

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

GREAT DAY HAD BY ALL: Our Golf Classic took place last Friday in Luttrellstown Castle Golf & Country Club. The day was sunny and remained dry with the exception of the odd shower, thank God. We had 17 teams in the morning and 20 teams for the afternoon Pro-Am. The Minister for Justice Mr. Brian Lenihan led off both "shotgun" starts. The "Trinity" of hole-in-one's were not won. So, unfortunately, we had to return our beautiful Mercedes car to **Newgate Motor Company**. Our auction after dinner in the evening with our special guest auctioneer **Michael O Muirheartaigh** was a great success. I'd like to say a big thank to all who supported the day from our players, sponsors and our many donors. A big thank you to all of the staff of Luttrellstown Castle Golf & Country Club for ensuring that the day ran smoothly. I would especially like to thank our very hard working committee Marie McArdle, Rita Tighe, Eileen Ring and John Sherwood who did our parish proud. We will have our final figure for the funds raise next weekend. All the proceeds are going towards the building of the Parish Centre, especially additional costs involved in the completion of the project. A big thank you again to everyone involved.

ACCORD Caring for Marriage urgently needs men and women to deliver their Marriage Preparation Courses. Perhaps you are interested or know someone who might be suitable for this work. An Information Evening will be held on Tuesday, 22nd April at 8.00 pm in Accord, 39 Harcourt St., Dublin 2. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Mary at 01 4784400 or email: marriagepreparation@dublin.accord.ie

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.

DUBLIN 15 HOSPICE: A group of nurses are **Bag Packing in Dunnes Stores**, Blanchardstown Shopping Centre on Thur and Fri 24th/25th April from 10am to 10pm, Sat 26th from 10am to 6pm and Sun 27th from 11am to 6pm. They are looking for some help. Can you give them an hour of your time? If so, please contact Marie on 087 9620748 / 01 8207603, Margaret 086 2460535 or Kathleen 086 8398372. They would really appreciate it.

RESPECT'S FASHION SHOW: The Transition Year students from Mt. Sackville Secondary School are holding a Fashion Show in the Castleknock Hotel on **Wednesday 23rd April at 8pm** in aid of RESPECT. They hope to raise funds for the "Bungalow Project" in St. Joseph's Hospital in Clonsilla. Tickets €25 can be bought by contacting Marion on 0861527598. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

CASTLEKNOCK COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT for Parents of students wishing to enter the First Year in Castleknock College in **September, 2009**, will take place in the College on **Thursday, 24th April, starting at 7.00 pm and finishing at 9.00 pm** approximately. This open night is for parents only. An open day for boys who have made an application to enter the College in September 2009 will be held on a Saturday early in June and parents will be advised separately about this.



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

1. Who did Jesus compare himself to?
2. Who are the sheep?
3. How does the shepherd mind the sheep?
4. How does Jesus mind us?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Hi, I hope the week back at school went ok for you. We begin a special year today. It is a year where we are being asked to pray to God that young men and women will answer God's call and become priest and nuns. So I'd ask you to start to pray each night for extra priests to do God's work.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 13th APRIL, 2008

4th SUNDAY EASTER

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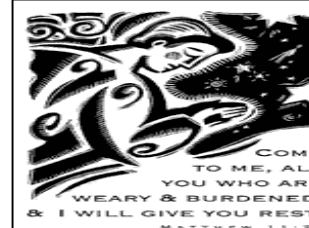
Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday : 9.30am – 12.30pm

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Today we celebrate Vocations Sunday and the day the Church in Ireland begins a special 'Year of Vocation'. This Year of Vocation is an opportunity for every member of our 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 to play in building up the Kingdom of God



CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD



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

Irene Hoey, Sheila Doyle, Bridget Matthews, Harry Silcock, June Shannon.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm:
8.30 am: James Mooney (Anniv.)
10.30 am: Ita McDonald (Anniv.)
12.00 pm: Ann Doolan (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday:

10.00 am: Requiem Mass: Lucy Darcy RIP

Tuesday:

10.00 am: Michael & Annie Keegan (Anniv.)

