

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: As part of their Silver Jubilee celebrations Castleknock Church hosting a Corpus Christi Procession. St. Mochta's Parish have been invited to participate as we were once the parish church for Castleknock. It would be great to see a big turn out for it, especially our boys and girls who will have received their 1st Holy Communion this year. We will assemble at Castleknock College on Sunday, 25th May at 3.30pm. The Procession will leave Castleknock College at 4.00 pm and proceed down to Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Castleknock.

COMMISSIONING OF NEW FUNERAL TEAM: This ceremony will take place at the 10.30am Mass this weekend. 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.

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.

LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE: Will take place this coming September. The people of the Diocese may join the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, as Associates, by being enrolled and by making a voluntary offering. The Associate Membership has for over fifty years been the backbone of the fund-raising to help send some very sick people to Lourdes every September. The money collected will be devoted to defraying the expenses of the sick pilgrims. Associates will receive in return, as Associates, an enrolment leaflet outlining the prayers for Associates. The enrolment sheets containing the names of the Associates will be placed at the Grotto during the Pilgrimage. Mass will be offered for all the Associate Members at the Grotto in Lourdes. More details are available from the back of the Church.

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 087 9668356



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

1. Who was present in the room when the Holy Spirit came?
2. How did the Holy Spirit come upon the disciples?
3. How many gifts of the Holy Spirit are there?
4. When do we receive the Holy Spirit?

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.

Archdiocese of Dublin - Deanery of Finglas

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER 11TH MAY, 2008

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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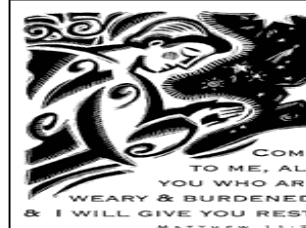
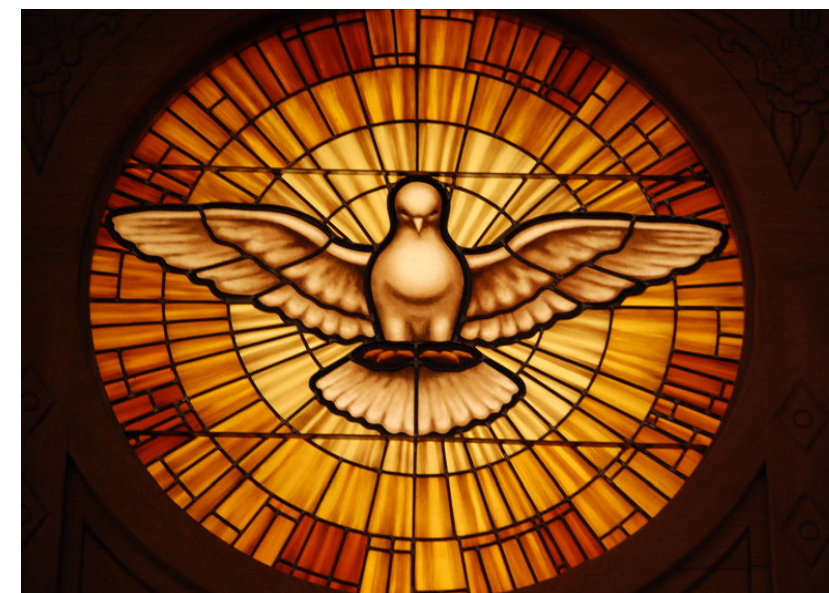
Parish Web Address: www.stmochtasparish.ie

Parish Office Hours : Monday - Friday : 9.30am – 12.30pm

PENTECOST SUNDAY

This is the day when, true to his promise, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to the apostles. The coming of the Spirit changed the apostles and saw the launching of a new community (the Church).

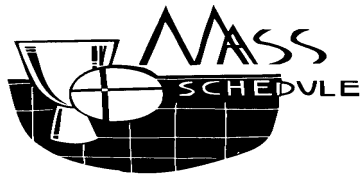
This day renews the gift of the Spirit in each of us and in the Church as a whole. Let us pause to reflect on our need of the Spirit, and to dispose ourselves to receive him.



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



PENTECOST SUNDAY

7.00 pm: Lucy Darcy M/M
8.30 am: Mary Fee (Anniv.)
10.30 am Nicola Kiernan (Anniv.)
12.00 pm: Peg Rodgers & Mary McCarthy (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: Sts. Nereus, Achilleus and Pancras

10.00 am: Int. of Bernie Byrne

Tuesday:

10.00 am: Mary Ryan R.I.P.

Wednesday: St. Matthias

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

Thursday: St. Carthage

10.00 am Special Intention

Friday: St. Brendan

10.00 am George & William Matthews (Anniv.)

Saturday:

10.00 am: 1st Communion Celebration

12.00 pm 1st Communion Celebration

TRINITY SUNDAY

7.00 pm: Esther Harford (Anniv.)

