

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

GOLF CLASSIC DINNER: We have a number of places for those who'd like to attend the dinner after our Parish Golf Classic. Dinner is for 7.30pm and will be followed by the prize giving and auction. We have some wonderful items up for auction. A week for 8 in a beautiful villa in Portugal; Wine tasting and dinner for 8 in Berry Brother's in the city; An executive Day at the Races by helicopter on Derby Day; a great 4-ball golf package; a gourmet night at the Wexford Opera festival. Micheal O'Muircheartaigh will be our auctioneer on the night. It promises to be a great night. Tickets are €100 per person. I need to know by Monday night 7th April.

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 please see Fr. John or ring the Parish Office.

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: Work begins again after the Easter break. The roof has been completed and the final doors are being put in place this week. We will begin to fit out the interior over the next couple of weeks and redevelop the car park to maximise our space. The kitchen fit out will take place at the end of April followed by the landscaping during the month of May. We are still on course for opening the Pastoral Centre in the month of July.

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!!!

H.S.E. PARENTING SKILLS COURSE

for children aged between 6 and 12 years will be held every Thursday in the Community Centre, Laurel Lodge, Castleknock from 24th April to 12th June from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm. The cost is €30.00. To register please leave a message on 01 6516068 and they will return your call. Places are limited. Please see notice at the back of the church.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TALLAGHT—DO IT FOR THE KIDS:

The National Children's Hospital, Tallaght are calling on all ladies to 'Do it for the Kids' and run, jog or walk this year's Flora Women's Mini Marathon on Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd June. Register online at www.thenationalchildrenshospital.ie/minimarathon to receive your free fundraising pack. Alternatively, you can call 01 4142375.



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

1. What was the name of the Village the disciples were going to?
2. Who met them on the road?
3. What happened to their hearts as he spoke to them?
4. How did they recognise Jesus?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Today's Gospel tells the great story of the disciples meeting Jesus on the road to the village of Emmaus. Each time we come to Mass we meet Jesus as he speaks his word to us and especially as we 'break bread' together, as we receive Holy Communion. Please keep all our children who will make their 1st Holy Communion soon in your prayers.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER 6th APRIL, 2008

3rd SUNDAY EASTER

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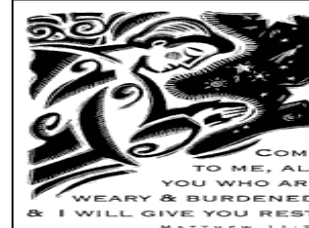
Parish Finance Committee: Chairperson Colm O'Neill

Parish Web Address: www.stmochtasparrish.ie

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

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

One of the loveliest stories in the Gospel is the story of how the risen Jesus joined two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus. He explained the Scriptures to them, and revealed himself in the breaking of bread. The same thing happens for us when we celebrate the Eucharist. Jesus speaks to us in the Scriptures and nourishes us in Communion.



Please pray for those who are sick or housebound at this time:
Irene Hoey, Sheila Doyle, Deirdre Hetherington, Bridget Matthews, Harry Silcock, June Shannon.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: John Mullins (1st Anniv.)

8.30 am: Int. of the Parish

10.30 am: Patrick & Bridget McNamara (Anniv.)

12.00 pm: Fred McGonigle & Brothers (Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: St. John Baptist de la Salle

10.00 am: Marina Vaughan R.I.P.

Tuesday:

10.00 am: Intentions of the Parish

Wednesday:

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

Thursday:

10.00 am Intentions of June Shannon

Friday: St. Stanislaus

10.00 am: Martin Crotty (Thanksgiving)

Saturday:

10.00 am: Mass of Thanksgiving

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: Int. of the Parish

8.30 am: James Mooney (Anniv.)

10.30 am: Ita McDonald (Anniv.)

12.00 pm: Ann Doolan (Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

WELCOMING SUNDAY: This weekend we welcome all those who are to be baptised this coming month and introduce them to our community. May they continue to grow 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.



