

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

CROSSCARE BLANCHARDSTOWN

Main Street, Blanchardstown, offers the following services: **Information Clinic every Monday** (excl Bank holidays) from 2pm to 4pm. **Coffee Break for Parents**—Are you a parent caring for a child who may have a special need, a neurological condition, a disability or long term illness? You are welcome at our Drop In Coffee Break on **Thursday 23rd April and/or Thursday 28th May** from 3pm to 4pm. Come along for a chance to meet other parents, have a break and a chat. **Migrant Project**—'Walk In' information and advocacy clinic on immigration, emigration and return migration matters. Free service, no appointment necessary. **Housing & Welfare information.** 'Walk In' information on homelessness services & housing options, etc. Free service, no appointment necessary. **Let's Dance—Every Thursday** from 2pm to 4pm—Dance-Meditation-de-stress session. **For more information** please see the notice board at the back of the Church or contact Jean Martin, Area Coordinator on 01 8219892 or jmartin@crosscare.ie.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: A group from the parish will be heading to Lourdes on pilgrimage this coming Summer. They will journey to Lourdes on Tuesday, **18th August** for five days. If you would like to be part of this group please book your seat as soon as possible. For more details please contact Joan Cahill on 087-6262008.



CASTLEKNOCK CELTIC EASTER

SOCCER CAMP: Mon 6th to Thur 9th April from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm. Venue: Blanch. Inst. of Technology. Application form and details on www.castleknockceltic.com or contact Philip on 087 4138099.

ST. MOCHTA'S FOOTBALL CLUB: Our club academy for players from **5 to 8 years of age** runs **every Saturday** from **10.30 am to 11.30 am**. Coaching is provided by **FAI qualified trainers** in a professional and safe environment. All children are welcome, boys and girls, no matter what their level of ability. Cost: €3.00 per session. Please come along this and every Saturday to St. Mochta's F.C., Porterstown Road (Beside Scoil Choilm). For more information please see the notice board.

WESTMANSTOWN GAELS EASTER

CAMP 2009: In Westmanstown Sports Centre—GAA Grounds—From **Tues. 14th to Fri 17th April** from **10 am to 2.30 pm**. Cost €50.00 per child. All welcome. Further information contact Grace O'Doyle at 087 9752580 or email Secretary@westmanstowngaelis.ie

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: The Parent and Toddler Group in St. Mochta's Parish Pastoral Centre will not meet again until Tuesday, **21st April** from 9.40 am to 11.40 am. On **21st April** Olivia Leonard from **The Little Gym** (Liffey Valley) will give a talk (and demonstration) on the various programmes they run for babies to toddlers. Everyone welcome! From Baby to School Going Age. Cost €3 per adult and 50c per child. For further information email mary-oriordan@hotmail.com or call into the Parish Office between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm.

COOLMINE MUSICAL SOCIETY presents Just Cole Crazy on **Sat. 25th April at 8 pm** in Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown. Call 086 8443420 to reserve tickets (€15).



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

1. Why do we take blessed Palm back to our homes today?
2. Why do we call today Passion Sunday?
3. Why is this the most important week of the year?
4. Why do we celebrate Easter each year?

TASK FOR THE WEEK: Fr. John is asking all our boys and girls to boil or "blow" an egg and paint and decorate it as colourfully as you can for Easter. Get your mum or dad to help you create one and bring it to church on Good Friday for our Altar display.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 5TH APRIL 2009

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

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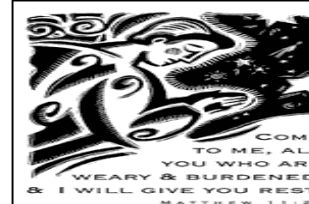
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PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

Holy week, in Irish, "The Great Week", begins today. At one end Passion Sunday and at the other end the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. On this day the Church celebrates Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery.



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

Joan Allen, Padraig Byrne, Sarah Harris, Mary Rodgers, Miriam Soughley, Ruth Dayman, Joseph O' Connor, Liam Silcock, Gillian Dowling, Baby Patrick.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

7.00 pm: John Mullins (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Intentions of the Parish
10.30 am: Patrick & Mary Whelan (Anniv.)
12.00 pm: Eileen Sweeney R.I.P.

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday of Holy Week

10.00 am: George & William Matthews (Anniv.)

Tuesday of Holy Week

10.00 am: Sick of the Parish

Wednesday of Holy Week

10.00 am:

Holy Thursday

7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

10.00 pm—11.00 pm: Watch & Pray

Good Friday

12.00 pm: Children's Stations of the Cross

3.00 pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7.00 pm: Stations of the Cross

Saturday:

9.00 pm: **EASTER VIGIL**

EASTER SUNDAY

8.30 am: All Easter Masses

10.30 am: offered for the

12.00 pm: Intentions of the Parish

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

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

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

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

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.

