

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 27th APRIL, 2008

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

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KEEPING HIS COMMANDMENTS

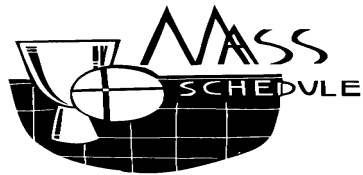
Christ says to us what he said to his apostles: 'If you love me, keep my commandments'. We can't truly call ourselves his disciples if we don't listen to his words and make an effort to live by them. We know we fail, and our lives are the poorer for that. 'Love one another as I have loved you.' That sums it up.



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

**Irene Hoey, Sheila Doyle, Bridget Matthews, Harry Silcock,
June Shannon, Stuart O'Neill, Margo Lynn, Thomas Monks
Bernie Byrne, John Dobbs.**

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

7.00 pm: Tom Leonard (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Ellen Daly (M/M)
10.30 am: Anthony Mullen (1st Anniv.)
12.00 pm: Patrick Downing (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: St. Peter Chanel

10.00 am: Brendan Campbell (Rec. Dec.)

Tuesday: St. Catherine of Siena

10.00 am: Jim Coyne (Ann)

Wednesday: St. PiusV; Our Lady of Africa

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

Thursday: St. Joseph the Worker

10.00 am Special Intention

Friday: St. Athanasius

10.00 am Altar List of the Dead

Saturday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

10.00 am: Michael O'Riain (Anniv.)

ASCENSION SUNDAY

7.00 pm: : Michael McGuinness
8.30 am: Winifred Quigley R.I.P. (Birthday)
10.30 am Patrick & Mary Whelan (Anniv.)
12.00 pm: Margaret McAuley (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

NEW CHRISTIANS:

We welcome **Molly, Eva, Sienna and Jack** 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.



PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: There will be a meeting for all members of the Finance Committee on Monday 5th May at 8pm in the house. All members are asked to attend.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: There will be a meeting for all members on **Monday 12th May at 8pm** in the house.

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@stmochtasparish.ie **Our parish office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.**

PARISH WEBSITE: The address for our new site is: www.stmochtasparish.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.

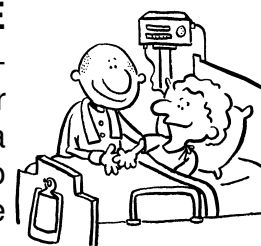
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Keith Goggin and Emma Collum** and **Richard Gallagher and Helen Carroll** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

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SICK: If you know of a parishioner who is sick in hospital or at home and who would like a visit please do not hesitate to contact Fr. John or June in the Parish Office.



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1st COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS:

We are fast approaching our 1st Communion celebrations which will begin on Saturday 10th May. It is an important time for all our boys and girls in 2nd class in both St. Mochta's and St. Patrick's schools. Please do keep them in your prayers over these coming weeks.

PARISH COUNCILS GATHERING:

The Archbishop has invited all members of Parish Pastoral Councils to a Diocesan gathering on Sunday 27th April at 2.30pm in the Church of St. Lawrence O'Toole, Kilmacud.

PARISH FUNERAL TEAM: In these days where we have dwindling numbers of priests it is important that we have people in our parish who are able to lead and preside at liturgical services to support and assist the priest. Over the last number of months we have been preparing a number of people which will form a "Funeral Team" who will assist the parish priest. The final training for our new Parish Funeral Team takes place this coming Monday morning. The team will assist Fr. John with the Reception of the remains of the deceased into Church for the last time. They will also assist with the celebration of the Requiem Mass and the graveside committal service. In time they will also lead prayers for the deceased in the family home or the funeral home. In the future they will be able to preside at the Reception and Committal service at the graveside. Please pray for the success of this new ministry in our parish. Our new funeral team will be commissioned at Mass on Pentecost Sunday.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: Is celebrated this coming Friday. On this day communion is brought to the sick and housebound of the parish. If you know of anyone who would like a visit and to receive the Body and Blood of Christ please contact Fr. John. Due to lack of numbers attending evening Mass on 1st Friday's the evening Mass has been discontinued. Morning Mass is offered for all those whose names appear on the Altar List of the Dead.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION: The Ascension of Our Lord to his Father is celebrated next Sunday with the celebration of Pentecost Sunday the following weekend.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Learning from the sea-gulls

It's a chilly day by the seaside,
far too windy for my comfort.

