

# 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 Classic

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### Closing Date for entries 10th March

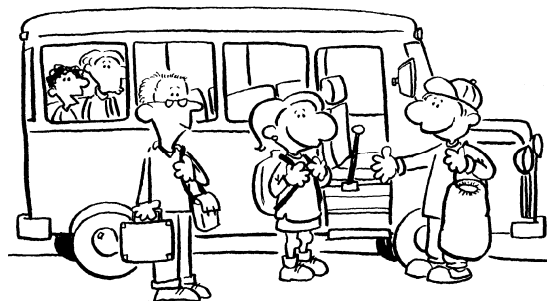
For further enquiries contact:  
Fr. John Daly: 01-8213218; Eileen Ring: 0868041342;  
Rita Tighe 0872868065

All cheques made payable to:  
St. Mochta's Parish Golf Classic

**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.

**SCOIL CHOILM N.S:** C/O The Institute of Horology, Mill Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 Phone: 01 8213352. Application Forms for Enrolment for Junior Infants (September, 2008) are available from the school. Completed forms must be returned to the school by **Tuesday, 19th February, 2008.**

**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 Paul on 086 3275409.

**CASTLEKNOCK HURLING & FOOTBALL CLUB** are holding their 2nd **Annual Race Day** in Fairyhouse on **Saturday, 2nd February, 2008.** Please contact Michael Lynch on 086 2531600 for further details.



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

1. What were the names of the brothers in the Gospel?
2. What type of work do they do?
3. What did Jesus mean when he said that he would make them 'fishers of people'?
4. Does Jesus want us to follow him too?

**TASK FOR THE WEEK:** Sometimes today people give up everything to follow Jesus and they are known as missionaries. How can we follow him everyday? We can do this by the way we live and treat others. This week do something kind and helpful for your Mum and Dad, especially something they ask you to do and that you don't really like doing.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

# ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown, Clonsilla, Dublin 15

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 27TH JANUARY, 2008 3RD 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. Pairic Clerkin  
**St. Choilm :** Mrs. Treasa Lowe  
**Castleknock Community College:**

## A LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARK

'The people that lived in darkness have seen a great light.'

This is how St. Matthew describes the impact of Jesus' ministry. Each of us has areas of darkness in our lives—fear, illness, pain, sin, guilt, loneliness, and so on. Society too has its dark areas. Hence our need for the light of Christ. The light of Christ does not come to judge us, but to save us, to show us how to live, to show us the way to the Father's Kingdom.



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 Daly.**

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### 3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Laurence & Kathleen Keane (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Int. of the Parish  
10.30 am: Jimmy Watter (Anniv.)  
12.00 pm: Marie Dunne (1st Anniv.)  
**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

**Monday: St. Thomas Aquinas**

10.00 am: Special Intention

**Tuesday:**

10.00 am: Baby Niamh Murphy (Anniv.)

**Wednesday: St. Aidan**

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

**Thursday: St. John Bosco**

10.00 am: Int. of the Parish

**Friday: St. Brigid**

10.00am: Altar List of the Dead

7.00 pm: Altar List of the Dead

**Saturday: The Presentation of Our Lord**

10.00am Mass of Thanksgiving

### 4RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Int. of the Parish  
8.30 am: Int. of Pope Benedict XVI  
10.30 am: Int. of the Parish  
12.00 pm: James Bolger (R.I.P.)  
**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

**THANK YOU:** A big thank you to Fr. Eugene, Fr. Dan Jo and Fr. Flor who are covering for Fr. John while he recovers from an operation. The plastic surgery went very well and he should return looking like Brad Pitt very soon!!!

**ARE YOU REGISTERED?** 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.

**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.

## 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.

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**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.

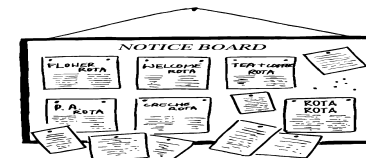
**HOSPITAL VISITATION:** If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John or June in the Parish Office between 9.30am – 12.30pm.

