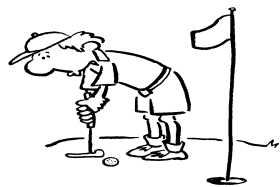


MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

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.

ODLUMS NATIONAL PANCAKE PARTY:



This Pancake Tuesday we are asking you to bring back flour power by hosting an Odlums Pancake Party in aid of The National Children's Hospital, Tallaght. We will send you out everything you need for your Odlums National Pancake Party including posters, balloons and Odlums vouchers! You can host an Odlums National Pancake Party between **1st and 5th February** wherever you choose; simply register online at **www.pancakeparty.ie** or by calling **01 4142375**.

ENJOY THE WINTER BREAK: If you are lucky enough to get away for a few days enjoy the break and DON'T break a leg!!!



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

1. How many wise men were there?
2. How did they find Jesus?
3. What gifts did they offer him?
4. Why did they not go back to Herod?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Well, Christmas holidays are over and its back to school this week. Make sure you say thank you to your mum and dad for all the good things you enjoyed during the holidays. Put the head down now and work hard till Easter which is not very far away at all.

Archdiocese of Dublin – Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown, Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 6TH JANUARY, 2008
THE EPIPHANY 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. Páircí Clerkin
St. Choilm : Mrs. Treasa Lowe

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY:

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah, Son of God and Saviour of the World. The great feast of the Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East. In the Magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the incarnation.



Please pray for those who are sick or housebound at this time:
Irene Hoey, Joan O'Brien, Tim O'Keeffe, Brian Henry, Baby Mia,
John Smalle, Baby James.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7.00 pm: Ellen Lynam
8.30 am: Benny Stacey (Ann)
10.30 am: Denis Farnan (Ann)
12.00 pm: Patrick & Philomena Gilbert (Ann)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday:

10.00 am: Zahidah, Ashraf RIP

Tuesday:

10.00 am: Frank & Mary Scanlan (Ann)

Wednesday:

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday:

10.00 am: Patrick Malone (Ann)

Friday:

10.00am: Special Intention

Saturday:

10.00am Dec. members of the Lynam Family

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

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: takes place this coming **Monday 7th January** at 8pm in the house. All members are asked to attend.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: takes place this coming **Monday 14th January** at 8pm in the house. All members are asked to attend. 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. Our parish office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.

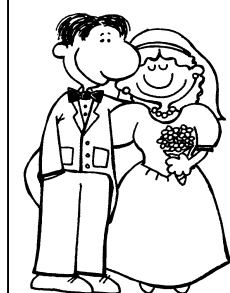
MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to have Mass offered for someone or offered for a particular intention please see our sacristan Michael after Mass. Thank you.

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.

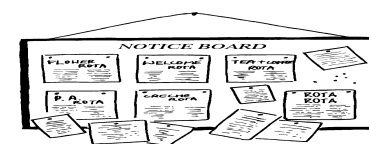
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John or June in the Parish Office between 9.30am – 12.30pm.

PARISH LITURGY GROUP MEETING: There is a meeting for all members on **Thursday 10th January** at 8pm in the house. This meeting will be held to plan for the seasons of Lent and Easter.

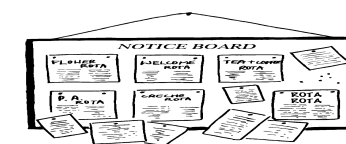
CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES: Are available at the back of the church. The Christmas Offering goes to help support of the priests in the Diocese and the Parish. Thank you for your prayers and continued support, especially at this time



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Andrew Russell and Emma Scally, Simon Cornish and Catherine Hegarty and William O'Connor and Marie Ennis** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.



PARISH NEWS



WELCOMING SUNDAY: At our Masses this weekend we will introduce and welcome those who will join our community this month through the waters of baptism. This will take place after communion where the parents will be asked what name they have chosen for their baby and what do they ask of God's Church for them.

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 on the weekend 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 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!!!! The SVP will find a new home for them!!!!



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



WEEKLY REFLECTION

The Magi were led to Christ by the light of a star.

But they saw the star only because they were not afraid to travel in the dark.

The fact is, we cannot see the stars in the bright light of day, but only in the darkness of night; and the darker the night, the brighter they shine.

In a sense, all of us are night-time travellers.

However, we need no longer fear the darkness, because with the coming of Christ a light has come into the world, a light that shines in the dark, a light that no darkness can overpower.

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 Matt. 3:13-17.**

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)

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Takes place each Sunday evening from 7pm –9 pm and offers us an opportunity to spend some quiet-time with the Lord.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS: The story of Jesus' baptism is an epiphany story; Jesus is revealed as the Son of God. This is Matthew's main emphasis. Matthew also probably wanted to show what baptism means for Christians. We will celebrate this feast **next Sunday**. The feast day also marks the end of Christmastide.