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. 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 meeting takes place this coming **Monday 6th April at 8.00pm** in the Parish Centre. All members are asked to attend.

CENTRE VOLUNTEERS: The new roster for the Coffee Dock and Reception is available in the Sacristy for collection. Thank you.

ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE: There is a meeting for all servers on **Monday eve at 5pm.** All are asked to attend.



“WAY OF THE CROSS”: The sixth annual Way of the Cross through the Phoenix Park will take place on **Good Friday, 10th April.** Led by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin it will begin at the Wellington Monument at **12.30 pm** and proceed to the Papal Cross. All are welcome.

EASTER EGGS FOR CHURCH: Fr. John is asking all our boys and girls to boil or “blow” an egg and paint and decorate it as colourfully as you can for Easter. Get your mum or dad to help you create one over the next couple of weeks and bring to church on Easter morning for our Altar display

HELPERS THANK YOU NIGHT: Our annual night to say thank you for all those who are actively involved in our parish takes place on Friday 24th April in our Parish Centre from 8pm till late. Please mark the date in your diary.



PARISH NEWS



HOLY WEEK: During Holy Week the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem. The Lenten season lasts until Thursday of this week. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

PASSION SUNDAY: Holy Week begins today, which joins the foretelling of Christ's regal triumph and the proclamation of the Passion. The commemoration of the entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem will be celebrated with a solemn procession at the 10.30am and 12 noon Masses. At all our Masses palm will be blessed. The palm should be taken home, where it will serve as a reminder of the victory of Christ.

CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER: Confessions during Holy Week will be heard on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after 10.00 am Mass and from 6pm-7.00pm. This is an opportunity to receive the Lord's healing and forgiveness in the sacrament. There will be **no** confessions heard during the Easter Triduum.

CHRISM MASS ON HOLY THURSDAY: Is celebrated by the bishop with the priests and people of the diocese in the Pro-Cathedral. This is the only Mass celebrated on Holy Thursday morning in the diocese. At this Mass the Holy Oils used for Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination and Anointing are blessed by the bishop. Priests of the diocese also renew their promises. Mass will be celebrated at 10am in the Pro-Cathedral.

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: Will be celebrated at **7.30 pm on Holy Thursday.** This Mass celebrates the institution of the Eucharist and Christ's call to serve each other. The washing of his disciples feet was a sign of his humble love and service. We are asked to do the same.

WATCH & PRAY: We will celebrate the watch and pray from **10.00 pm—11.00 pm.**

GOOD FRIDAY: The Cross is our greatest good, our richest blessing; from it we receive every grace. We are invited on Good Friday to kiss the cross and in that kiss, a gesture of love, to express gratitude to Jesus, who by his cross has saved the world.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS 12 NOON: This is a celebration of Good Friday geared for young families. There will be a presentation of the Lord's Passion by young people of our parish.

THE LORD'S PASSION 3pm: This is the solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion including the reading of the Lord's passion, veneration of the Cross, Prayers of the Church and Holy Communion.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7pm: This will be a processional stations of the cross held outdoors in the park behind the Church depending on the weather of course. We will gather at the Church door for 7pm.

HOLY SATURDAY: EASTER VIGIL 9pm: This is the biggest celebration in the Church's liturgical calendar. At the Vigil we will baptise 8 people and anoint them with the newly blessed Chrism Oil. We have the lighting and blessing of the Easter Fire, lighting of the Paschal Candle, blessing of Easter water and renewal of baptismal promises along with a celebration of the first Mass of Easter.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Death of the Good Shepherd

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd;

The good shepherd lays down
his life for his sheep.'

Jesus did not have to suffer and die.
He had a choice.

He chose to suffer and die because he cared
about the flock God had entrusted to him.

What Jesus wants from us is not our suffering,
but a life of love and service.

Such a life will inevitably bring suffering.
But Jesus supports all those who follow him
down the road of faithful love
and generous service.

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 20:1-9.**

ADVOCATE COLLECTION: The **Sunshine Fund** of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is holding its **annual collection** outside this Church and all Dublin Churches **this weekend.** Each year, The Sunshine Fund provides much-needed sea-side holidays for approximately 1,100 of Dublin's less fortunate children. All holidays are directly dependent upon the generosity of the people of Dublin who for the last 70 years have been most generous and supportive. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.