

# 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.

### 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. Enter a team of four in the morning classic.**

Shotgun Start at 9am **€700** ....

(Includes Lunch)

**C. Sponsor a T- Box or a Golf Hole on the Day**

**€250** ....

**D. Make a donation to St. Mochta's Parish Golf**

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**Closing Date for entries 10th March**

For further enquiries contact:

Fr. John Daly: 01 8213218; Eileen Ring: 086 8041342;

Rita Tighe 087 2868065

All cheques made payable to:

St. Mochta's Parish Golf Classic

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

We will have a parish journey to Lourdes leaving on Saturday 26th July for five days. The pilgrimage will be led by Fr. John. The cost is **€669**. A deposit of €200 is required by mid February. For more details please see the notice board at the back of the Church or contact Joan Cahill on 087-6262008 or Paul on 086 3275409.

**PARISH CENTER UPDATE:** The work on the Centre is flying along at the moment. All the interior wall have been completed. The plumbing for the heating is being laid at the moment. The roof will go on in the next two weeks followed by the tiling and windows. So we should have a sealed building within the next month. A new entrance is being constructed at the moment which will allow for easier and safer access. It will also enable cars to enter and exit at the same time. Watch this space for further updates.



**CASTLEKNOCK GAA CLUB:** We will an open meeting on **Monday 24th Feb.** 8pm in the Castleknock Hotel on the development of their new grounds and facilities on Somerton Road. All are welcome to attend.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

# ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown, Clonsilla, Dublin 15

**PARISH NEWSLETTER 17th FEBRUARY, 2008**

**2nd SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

**Secretary:** June Phelan Tel: 8213218

**Sacramental Co-ordinator & Faith Development:** Mary GreeneByrne

**Parish Pastoral Committee:** Chairperson George McLellan

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

**Catholic Schools serving our Parish:**

**St. Mochta's:** Mr. Terence Allen

**St. Patrick's:** Mr. Pairic Clerkin

**St. Choilm :** Mrs. Treasa Lowe

**Castleknock Community College:** Mr. Tom O'Brien



## THE TRANSFIGURATION

Each year on the second Sunday of Lent  
the Church puts before us  
the transfiguration of Jesus.  
His face shone and his clothes  
became dazzlingly white.

We too experience transfiguration.

Virtue transfigures us.

But sin disfigures us.

Let us turn to the Lord  
for the help we need so that we can  
transfigure our lives  
by the practice of virtue.

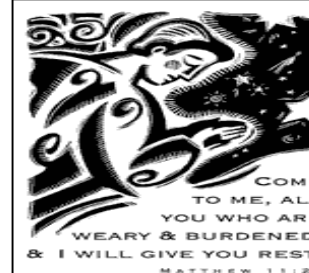


**KIDS CORNER:** Having listened to the readings answer the following:

1. Who went up the mountain with Jesus?
2. Who appeared to them on the mountain?
3. Why were the disciples afraid?
4. What did God say about Jesus?

### TASK FOR THE WEEK:

It was not just Jesus who was tempted. We are always being tempted too. It can be hard to resist when we try to do it on our own. Each time Jesus was tempted he turned to God for help. That's why saying our prayers is so important. It is how to turn to God and ask for his help. We should pray especially when we feel tempted to do something wrong. God' will be our help and our strength.



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

**Irene Hoey, Baby Naoise, Doreen McCabe ,**

**Patrick Callaghan, Sheila Doyle, Agnes Proudfoot.**

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

7.00 pm: Patrick O'Neill (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Eileen O'Riordan (Anniv.)  
10.30 am: Liam & Kathleen O'Reilly  
12.00 pm: James Hughes (Anniv.)

#### EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

##### Monday:

10.00 am: Special Intention

##### Tuesday:

10.00 am: Int. of Agnes Proudfoot

##### Wednesday:

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

##### Thursday: St. Peter Damian

10.00 am Int. of Sheila Doyle

##### Friday: The Chair of St. Peter

10.00 am Int. of Pope Benedict XVI

7.30 pm Stations of the Cross

##### Saturday: St. Polycarp

10.00am Baby James Leddy

### 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

7.00 pm: Kathleen Gogarty (Rec. Dec.)  
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish  
10.30 am: Jean Ennis (Anniv.)  
12.00 pm:

#### EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

**FAMILY OFFERING:** The Family Offering for the month of January was **€9,540**. A big thank you to all those who support the Parish Family Offering. This is the only source of income for the running of the parish. At the moment just over 350 support the Family Offering. Thank you for your continued generosity. If you would like to join the Family Offering and help support the parish financially please see Fr. John or fill out one of the Registration Forms and return it to the Parish Office.

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting takes place this coming **Monday 18th February at 8.00pm** in the house. All members are asked to attend.

