

# MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

**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. Thank you.

**RISING, RISING, RISING:** go the walls of the new Parish Pastoral Centre. We are using a hi-tec construction called "polar wall" which has very high insulation qualities. The walls will go over the next couple of weeks and the roof of the center will go on during the month of Jan.

**WATCH YOUR STEP:** Due to the ongoing work on the new Parish Centre there will be some disruption to the car park and access to the church. A new path has been laid from the car park to the church passed Fr. John's house. Please use this path rather than the road. There is absolutely no access allowed to the building site for safety reasons. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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](http://www.crosscare.ie)

**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.

**ALL IN THE FAMILY:** A man was brought to Mercy Hospital and taken in for coronary surgery. The operation went well and, as the groggy man regained consciousness, he was reassured by a Sister of Mercy, who was waiting by his bed. "Mr. Smith, you're going to be just fine," said the nun, gently patting his hand. "We do need to know, however, how you intend to pay for your stay here. Are you covered by insurance?" "No, I'm not," the man whispered hoarsely. "Can you pay in cash?" persisted the nun. "I'm afraid I cannot, Sister." "Well, do you have any close relatives?" the nun asked. "Just my sister in Kerry," he volunteered. "But she's a humble spinster nun." "Oh, I must correct you, Mr. Smith. Nuns are not 'spinsters.' They are married to God." "Wonderful," said Smith. "In that case, please send the bill to my brother-in-law."



**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. Where did Jesus go with his parents?
2. Why did he leave Bethlehem?
3. What town did he go to?
4. What was Jesus called?

**TASK FOR THE WEEK:** So 2008 is nearly upon us. A whole new year ahead of us. Lots of people at this time make promises for the new year. Promises that will help them to become a better person. What promise would you make to help you to be a better person????

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

## ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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### PARISH NEWSLETTER 30th DECEMBER 2007 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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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 HOLY FAMILY

As we assemble to celebrate the Eucharist on the feast of the Holy Family, we should remember that we form part of the family of the People of God. Let us pause to reflect on our call to unity, and ask God to remove the things that divide us.



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



### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

7.00 pm: Michael Traynor (Ann.)

8.30 am: Int. of the Parish

10.30 am: Peter O'Leary (Ann.)

12.00 pm: Fr. William McGongle RIP

**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

**Monday:**

10.00 am: Special Intention

**Tuesday: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

12.00 pm: Intentions of the Parish

**Wednesday: St. Basil the Great**

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

**Thursday:**

10.00 am: James O'Connell (Ann)

**Friday: 1st Friday of the Month**

10.00am: Altar List of the Dead

7.00 pm: Altar List of the Dead

**Saturday:**

10.00am John & Mary Drake RIP

### 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**

**A WORD OF THANKS:** Most of us come to church each Sunday unaware of all the people working behind the scenes who help make our parish and celebrations work. So I'd ask you to offer a prayer or word of thanks to all our ministers, our choirs, cleaners, sacristans, ushers, musicians, groups. These are the unsung heroes who give of their time, talent and energy week in and week out in the parish. A big thank you to them all. We are always looking for new faces to get actively involved in the running of the parish. Maybe this new year is your time to get actively involved. There'll be a warm welcome and plenty of work to give you whatever you may be called to!!!!

## 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.

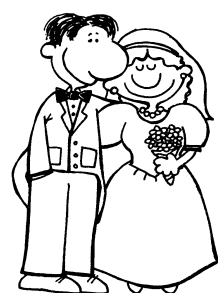
**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like to have Mass offered for someone or offered for a particular intention please see our sacristan Michael after Mass. Thank you.

**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.

**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 Matthew 2:1-12.**

**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 Robert Gilligan & Ann Marie Sheridan; Mark Sweeney & Clare Lynam; Michael Kelly & Sandra Connor who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.



## PARISH NEWS



### HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL:

Fr. John & Fr. Flor would like to say thank you for the all the prayers, support and help we have received this past year. A big thank you also for all the words of appreciation and encouragement, they mean a lot. As this year draws to a close may the Lord bless you for the coming year.

May he continue to guide you and lead you in all you do and say.

**1ST JAN.: WORLD DAY OF PEACE:** This year's theme is 'The Human Family, Community of Peace. Chosen by the Holy Father, it expresses the conviction that respect for the dignity of the human person is an essential condition for peace within the human family. Only through an awareness of the transcendent dignity of each man, woman and child can the human family follow the path that leads to peace and to communion with God. The Church has the mission of announcing the 'Gospel of Life', the centrality of the human person in the universe and God's love for humanity. The Church's mission includes proclaiming the dignity of each person, the obligation to work for the common good and the need for individual human actions to correspond to the order impressed by God on the universe. Every offence against a person is a threat to peace. Every threat to peace is an offence against the truth of the person and of God. The human person and the human family is the heart of peace.

**ANOINTING AT MASS ON JAN 1ST:** Mass for World Peace Day will be celebrated at 12 noon. During the Mass there will be an anointing of each person's hands. It is with our hands that we make signs of peace or violence, it is with our hands that we do good or bad, it is with our hands that we express love or hatred. As we begin a new year our hands will be anointed that they may help us to be people of peace this coming new year. This anointing is available to everyone in our parish as we start 2008.

### WEEKLY REFLECTION

If children live with criticism,  
they learn to condemn.

If they live with hostility, they learn to fight.

If they live with ridicule, they learn to be shy.

If they live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.

If they live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.

If they live with encouragement,  
they learnt to have confidence.

If they live with praise, they learn to appreciate.

If they live with fairness, they learn what justice is.

If they live with security, they learn to trust.

If they live with approval,  
they learn to like themselves.

If they live with acceptance and friendship,  
they learn to find love and God in the world.

**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.

**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:** This coming Friday 4th January will be the 1st of the month. Morning Mass will be offered for all those whose names appear on the Altar List of the Dead. Evening Mass because of the feast will be the vigil Mass for the Epiphany.

**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)