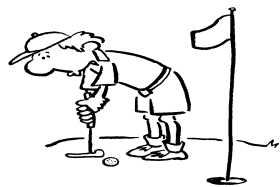


# MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

## MOCHTA'S ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC:

Last year we held our inaugural Parish Golf Classic and it was a tremendous success enabling us to raise €65,000. We even had a "Holy-Hole-in-One" with a Mercedes sports car up for grabs. This year we plan to go one step further by having a **Pro-am Tournament** and also a **"Trinity"** (three hole-in-one's) with fantastic prizes. As you know this summer marks the beginning of an exciting new era with the opening of our **new Parish Pastoral Centre**. The building of our new Pastoral Centre will offer our Parish and wider community exciting new possibilities to support, educate and nourish the people of St. Mochta's Parish. Our Parish Golf Classic is just one of the ways we hope to continue to raise funds for the building of the Pastoral Centre. This year it will take place on **Thursday 10th April** in the magnificent **Luttrellstown Golf & Country Club**. I am delighted that **Luttrellstown Golf & Country Club** have offered once again to host our Golf Classic. If you would like to be part of what promises to be a memorable day, there are a number of ways you can support this event. Enter a team (4 ball); sponsor a T-Box or hole; make a donation for the Golf Classic. Thank you for your support. If you require any further information or assistance please do not hesitate to contact Fr. John or Eileen Ring. Details will follow over the next couple of weeks. So keep that date, **Thursday 10th April** free in your diary.



**SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2008:** Application Forms for Enrolment for Junior Infants (September, 2008) will be available in St. Patrick's N.S. and St. Mochta's N.S. from Monday 21st January, 2008. Registration will take place in both schools on the following dates only: **Monday, 18th Feb., 2008** 10am to 12pm and 7pm to 9pm. **Tuesday, 19th Feb., 2008** 10am to 12pm. **Wednesday, 20th Feb., 2008** 10am to 12pm.

**CROSSCARE INFORMATION CLINIC:** Offers information on homeless services and housing options, benefits and entitlements and how to complete relevant forms, and information on other services that could assist you. The clinic is open every Monday from the 7th January onwards from 2.30pm – 4.30pm. It is located in the Capuchin Friary, Main Street, Blanchardstown. Crosscare also offers a Migrant Clinic for information on visas, residency status and other immigration issues. For more information please see the notice board at the back of the church or phone 8726775, 0861715967 or [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie)

**IN YOUR 40's?** Looking to meet up with a group of Catholics in their 40's who have a regular programme of social and spiritual events in and around Dublin? (Initially open to those aged 40-45.) Come along to the Trinity Capital Hotel, Pearse Street, from 8.30 pm on the First Friday of any month. Or if you would like to receive our programme of regular events **ring 085 7767098 or e.mail dublin40somethings@gmail.com** (Project 2030 sponsored by The Sacred Heart Fathers.)

**COOLMINE ADULT ED. PROGRAMME:** All the details can be found on the notice board at the back of the church. Classes begin **January 28th**.



**KIDS CORNER:** Having listened to the readings see if you can answer the following questions:

1. What did John say about Jesus?
2. What did John see descending upon Jesus?
3. What did he mean when he said he was the chosen one of God?
4. What happens to us when we are baptised?

**TASK FOR THE WEEK:** As you know Fr. Martin is working in Kenya, Africa at the moment. There is a lot of trouble there at the moment. So don't forget to say a pray for him that Jesus will watch over him.

Archdiocese of Dublin – Deanery of Finglas

## ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown, Clonsilla, Dublin 15

### PARISH NEWSLETTER 20TH JANUARY, 2008 2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**Parish Priest :** Rev. John Daly Tel: 8213218 email: [john.daly5@hotmail.com](mailto:john.daly5@hotmail.com)  
**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. Páirc Clerkin  
**St. Choilm :** Mrs. Treasa Lowe

## JESUS, THE CHOSEN ONE OF GOD



Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins. Victory over sin comes about as a lifelong struggle. We must not become depressed when we see ourselves making what seems like very little progress. What is important is the struggle for goodness. The purpose of a good life is not to win the battle, but to wage it unceasingly



Please pray for those who are sick or housebound at this time:  
 Irene Hoey, Brian Henry, John Smalle, Baby Naoise, Doreen McCabe, Patrick Callaghan, Fr. John.

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### 2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Joe & Rita Malone (Ann)

8.30 am: Sadie Tate R.I.P.