8.30 am: Int. of the Parish

10.30 am Jimmy Waters (Anniv.)

12.00 pm: Miley Cauldwell & Pat Doyle

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

MARY DIGNAM RIP (Laurel Cottages):

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary who died this weekend. Requiem Mass will be celebrated for the repose of her soul on **Monday 12th May at 1pm**. We offer our sympathies to all of her family. May she rest in peace. Amen.



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **John Walsh and Maureen Whelan** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Samuel, Matthew and Eva** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit.



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**

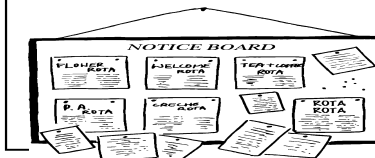
MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to have Mass offered for someone or offered for a particular intention please see our sacristan Michael after Mass. Thank you.

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.

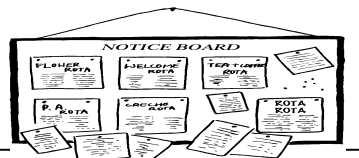
HOSPITAL VISITATION: If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

PRAYING THE ANGELUS:

The Angelus Domini, shortened to "the Angelus," is the ringing of the church bell -- in three groups of three chimes with a pause in between each group, at 6 am, Noon, and 6 pm roughly, and its associated prayers, which spring from the monastic practice of praying the *tres orationes* at Matins, Prime and Compline. While the monastics said their prayers at the sound of the Angelus Bell, the faithful would stop what they were doing and say 3 Hail Mary's in honour of the Incarnation. Later, since at least 1600's, verses were added to these Hail Mary's that we get the form of the Angelus we have today. It is a great family prayer to pray each day. **Copies are available at the back of the Church.**



PARISH NEWS



FEAST OF PENTECOST: The Church celebrates Pentecost (so called because it is fifty days after Easter Day) as the day on which the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, gathered in an upper room with Mary, mother of Jesus, "as a mighty, rushing wind", fulfilling Jesus' promise when he "breathed on them", as recorded in John's Gospel (chapter 20). This event, which marks the beginning of the Church, is recorded in the book of Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2. The Holy Spirit gave the apostles gifts of grace through which they would undertake the evangelical mission of the Church. On the day of Pentecost, the apostles were given the miraculous "gift of tongues" -- so that everyone from every country understood the Christians inspired message of salvation as if they were hearing it in their own languages. Thousands were converted by the preaching of Peter and the other apostles. The Solemnity of Pentecost ends the Easter season. After Pentecost, the Easter candle is kept in the baptistery or near the baptismal font, and is lighted only for a baptism. For centuries, the Sundays of the Catholic Church year between Pentecost and Advent were numbered as "after Pentecost". Since the Second Vatican Council, this period is called "Ordinary Time" (the first period of Ordinary Time is that between the Epiphany and Lent).

PARISH COUNCIL: There is a meeting for all members of the council this coming Monday at 8pm in the house. All members are asked to attend.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: There is a meeting for all members on Thursday 15th May at 8pm in the house. All members are asked to attend.

1st COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS: Congratulations to Miss O'Malley's and Miss Quinn's Classes who celebrated their First Holy Communion yesterday. A big thank you to all those who were involved in making yesterday such a wonderful celebration. Our Communion celebrations continue next weekend with two more classes from St. Patrick's and St. Mochta's schools. 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.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Love is gentle

It was late spring and the buds
still refused to open.
Tightly wrapped up in themselves,
they were as hard as stones.
The wind shook them. The hail beat them.
The frost squeezed them in a fist of iron.
All three shouted, 'Open up! Open up!'
Instead of opening up,
the buds reinforced their shells,
and retreated even more deeply into themselves.
Then along came the sun.
It issued no threats and made no demands.
It just created a more friendly climate.
And what happened?
Almost overnight the buds began
to soften and expand.
Then their shells cracked, and they burst out.
If you love, you are gentle.
And there are certain tasks
which only gentleness can accomplish.

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 3:18-18.**

SVP CHURCH GATE COLLECTION: The St. Vincent de Paul collection for May takes place after each Mass this weekend. Last month's collection amounted to **€1,209** for which the St. Mochta's Conference members are most grateful. New members to the conference are always welcome. They meet each Tuesday evening at 7.00 pm in the Sacristy. New members are very welcome.

GORTA—THE FREEDOM FROM HUNGER COUNCIL OF IRELAND will do a Church Gate Collection next weekend, 17th and 18th May, 2008 after each mass. Gorta are looking for some extra volunteers to help. Please phone Ann 01-6615522 or e.mail ann@gorta.ie if you are interested.

THE SUNSHINE CLUB would like to thank all parishioners who so generously supported the ADVOCATE church-gate collection on Palm Sunday last. Overall, some €286,000.00 was raised in the Dublin Archdiocese on the day. The amount collected at **Porterstown** church was **€989.00**.