But the gulls don't seem to mind the wind.

In fact, they seem to enjoy it.

I watch them flying about:

they go with it, they go against it,

They soar into the sky, they plunge back to earth.

All the time they are using the wind,

they are availing of its power.

And I reflect on how we, the disciples of Jesus,
are so easily blown off course

by the winds of adversity.

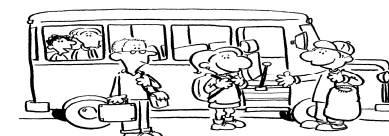
Lord, send us the Holy Spirit who will enable us
to turn the hard and easy to our advantage,

so that everything that happens to us

may bear us along the road to your kingdom.

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 28:16-20.**

World Youth Day 2008 Update: Last Sunday, the Australian Three embarked on what was to be their penultimate preparatory meeting for World Youth Day. As the meeting took place on the launch of the Year of Vocations, they attended the Launch mass in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, celebrated by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, with the music for the mass provided by the World Youth Day choir and musicians. A representative of the World Youth Day congregation spoke of her experience of the last World Youth Day in Cologne. At the end of mass, we were spoken to by the Australian Ambassador to Ireland. She told us of the buzz that is already circling Australia about the event, and how Australia can't wait to greet us. Finally, the Archbishop himself spoke to us briefly about his experience of the last World Youth Day in Cologne. We were informed that we will hear much more from the Archbishop over in Australia as he is heading up our delegation. With only 81 days left until we touch down in Australia, the excitement is really growing!



ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

DUBLIN 15 HOSPICE: A group of nurses are **Bag Packing in Dunnes Stores**, Blanchardstown Shopping Centre **this Sunday, 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.

CASTLEKNOCK HURLING & FOOTBALL CLUB: The Taoiseach (Bertie Ahern) and GAA President (Nickey Brennan) will formally launch the Castleknock GAA Ground Development Programme **this Monday, 28th April, 2008 at 7 pm in the Castleknock Hotel & Country Club**. This is a major event in the Club's history and all adult players, mentors, parents, club supporters and friends are invited and encouraged to attend the launch. Music and finger food will be provided. (This is an adult only event.)

THE BIG BREW: The Annual Alzheimer's Tea Party will take place next **Thursday, 1st May** in the Clonsilla Hall from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. This is a chance to support the work of The Alzheimer Society of Ireland who offer help and practical support to families of people with Alzheimer's. We look forward to seeing you there!

YOU CAN'T PARK THERE!: Parking on a Sunday morning has become a real problem. Please do not park up on the footpaths as it is forcing people to walk out onto a very dangerous road. Please be considerate in parking your car that you are not an obstruction to others and especially to the flow of traffic on the Luttrellstown Road. Thank you for your patience and cooperation. We are working with the council to ease the problem.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG: Part of our Celtic heritage and renowned throughout Europe since the Middle Ages, Lough Derg is a unique place of peace. In today's modern world - where everything is fast and instant - Lough Derg still manages to maintain a pace where people have to move more slowly, where the mind can be stilled. If you are seeking an opportunity for calm, for renewal or growth, then this ancient Sanctuary of St. Patrick might well be the place. We invite you to become part of what has been an Irish tradition since the sixth century. We will have a parish pilgrimage to Lough Derg this coming summer. This is a three day pilgrimage involving prayer, fasting and renewal of faith. The group will leave on Monday 14th July at 8.30am and return on Wednesday 16th at 3pm. For more information please contact Ellen on 0879668356

EMMAUS RETREAT HOUSE have organised two workshops in May, Rhymes "n" Reasons—Brief Encounters with Poetry and Discovering the Real Me—Introducing Transactional Analysis. For more details, please see the notice board at the back of the church.

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: Work is progressing very well. The extension of the car park should be completed this coming week. It will offer us a further dozen or so parking bays. The internal plastering is continuing and the finish of the outside of the Centre should be completed over the coming weeks. The fit out of the kitchen and landscaping will also take place over the coming weeks. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation. We will be announcing our fundraising proposal to cover the debt of over half a million euro in the coming months. It will need the support of the whole parish.



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

1. What does Jesus ask us to keep?
2. What will God the Father give us?
3. What is the 1st Commandment that Jesus gives us?
4. How do we show our love for God?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: First Communion and Confirmation is getting very close for our boys and girls. Please do say a prayer for them each night before going to bed that Jesus will help them prepare well to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.