Wednesday:

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

Thursday:

10.00 am Paddy Callaghan RIP

Friday: St. Laserian (Leighlin)

10.00 am: Richard Kinsella (Anniv.)

Saturday:

10.00 am: Int. of Thomas Monks.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: Ellen Moran (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am: Michael McCormack (Anniv.)
12.00 pm: Thomas Davis (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

LUCY DARCY RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lucy who died on Friday morning after a short illness. We offer our sympathy to her children Ita, Susan and Charles and all of the family. Lucy will be received into Church on Sunday at 5pm with Requiem Mass being celebrated for the repose of her soul on Monday at 10am. May she rest in peace.

NEW CHRISTIANS:

We welcome **Jonathan, Emma, David and Sophie** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind, and spirit in the years ahead. Anyone enquiring about baptism please take one of the leaflets from the back of the church or see Fr. John after Mass. 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 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.

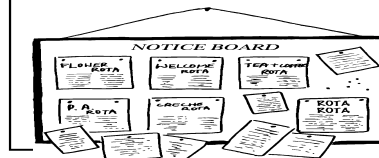
CONFESSION: the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

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

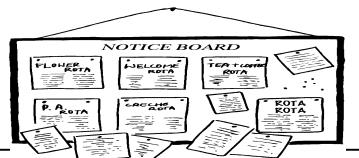
ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH AGM: We will hold an annual general meeting for all parishioners for the first time this **Monday 14th April**. It will be chaired by the head of our Parish Pastoral Council and will give you an opportunity to meet all the members of the council. A financial report of the parish will 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.**

ST VINCENT de PAUL: The St. Vincent de Paul collection for April takes place after each Mass this weekend. Last months (March) collection realised **€1,034.38** for which St. Mochta's Conference members are most grateful. New members are always welcome to come and join the work of the Conference.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY: Is celebrated next weekend. There is a special collection replacing the usual Share collection. The collection for Priesthood Sunday is to support the formation of students for the Priesthood. Your support is very much appreciated.



PARISH NEWS



CONFIRMATION SERVICE OF LIGHT: 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 have their **Confirmation Retreat on Thursday 17th April and celebrate a 'Service of Light' in preparation for the big day at 8pm here in the church on the 17th April.** At the end of May they will, please God, be confirmed by Bishop Ray Field.

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING: The last preparation meeting for our parents from St. Mochta's and St. Patrick's school is this coming **Tuesday 15th April at 8pm in St. Mochta's School**. It is very important for all parents to attend this meeting as we will be looking at the organisation and planning of the First Communion days themselves. The dates for First Communion for St. Mochta's School and St. Patrick's School are Saturday 11th and 17th and the 24th of May. Please do keep them in your prayers during these final weeks of preparation.

YEAR OF VOCATION: This 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. We must redouble our efforts to pray for vocations, and to do all we can to create an environments 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. They 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 the priesthood.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Compassion is not learned without suffering.

Unless we have suffered and wept, we really don't understand what compassion is, nor can we comfort someone who is suffering.

Unless we have walked in darkness, we can't help wanderers to find their way.

But if we have suffered we become pathfinders for others.

And it is by reaching out to others that we ourselves are healed.

Jesus bore the marks of our violent world on his body.

Those wounds were the proof of his love.

They were the mortal wounds the Good Shepherd picked up in caring for his sheep.

The wounds of Jesus are a source of consolation, courage, and hope to us in our sufferings.

By his wounds we are healed.

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 14:1-12.**

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.

TELEPHONE LINES DOWN: Our telephone lines have been out of order since Monday evening. This is the second time in three weeks. One line has been diverted from the exchange to Fr. John's mobile. Please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

PARISH HELPERS NIGHT: Thank you to all those who responded to their invitation to the Helpers Night this coming **Friday 18th** in Castleknock Hotel. This is a night to say thank you to all those who are actively involved in the parish in any way. Please do let the parish secretary June know before Wednesday if you are able to attend or not. Thank you for all your work, support and help.