**HOSPITAL VISITATION:** If you know of someone from the parish in hospital or sick at home and who would like a visit from Fr. John please do not hesitate to contact him. Thank you.

## 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. Our parish office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.

**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 or June in the Parish Office between 9.30am – 12.30pm.

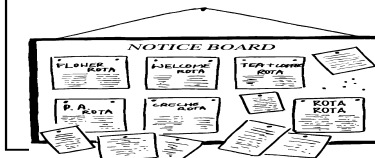


**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Eoin Madigan and Vanessa Walsh, Andrew Straffon and Mary Kelly and Paul Birch and Sinead McGee** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

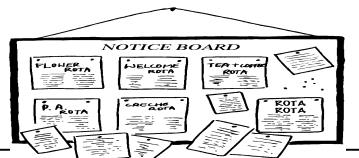


**NEW CHRISTIANS:** We welcome **Michael, Mia and Alannah** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May they continue to grown strong in body, mind and spirit. Anyone enquiring about baptism please take one of the leaflets from the back of the church or see Fr. John after Mass. Thank you.

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** There is exposition each **Sunday** evening in the Church from **7pm to 9pm**. It offers us the opportunity to spend some quiet time with the Lord. All welcome to attend.



# PARISH NEWS



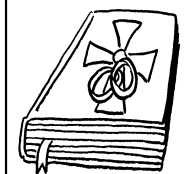
### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO 'REPENT'?

"Repent and believe in the good news!" These are the first words out of Jesus' mouth in Mark's Gospel and they are meant as a summary of the entire gospel. But what do these words mean? In English, the word "repent" is often misunderstood. It seems to imply that we have already done something wrong, regret it and now commit ourselves to live in a new way. Repentance, understood in this way, mean to live beyond a sinful past. Biblically, this is not quite what is meant. In the gospels, the particular word used for repentance is **metanoia**. This mean to do an about-face, to turn around, to face in an entirely new direction. It means to move beyond our present mindset, beyond our present way of seeing things. It is interesting to consider the many miracles of Jesus are connected to opening up or otherwise healing someone's eyes, ears, or tongue. Eyes are opened in order to see more deeply and spiritually; ears are opened in order to hear things more compassionately; and tongues are loosened in order to praise God more freely and to speak words of reconciliation and love to each other. To repent is to allow God to open our minds and heal us so that indeed we can turn and face in a completely new direction.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

To help us on our Lenten journey we will have a period of reflection each **Friday evening 7.30pm** on the Stations of the Cross. The final journey that Jesus made for us. All welcome to attend.



### READING THE SCRIPTURES:

During Lent the scriptures of the day will be left open on a lectern at the top of the church for all to read during the day. It offers us the opportunity to be refreshed, healed and nourished by God's Word when we take time to visit the Lord's house during the day.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED:** The Regina Coeli Hostel, Morning Star Ave., Dublin 7 is looking for Volunteers to care for homeless women and their children for further information please contact Marie 01-8462884 or Moira 01 8374282

**SCHOOL ENROLMENT:** for all junior infant takes place this coming week in parish schools; St Mochta's, St. Patrick's and Scoil Choilm. Enrolment can only take place on the designated days.

### WEEKLY REFLECTION

The Gospels show clearly that Peter was a man of action; he always needed to be doing something. So on Mount Tabor, instead of contemplating in silence and wonder the glory of his Lord, he wanted to build three tents.

There is a time for stillness, for contemplation, for wonder, for adoration in the presence of God.

A time to heed the words of the psalmist:

'Be still, and know that I am God,'

Sometimes we are too busy.

We would be better to be silent, to be listening, to be wondering, to be adoring in the presence of God.

**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 Jn 4:5-42**

**WORLD YOUTH DAY:** This summer three young parishioners will be attending World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia. They are Maria Stacey, James Marron, and Patrick Leonard. The three have been attending preparatory meeting in St. Paul's Church, on Arran Quay with other members of the Dublin Diocese who will also be attending. The first meeting took place on the 13th January as an introduction exercise for all who are travelling to Sydney. This concept was then extended to our spiritual preparations. We were encouraged to reintroduce ourselves to God by telling Him how we have changed in recent years. At the second meeting on the 10th Feb we gathered to discuss the importance of the parables in the Gospel. We noted how the parables are all concerned with normal people, and that it is the twists in the parables which teach us Jesus' message. We were told to take this ideal with us to Sydney where we must remain open-minded to the events and people we will encounter there: to expect the unexpected. We were told that it will be a journey of opportunities, of receiving and giving. **We will be speaking at all the Sunday Masses next weekend to give more detail on World Youth Day** and the impact it can have for our parish. We look forward to seeing you then. **Maria, James and Patrick.**