**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.

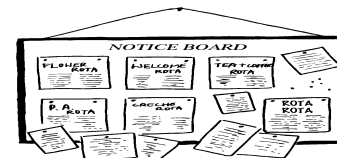


**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Ben O'Regan and Fiona Dunwoody** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

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



# PARISH NEWS



**ACCORD:** The Annual Collection of ACCORD, The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and The Family, will be made at all Masses **THIS WEEDEND**. 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. ACCORD Dublin needs your support. Last year our parish contributed €1,348 to the collection. Thank you for once again supporting ACCORD this year. **PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.**

**FAMILY CARE:** Support and care of families is one of the Church's most important activities. It is within the family that each one of us learns what it means to be loved and to be called to love. Pope John Paul called the family 'a school of love'. The family is the first and fundamental school of social living: as a community of love, it finds in self-giving the law that guides it and makes it grow. The self-giving that inspires the love of husband and wife for each other is the model and norm for the self-giving that must be practiced in the relationships between brothers and sisters and the different generation living together in the family.



**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 this weekend, 26th/27th Jan and all the bags will be collected on Sunday 3rd Feb ONLY 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!!!!

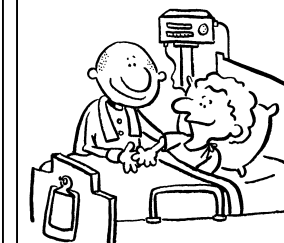
**BAPTISM AND FAITH COMMITMENT:** The gift of Faith does not work like magic but depends hugely on it being nurtured by parents. It is you who make God's gift come alive in your child by the living and sharing of **YOUR** faith with them. You make a promise to do this on the day you bring your child for baptism. Your child is carried to the baptismal font by **YOUR FAITH**. For this reason the sacrament will only be celebrated if parents are attending Church on a regular basis. Parents who do not come to Church on a regular basis and who present their child for baptism may be asked to wait, to have time to understand and reflect on the commitment they are about to make. This time will also give parents a chance to renew their own Church practice in readiness to bear witness to their own child.



### WEEKLY REFLECTION

Lord, make me an instrument of your love.  
Where the darkness of loneliness reigns  
let me bring the light of friendship.  
Where the darkness of bitterness reigns  
let me bring the light of forgiveness.  
Where the darkness of hurt reigns  
let me bring the light of healing.  
Where the darkness of discord reigns  
let me bring the light of joy.  
Where the darkness of doubt reigns  
let me bring the light of faith.  
Where the darkness of despair reigns  
let me bring the light of hope.  
And where the darkness of hatred reigns  
let me bring the light 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 5:1-12.**



### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK:

will be celebrated in the Diocese on the weekend of the **9th/10th February**. Two diocesan events will mark the celebration of the 16th World Day of the Sick. On Saturday 9th Feb at 9am in the

Parish Meeting Room, Kimmage Manor there is a reflective morning on the theme: 'Hand in Hand, Conversations on Caring for People with Dementia'. On Sunday 10th February 3pm the Archbishop will celebrate Mass with the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Kimmage Manor, Dublin 6. All are welcome to attend these celebrations. See the notice board at the back of the Church for more details.

**LENTEN TROCAIRE CAMPAIGN 2008:** As we again approach the Lenten season Trocaire's theme for their campaign this year is, 'Climate Change affects everyone.....but not equally.' This year's theme focuses on the devastating impact severe water shortages are having of people's lives in the developing world, particularly in many parts of Africa. Throughout Lent 2008 we aim to raise awareness of the increasing seriousness of this problem and to raise funds to help those least able to cope. The Trocaire Boxes have already been delivered to our school and parish. Trocaire deeply appreciates the work you undertake each Lent in your home, school and parish. As always your support enables Trocaire to work with the poorest communities in the developing world. Thank you.