoral Council and will give you an opportunity to meet all the members of the council. A financial report of the parish will be given by the chair of the Finance Committee. This meeting is open to all parishioners and will be held in the church at 8pm.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR: We are looking for someone who would be willing to look after the Children's Choir from Easter onwards? The Children's Choir sing every second Sunday at the 12o'clock Mass and they are a great group of children and very easy to work with. Please contact Fr. John after Sunday Mass.



PARISH NEWS



FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: is celebrated this coming Friday. Mass in the morning will be offered for all those whose names appear on the Altar List of the Dead. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction after evening Mass. There will be **NO** evening Mass or exposition on the 1st Friday.

DOUBTING THOMAS: Thomas is a doubter, the doubter—the doubter's patron saint. His name comes conjoined, hip to bone with that unshakable epithet: *Doubting Thomas*. And who can fault Thomas for his own refusal? After all, though Jesus had foretold his resurrection, look who attests to it: "the other disciples." That means the likes of Peter, James, John. Thomas has seen too much fickleness in those men. Peter? He's an unstable mix of headlong rashness and fleet-footed cowardice. He dashes into things, then thrashes his way out of them. He's the one who says yes and means no. James, John? They're filled with hot-tempered brashness—wanting to call down fire on hapless Samaritan villages—and petty rivalry, spitting over who gets to sit next to Jesus in heaven. Here are Peter, James, John, words tumbling out, jumbled up, in a breathless welter of half-baked testimony: *Jesus is alive! Alive! We've seen him ourselves!* Thomas was a true skeptic. He doubted, not to excuse his unbelief, but to establish robust belief. He doubted so that his belief might be based on something more than rumour and wishful thinking. But doubt has its limits. It can be faith's tonic, a cleansing and invigorating force. But doubt can quickly turn corrosive or cancerous. It can become a way of holding God for ransom. Our lives can degenerate into a fruitless and futile round of "Unless I see, unless I touch, unless I have the experience, I will not believe." Indulged too long, doubt becomes just a game. Doubt, when honest, should set us on a quest for that which is true, real, that for which we can give not only our intellectual assent but, even more, that to which we can entrust our very lives. Thomas's doubt led to this place. Jesus shows his wounds to Thomas, tells Thomas to see, to touch. He sees, but he doesn't touch. He knows when enough is enough. And here is the real sign that Thomas is not some poseur, some mere academic trend-chaser: his seeing gives way, not just to belief, but to worship: "My Lord and my God!"

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Some people think that if you have enough faith life will be plain sailing for you.

But this is not so.

The fact that we can swim doesn't prevent us from being knocked about the waves.

In the same way faith doesn't shield us from the hard knocks of life or death.

What, then, does faith do?

It gives us bearings and thus enables us to live in a topsy-turvy world without giving in to despair.

Just as swimmers trust that if they don't panic, and if they do a few simple things,

then the power of the sea will uphold them, so believers entrust their lives to a power

greater than themselves,

a power great than us all.

This power is the power of God, who brought his Son, Jesus, back from the dead.

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 Lk 24:13-35.**

TROCAIRE BOXES: If you took a box from the church for use in your home over Lent please do return them to the sacristy over the next couple of weeks. We will count the money and forward it to Trocaire. Alternatively, you can forward your donation to them directly. Thank you.



WEDDING BELLS:

Congratulations to **David Harrop & Fionnuala McDaniel and Stephen Ashe & Fiona Mahon** who were married this past week. We pray that the Lord will continue to enrich and deepen their love for each other in the years ahead.

NEW MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH: We welcome **Oliver, Christian, Finn and Oliver** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit. Those enquiring about baptism should see Fr. John after Sunday Mass. Thank you.

