

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

CALLING ALL MOUNTAINEERS: We are planning another trip into the Wicklow Mountains. This year our target is Mount Seefin at the back of Kilbride Rifle Range. The journey to the top will take about 50 minutes. Some of this will be via a forest road and some via a hill path. Boots are recommended, and a walking stick. The final part of the climb is a little steep but not too rugged. There is a megalithic tomb at the top. On the way to the top we will have brilliant views of Liffey Valley and the lakes of Blessington. You won't find beauty like this outside of Kerry. We plan to assemble at St. Mochta's Church **next Sunday, 7th June at 1.30 pm** and go in convoy from there.

ST MOCHTA'S PARISH PICNIC: This year's Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday 21st June** beginning after 12 o'clock Mass. It will be held in the grounds around Luttrellstown Castle. It is always a great family fun day and all are welcome to attend. We are looking for helpers to set up and run the day as well as doing a tidy up afterwards. So if you can help please give your name to Fr. John after Sunday Mass. Don't be shy there is plenty of work for you to do!!!!

KNOCK CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL: "You are the Light of the world" from **23rd-26th July** at Our Lady's Shrine, Knock, Co. Mayo. The festival is for young adults aged 18-30. Cost: €70/Free Buses. Further information phone Veronica Jackson in Catholic Youth Care at 01 8725055 or 094 9375035 or check out www.cyc.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.

CROSSCARE: INFORMATION SERVICES every Monday from 2 pm—4 pm in Crosscare, Blanchardstown. For more information please contact Jean Martin, Area Coordinator, Main St., Blanchardstown on 01 8219892 or email jmartin@crosscare.ie.

AN OIGE—THE IRISH YOUTH HOSTEL ASSOCIATION in conjunction with EcoAdventure Ireland are pleased to announce Summer Multi Activity and Pony Camps at their new 5 star Hostel in Knockree, Co. Wicklow. Camps are suitable for 8-17 year olds for the residential option and 6-17 year olds for the non residential option. Prices from €150 based on 5 days. Further information from Eamonn/Fiona on 01 2767988.

CASTLEKNOCK GAA are delighted to announce details of this year's annual Football mini leagues. They will take place on the week **commencing Monday 8th June** and finish on Saturday, 13th June. They will take place beside Castleknock Community College. Please see notice board for more information or contact Club Coach Brendan Phelan on 085 1329397 or visit www.castleknock.net.

PARENT & TODDLER PARENT & TODDLER GROUP: in St. Mochta's Parish Pastoral Centre is on every **Tuesday from 9.40 am to 11.40 am**. Everyone welcome! From Baby to School Going Age. Cost €3 per adult and 50c per child. For further information please email maryoriordan@hotmail.com with your name and contact number or call into the Parish Office Mon-Fri between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBANUS Order of Catholic Lay Men are looking for members to carry out Catholic Work in the Dublin area. Join and look to the future with confidence! All Nationalities welcome. For more information please contact John O'Brien on 086 0405165.



KIDS CORNER: Having listened to the readings 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: This coming week the big exams of Junior Cert. and Leaving Cert. begin. You may have older brothers and sisters sitting them. So do please keep them in your prayers and try and help them study by keeping the house quiet!!!!

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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER 31ST MAY 2009

FEAST OF PENTECOST

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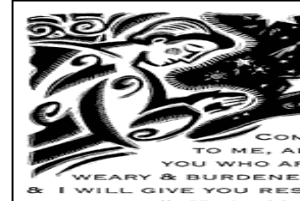
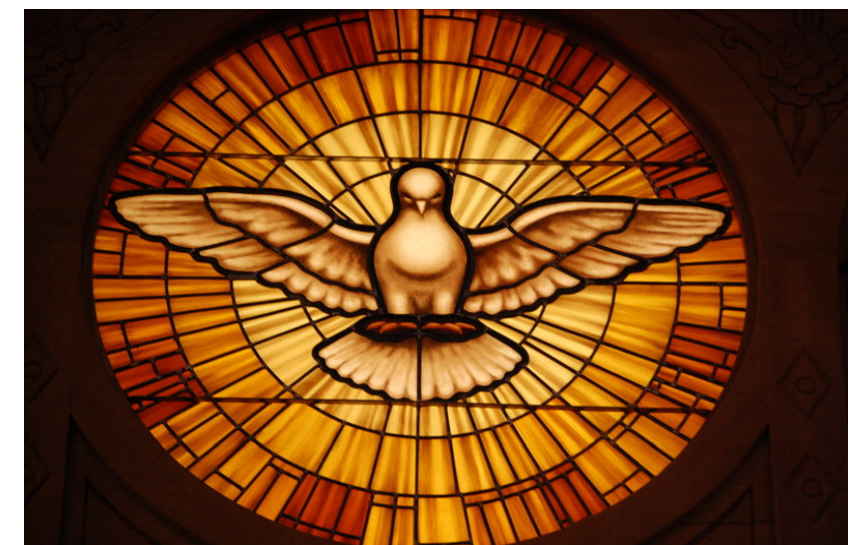
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PENTECOST SUNDAY

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:

Sarah Harris, Rose Lynam, Miriam Soughley, Ruth Dayman, Gillian Dowling, Cora Galvin, Fr. Joe Caffrey, Baby Aoibhe, Baby Niamh

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



PENTECOST SUNDAY

7.00 pm: Max Turpie (1st Anniv.)
8.30 am: Int of those preparing for Exams
10.30 am Mary Rogers M/M
12.00 pm Peter Delaney (Anniv.)
EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday: St. Justin

10.00 am: Intentions of the Sick of the Parish

Tuesday: Ss. Marcellinus & Peter

10.00 am:

Wednesday: Sts. Charles & Kevin

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday:

10.00 am Intentions of the Parish

Friday: St. Boniface

10.00 am Altar List of the Dead

Saturday: Sts. Jarlath & Norbert

10.00 am

TRINITY SUNDAY

7.00 pm: John Fitzmaurice M/M
8.30 am: Those Preparing for Exams
10.30 am
12.00 pm Anne Bennett (Anniv.)
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.

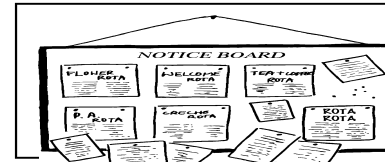
CONFESSION: the sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 6.00pm 6.45pm or by appointment. The sacrament offers you an opportunity to receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing.

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

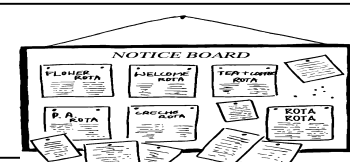
WE'LL BE RINGING SOON: The new electronic bell system will be completed during the week. It means that the bell will ring automatically each day calling people to Mass and also to prayer with the ringing of the Angelus twice a day. The funds were raised for the system through the Christmas draw. Thank you to all who supported the draw last December.

FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES OF MARY will visit our parish this weekend **30th & 31st May**. Sr. Monica Field will be speaking at all weekend masses about their missions and will be asking for your support and prayers.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Each Sunday we have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This offers each of us an opportunity to spend some time in prayer before the Lord. It takes place each Sunday eve from 7pm—9pm. All are welcome to attend.



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.

PARISH CONFIRMATIONS:

Congratulations to Ms. Barrins and Ms. O'Malley's classes in St. Patrick's N.S. and Ms. Demetriou's and Ms. Farrell Classes in St. Mochta's N.S. who celebrated their Confirmation during the week. A big thank you to all those who were involved in making yesterday such a wonderful celebration.



PARISH PICNIC MEETING: There is a meeting for all those involved in the organising of the Parish Picnic on Sunday 21st June. New volunteers are badly needed in helping to organise the day. So do please attend the meeting on **Tuesday at 8pm** in the Parish Centre if you are free.

ST. MOCHTA'S WAY: The first brick for our St. Mochta's Way went down this past week. It looks great. The rest of the bricks will be laid during the middle of June. We are currently taking orders for the next batch of bricks to be sent off. All the details are in the leaflets at the back of the church. All proceeds are going to service the debt from the building of our new Parish Pastoral Centre. Thank you for your support.

PARISH AGM: Our 2nd Annual General Meeting will take place **next Wednesday 3rd June at 8pm** in the Parish Centre. This meeting is open to all parishioners. The accounts will be presented and an overview of the year and hopes and aspirations for the coming year. All are welcome to attend.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Do not let yourself be guided
By the spirit of self-indulgence.

Look at the legacy self-indulgence produces:
Bad temper, fighting, jealousy, cruelty, meanness,
Revenge, fornication, idolatry and drunkenness.
These are ugly things, and make life miserable.
Rather, let yourself be guided by the Spirit of God.

Look at the legacy the Spirit brings:

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
Goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

These are beautiful things, and make life joyful.

They are a foretaste of the joy of heaven.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

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 Mt 28:16-20.**

EXAM BLESSING: There is a blessing after all the Sunday Masses this weekend for all those who are beginning the Junior & Leaving Certificate exams this coming week. We pray that each of you will perform to the best of your ability over these coming weeks. Below is a short prayer which may be of help to you.

PRAYER FOR THOSE DOING EXAMS:

Spirit of God, give me a sharp sense of understanding and a retentive memory and an ability to grasp things correctly. Most of all help me to work as if everything depended on me. To pray as if everything depended on you. Grant that I may reflect in the exams I do the best of the work I've done and the best of the teaching I have received. Amen.

GORTA: are looking for good clean second hand clothing, shoes, accessories, books, bric-a-brac, DVDs, CDs and other household items to sell in their network of twelve shops. Bags will be handed out on **6th/7th June** and all bags will be collected on **14th June ONLY** after Sunday Mass. So start that summer 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!!!!



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Anthony O'Donovan and Sheila Quinn, Anthony Leddy and Pamela Nolan and Eamonn Kieran and Louise Sheedy** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES: Because of growing numbers for the blessing of the graves in St. Mary's Cemetery, Clonsilla. It has been decided to move the annual celebration to the summer. It will take place on **Sunday, 5th July at 3pm**. All are welcome to attend.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: This coming Friday 5th June 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. The Eucharist is also brought to the housebound and sick. If you know of someone who would like a visit please see Fr. John.