10.30 am: Angela Lacy-Byrne (Ann)

12.00 pm: Mary Tymond (Ann)

**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

**Monday: St. Agnes**

10.00 am: Louise McClave RIP

**Tuesday: St. Vincent**

10.00 am: Special Intention

**Wednesday:**

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

**Thursday: St. Frances de Sales**

10.00 am: Int. of Fr. Murnaghan

**Friday: The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**

10.00am: Special Intention

**Saturday: Sts. Timothy & Titus**

10.00am Mass of Thanksgiving

### 3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**St. Angela Merici**

7.00 pm: Laurence & Kathleen Keane (Anniv.)

8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish

10.30 am: Jimmy Watters (Anniv.)

12.00 pm: Marie Dunne (Anniv.)

**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. 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.

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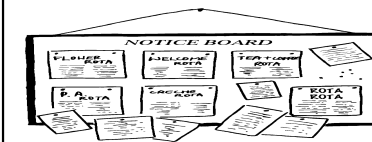
**FAMILY OFFERING:** A big thank you to all those who support the Parish Family Offering. This is the only source of income for the running of the parish. At the moment just over 350 support the Family Offering. Thank you for your continued generosity. If you would like to join the Family Offering and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

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING THANK YOU:** A big thank you to all those who have return the Christmas offering for your generosity and support. The Christmas Offering goes to help support of the priests in the Diocese and the Parish. Envelopes are available from the back of the Church.



**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Paul Griffin and Aileen Trundle** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

**OUR NEW CHRISTIANS:** We welcome **Michael, Hannah and Jane** who join our community through the waters of Baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit



## PARISH NEWS



### FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING:

The next meeting for all our parents of those making First Holy Communion in the Parish takes place this coming week in St. Mochta's on Tuesday 22nd January at 8pm. This meeting will look at the importance of listening to God's Word in our lives. It is imperative that all parents attend this meeting.

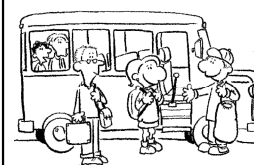
### SVP CLOTHING APPEAL:

The annual appeal for good clean second hand clothing (clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc) will take place at the end of the month. **Bags will be handed out on the weekend of 26th/27th Jan and all the bags will be collected on ONLY Sunday 3rd Feb after Sunday Masses.** So start that spring clean early and get searching through those wardrobes. You know there's stuff in there you've not seen for years. Clothes that are very sad and lonely because they have not seen the light of day in years, who long once more to hug a body, caress some toes, dress a bed, frame a wall!!!! The SVP will find a new home for them!!!!



### WE RETURN TO ORDINARY TIME AGAIN:

This Sunday will be the 2nd Sunday of the year. The dominant colour being green. However that won't last for long as we will begin the season of Lent on the **6th February** with the celebration of **Ash Wednesday**. Easter is going to be celebrated very early this year, Easter Sunday being the 23rd March.



**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.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE:** Leaving 20th Sept. for 7 nights with half board accommodation. The group leader is Patricia Ledwidge. For more information see the poster on the notice board at the back of the church or contact Patricia on 086 3550128.

### WEEKLY REFLECTION

#### Healing the Wounds of the Heart

All of us are wounded by sin.

The part of us which is most deeply damaged by sin is the heart.

The heart is so beautiful, so innocent, but it can be betrayed, scorned, and broken.

Darkness of heart is the blackest night of all.

Emptiness of heart is the greatest poverty of all.

A heavy heart is the most wearisome burden of all.

A broken heart is the most painful wound of all.

Only love can heal the wounds of the heart.

Lord, send your Holy Spirit to us,  
to heal the wounds of our hearts

so that we may produce the fruits of love.

Amen.

**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 4:12-23.**

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN

**UNITY:** will be celebrated from **January 18th—25th**. The theme chosen for this year's 'WEEK OF PRAYER' is 1 Thess. 5, 'Pray without ceasing' Recently, pope Benedict has re-affirmed ecumenism is his priority. In Ireland its importance is all too obvious. Archbishop Martin's hope is that all of us can strengthen our commitment to the pursuit of Christian unity in the encouraging recognition that Jesus himself has prayed to the Father for that cause, "may they all be one." (Jn.17:21)



**ACCORD DUBLIN :** The Annual Collection of ACCORD, The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and The Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of **26th & 27th January, 2008**. The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the diocese offers: Marriage Preparation Courses; Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships.; Marital Sexual Therapy.; A Relationship and Sexuality Programme in Schools.