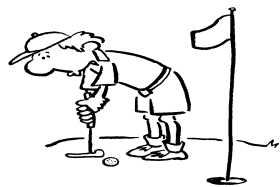


MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

MOCHTA'S ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC:

Last year we held our inaugural Parish Golf Classic and it was a tremendous success enabling us to raise €65,000. We even had a "Holy-Hole-in-One" with a Mercedes sports car up for grabs. This year we plan to go one step further by having a **Pro-am Tournament** and also a **"Trinity"** (three hole-in-one's) with fantastic prizes. As you know this summer marks the beginning of an exciting new era with the opening of our **new Parish Pastoral Centre**. The building of our new Pastoral Centre will offer our Parish and wider community exciting new possibilities to support, educate and nourish the people of St. Mochta's Parish. Our Parish Golf Classic is just one of the ways we hope to continue to raise funds for the building of the Pastoral Centre. This year it will take place on **Thursday 10th April** in the magnificent **Luttrellstown Golf & Country Club**. I am delighted that **Luttrellstown Golf & Country Club** have offered once again to host our Golf Classic. If you would like to be part of what promises to be a memorable day, there are a number of ways you can support this event. Enter a team (4 ball); sponsor a T-Box or hole; make a donation for the Golf Classic. Thank you for your support. If you require any further information or assistance please do not hesitate to contact Fr. John or Eileen Ring. Details will follow over the next couple of weeks. So keep that date, **Thursday 10th April** free in diary.



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.

CROSSCARE INFORMATION CLINIC: Offers information on homeless services and housing options, benefits and entitlements and how to complete relevant forms, and information on other services that could assist you. The clinic is open every Monday from the 7th January onwards from 2.30pm – 4.30pm. It is located in the Capuchin Friary, Main Street, Blanchardstown. Crosscare also offers a Migrant Clinic for information on visas, residency status and other immigration issues. For more information please see the notice board at the back of the church or phone 8726775, 0861715967 or www.crosscare.ie

IN YOUR 40's? Looking to meet up with a group of Catholics in their 40's who have a regular programme of social and spiritual events in and around Dublin? (Initially open to those aged 40-45.) Come along to the Trinity Capital Hotel, Pearse Street, from 8.30 pm on the First Friday of any month. Or if you would like to receive our programme of regular events **ring 085 7767098 or e.mail dublin40somethings@gmail.com** (Project 2030 sponsored by The Sacred Heart Fathers.)

COOLMINE ADULT ED. PROGRAMME: All the details can be found on the notice board at the back of the church. Classes begin **January 28th**.



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

1. Who baptised Jesus?
2. What happened after he was baptised?
3. Do we have the same baptism?
4. What does it celebrate for us?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: I bet each one of you knows the date of your birthday which you no doubt celebrate each year. But how many of you know the date of your baptism? So if not try find out this coming week, there must be photos at home or even a video!!!

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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown, Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 13TH JANUARY, 2008

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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. Páirc Clerkin
 St. Choilm : Mrs. Treasa Lowe

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus.
 Jesus, the Sinless One, joined the queue of sinners,
 and was baptised by his cousin, John,
 in the waters of the Jordan.
 He did so in order that he might free us
 from the power of sin.
 Let us pause to call to mind our sins,
 and our need for purification and liberation.



Please pray for those who are sick or housebound at this time:
 Irene Hoey, Brian Henry, John Smalle, Baby Naoise .

COME
 TO ME, ALL
 YOU WHO ARE
 WEARY & BURDENED,
 & I WILL GIVE YOU REST.
 MATTHEW 11:28

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7.00 pm: Michael Fahy (Ann)
8.30 am: Esther Harford (Ann)
10.30 am: Vincent Travers (Ann)
12.00 pm: Peter Martin (Ann)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday:

10.00 am: Peter Melia (Ann)

Tuesday: St. Ita

10.00 am:

Wednesday: St. Fursa

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday: St. Anthony

10.00 am: Catherine Smith (Ann)

Friday:

10.00am: Daniel O'Connell (Ann)

Saturday:

10.00am Jim Lovely (Ann)

2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7.00 pm: Joe & Rita Malone (Ann)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am: Angela Lacy-Byrne (Ann)
12.00 pm: Mary Tymond (Ann)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

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. We hope to revamp St. Mochta's Web site and go live with it in the spring. It will be updated on a weekly basis and contain all you need to know about the life of our parish. Thank you.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: takes place this coming **Monday 14th January** at 8pm in the house. All members are asked to attend.

FAMILY MASS GROUP: There is a meeting for all members on **Tuesday night at 8pm** in the house in preparation for Lent.

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.

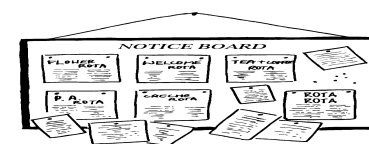
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John or June in the Parish Office between 9.30am – 12.30pm.

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.

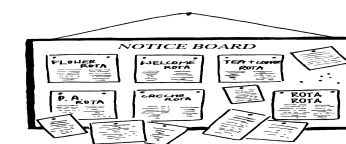


WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Nigel Bramley and Paula Donohoe** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

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



PARISH NEWS



SVP CLOTHING APPEAL: The annual appeal for good clean second hand clothing (clothes, bed-clothes, curtains, shoes etc) will take place at the end of the month. **Bags will be handed out on the week-end of 26th/27th Jan and all the bags will be collected on ONLY Sunday 3rd Feb after Sunday Masses.** So start that spring clean early and get searching through those ward-robes. 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!!!! The SVP will find a new home for them!!!!



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 contact Patricia on 0863550128.

SVP CHURCH GATE COLLECTION: The St. Vincent de Paul collection for January takes place after each Mass this weekend. November's collection amounted to **€750.56** for which the St. Mochta's Conference members are most grateful. New members to the conference are always welcome. They meet each Tuesday eve at 7.00pm in the Sacristy.

WE RETURN TO ORDINARY TIME AGAIN: next week as Christmastide finishes with the feast of the baptism of the Lord today. Next Sunday will be the 2nd Sunday of the year. The dominant colour being green. However that won't last for long as we will begin the season of Lent on the **6th February** with the celebration of **Ash Wednesday**. Easter is going to be celebrated very early this year, Easter Sunday being the 23rd March.

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 the notice board at the back of the Church or contact Joan Cahill on 087-6262008

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Baptism was not over and done with the day we were taken to the font.
We are baptised by all that happens to us in life.
We are baptised by hardship; in its turbulent waters
We are purified of all that is false and useless.
We are baptised by suffering; in its murky waters
we grow in humility and compassion.
We are baptised by joy: in its gurgling waters
we experience the goodness of life.
We are baptised by love: in its singing waters
we blossom like flowers in the sun.
Baptism is like the planting of a seed.
It will take a lifetime for this seed
to grow and ripen.

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 Jn 1:29-34.**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: will be celebrated from **January 18th—25th**. The theme chosen for this year's 'WEEK OF PRAYER' is 1 Thess. 5, 'Pray without ceasing' Recently, pope Benedict has re-affirmed ecumenism is his priority. In Ireland its importance is all too obvious. Archbishop Martin's hope is that all of us can strengthen our commitment to the pursuit of Christian unity in the encouraging recognition that Jesus himself has prayed to the Father for that cause, "may they all be one." (Jn.17:21)

FAMILY OFFERING: A big thank you to all those who support the Parish Family Offering. This is the only source of income for the parish. At the moment just over 350 support the Family Offering, the running of the parish. Thank you for your continued generosity. The amount of the Family Offering for **November was €7291** and for **December €8,443**. 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.