

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 €....

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.**



FLORA WOMEN'S MINI MARATHON

2008: The Carers Association Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 are looking for ladies (or gents) to volunteer to run or walk this years Women's Mini Marathon to help us raise much needed funds. The event takes place on Monday, **2nd June**. You can enter on line at www.florawomensminimarathon.ie or entry forms will be available in the Evening Herald every Thursday and Saturday from 28th February. The closing date for entries is 22nd April, 2008. Anyone interested in participating on behalf of the Carers Association can contact Michele or Jacqueline in the office at 8119555 or 8119564 and they will send you out a sponsorship card.



PANCAKE PARTY: Will be hosted by **Porterstown Scout Troop**. They will host the Odlums National Pancake Party this Sunday 3rd February in aid of The National Children's Hospital, Tallaght. **Pancakes will be on sale outside the church after the 10.30 am and 12 pm Masses. This is your last chance to overdose on sugar!!!!!!**



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

1. Imagine you could have anything you wanted to make you happy, what would you choose?
2. Could the happiness you feel on receiving that 'anything' make you happy forever or would you get bored with it?
3. Jesus said "Happy are the people who do what is right". Do you get a good feeling when you do something good for someone else?
4. He also said "Happy are the people who forgive". When we forgive someone we feel better and we can be friend again. Think about the way you feel if you did **not** forgive someone?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Jesus wants us to be happy and lasting happiness comes from inside us, when our hearts are filled with love and goodness. When we are happy we smile and feel good inside. This week when you help your friends, sisters, brothers, Moms and Dads and they thank you; give them with a big smile, let them see you are happy to help them and then feel that 'good feeling' as it grows inside you.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown, Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 3RD FEBRUARY, 2008 4TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Parish Priest : Rev. John Daly Tel: 8213218 email: 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: Mr. Tom O'Brien

THE BEATITUDES

In the beatitudes we see the values a Christian should live by.

While they present a great challenge,
they also offer great rewards both here and hereafter.
Alas, the values we live by often have little
to do with the values of the Gospel.



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



4RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: P.J. Mangan (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Int. of Pope Benedict XVI
10.30 am: Tom Foley (Special Int.)
12.00 pm: James Bolger (R.I.P.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday:

10.00 am: James Matthews (Anniv.)

Tuesday: St. Agatha

10.00 am: Int. of Matthew Dunnell

Wednesday: ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00 am : Int. of the Parish

7.00 pm: Int of the Parish

Thursday: St. Mel

10.00 am: Patrick Gorman R.I.P.

Friday: St. Jerome Emiliani

10.00 am Special Intention

7.30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday:

10.00am Aingil Ui Chathain (Anniv)

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

7.00 pm: Dan Bradley (Anniv)
8.30 am: Int. of the Parish
10.30 am: John & Maureen Keane (Anniv.)
12.00 pm: Katie & Pat Reynolds (Anniv.)
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.

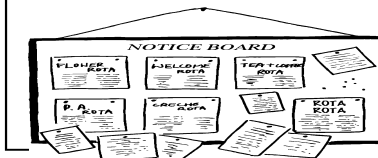


WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Thomas Donnelly** and **Fiona Casey** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

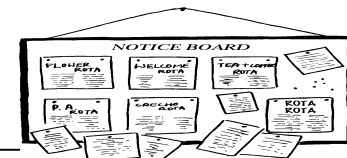
WELCOMING SUNDAY: This weekend we welcome all those who are to be baptised this coming month and introduce them to our community. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting takes place on **Monday 4th February at 8.00pm** in the house. All sitting members are asked to attend.

SVP CLOTHING APPEAL: The annual appeal for good clean second hand clothing (clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc) takes place this weekend. Thank you for your great generosity. **All the bags will be collected this weekend 3rd Feb ONLY after Sunday Masses. DO NOT BRING BAGS TO THE CHURCH AFTER THIS WEEKEND.**



PARISH NEWS



WHY ASHES ARE SO POPULAR: We begin the season of Lent with ashes on our foreheads this coming Wednesday. What is symbolised by this smudging? Perhaps the heart understands better than the head because more people go to Church on Ash Wednesday than on any other day of the year, including Christmas. Why are the ashes so popular? Their popularity, I suspect, comes from the fact that, as a symbol, they are blunt, archetypal and speak the language of the soul. Something inside each of us knows exactly why we take the ashes: "Dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return!" No doctor of metaphysics need explain this. To put on ashes is to say publicly and to yourself that you are reflective, in a penitential mode, that this is not "ordinary time" for you, that you are grieving some of the things you have done or lost, that some important work is going on silently inside you. All of this has deep roots. There is something innate to the human soul that knows that, every so often, one must make a journey of descent, to be smudged, lose one's lustre, and wait while the ashes do their work. All ancient traditions abound with stories of having to sit in the ashes before one can be transformed. The Church taps into this deep well of wisdom when it puts ashes on our foreheads at the beginning of Lent. Lent is a season for each of us to sit in the ashes, waiting while some silent growth takes place within us, and simply being still so that the ashes can do their work in us.



LENTEN 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.

SLIDE PROJECTOR & SCREEN WANTED: Fr. John is looking to borrow the above for the period of Lent. If anyone is in a position to offer them he'd be most grateful. Please contact June in the Parish Office.

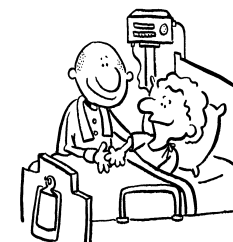
LENTEN TROCAIRE CAMPAIGN 2008: As we again approach the Lenten season Trocaire's theme for their campaign this year is, 'Climate Change affects everyone.....but not equally.' This year's theme focuses on the devastating impact severe water shortages are having on people's lives in the developing world, 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 schools 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. Go on take some action.....**TAKE A BOX HOME TODAY....**They are available from the back of the church. Thank you.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

The beatitudes are the badges of a true disciple of Christ. they are the marks of a child of God. They make us rich in the sight of God. they open our minds and hearts to a new way of seeing and judging. They give us a whole new set of bearings. The things the beatitudes stand for are very beautiful and very precious - things such as peace, goodness, joy, love, gentleness, compassion, mercy, integrity ... A person who lives according to the beatitudes is already living in the kingdom of heaven. Eternal life will merely be the full blossoming of a plant that is green with life.

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 4:1-11.**

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.

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. **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.