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Roger Morrow and Catherine Stapleton** 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The monthly committee meeting takes place this coming Monday night 7th April at 8pm in the house. 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@stmochtasparrish.ie **Our parish office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.**

PARISH WEBSITE: The address for our new site is: **www.stmochtasparrish.ie**

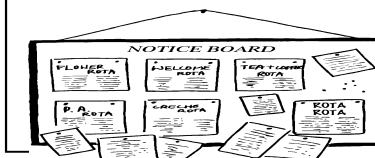
MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to have Mass offered for someone or offered for a particular intention please see our sacristan Michael after Mass. Thank you.

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.

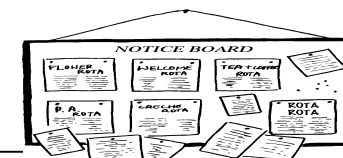
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

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.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: At the moment all our candidates are engaged in the "Faith Friends" project which takes place one night a week over four weeks. Our candidates are given the opportunity to explore their faith with the help and guidance of a member of our parish community. It is done in an informal, fun atmosphere. Please keep them in your prayers in these weeks. They will also have their Confirmation Retreat in April and celebrate a 'Service of Light' in preparation for the big day at the end of May when they will, please God, be confirmed by Bishop Ray Field.



PARISH NEWS



WEEKLY REFLECTION

All through life's day, you walk with us, Lord.

But often we don't recognise you,
for we are blinded by work and worry,
doubt, confusion and fear,
and so you remain a stranger to us.

Before the day's end
we will ask many questions,
experience many sorrows and disappointments.

And then, suddenly, whether we are young,
middle-aged, or old,
we will find that night is approaching.

In that moment we pray,
that, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus,
our eyes will be opened,
and that we will recognise you.

And you will not vanish from our sight,
but stay with us to guide us
to the Father's house.

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 10:1-10.**

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.

APRIL BLESSINGS: It is thought that April may have gotten its name from the Latin word '**aperire**' which means 'to open'. If this is so, it speaks to us well because April is the month when buds begin to open, trees begin to blossom and vegetation begins to flourish after the harsh cold winter. Nature comes to life. The lengthening days fill the earth with light, enfolding our world with light, enfolding our world in a brightness that offers promise and hope. May the God of Spring brighten your days and grace you to be a light in the lives of others. May the God of Colour increase your awareness of the gift and beauty of who you are and may you share your giftedness with those around you.

SHARE COLLECTION: The mission of the Archdiocese of Dublin has been enormously helped initiatives of sharing. Sharing is at the basis of the caring work of the Church in the spirit of Jesus, who came to reveal to us God's love. Sharing the contributions of the faithful enable an equitable level of pastoral service and support to be carried out in parishes throughout the diocese, especially in parishes which on their own would not be financially self sufficient. The Dublin Diocesan Consolidated Parish Financial Statement is available from the back of the church this weekend. The statement includes the combined receipts and payments returns prepared for each of the parishes in the diocese. Each return has been individually reported on by an accountant appointed by the parish priests, as being in accordance with the books, records and bank statements of the parish. Our own parish of St. Mochta contributed **€37,746** to share in the past year, a significant increase on the previous accounting year. Thank you for your on-going support for the diocese.

YEAR OF VOCATION: Next Sunday marks the beginning of a 'Year of Vocation' for the Church in Ireland. This year will be an opportunity for every member of the Church to reflect on the fact that by virtue of our baptism we are called by God into his service and that each of us has a unique role in building up the Kingdom of God. The ministry of a priest is a powerful one. Each priest is chosen by God for his own unique gifts and talents. Using these talents, gifts and way of living are a radical answering of God's call to lay down his life for his friends. In a world that seems often to misunderstand priesthood, the priest stands as a radical signpost to God. The work in our diocese is great, good priests are needed today. We must redouble our efforts to pray for vocations, and to do all we can to create an environment where reflecting upon a vocation to priesthood and religious life becomes the most natural thing in the world. In the Dublin Diocese we have 14 good, gifted and generous men who are with the grace of God on the path of priesthood. They have answered God's call. They deserve and depend upon our prayers and our generosity. The have left all to follow the Lord, it is up to us to enable them to fulfil that calling. Please pray for them and for more vocations to priesthood.