

ST. MOCHTA'S COMMUNITY & SOCIAL NEWS

ST MOCHTA'S PARISH PICNIC: This year's Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday 20th June** beginning after 12 o'clock Mass. It will be held once again in the grounds of Luttrellstown Castle which proved so successful last year. It is always a great family fun day and all are welcome to attend. So mark the date in your diary now. Last year over 2,000 people attended the day!!!! So if you can help please see Fr. John after Mass. There are many activities organised for the day for all age groups; there will be fun for everyone. To help make this day a success there are a number of **ways that you can help out** over the coming weeks:

1. Sign up to help for an hour or longer on the day or with the planning and organising during the coming weeks. The event will **require LOTS of man and woman power**. If you are available to help out at any stage of the day with stalls, car parking, games/football, or set up and clean up after a fantastic day... there is a **meeting of ALL HELPERS of our Parish Picnic on Thursday 13th May at 8pm in our Parish Centre**. Give your name and contact details to the Pastoral Parish Members after Mass or leave your name on the list in the Sacristy. Your attendance at this meeting would be great as we need to co-ordinate and plan for June well in advance. Bring a friend who would like a job too!
2. If you have any of the following items that can be sold on the Stalls as part of our fund raising we will take them... New or used **Handbags, Jewellery** (new or used), Your old **saucers & plates** for a smashing time, **Bottles** of alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages for Bottle Stall, **Books, CD's, DVD's, Bread & Cakes: Homemade Cakes n' Buns** please nearer the time and **homemade jams/chutneys**, etc. Any **unwanted gifts** in good condition that can be used as Bric o' Brac or Raffle items Or if you wish to **donate a prize** for our raffle – it would be most welcome. **Items can be dropped into the Sacristy before and after mass or in the Parish Office during office hours in the weeks running up to the Picnic.**
3. And we will have a **Farmers Market**, if you know anyone interested in taking a stall or if you could hand out leaflets to promote it at similar markets, please contact Mary Greene Byrne in the Parish Centre during the week. Don't be shy there is plenty of work for you to do!!!! Thanks.



CALLING ALL HILL WALKERS: Our 5th annual hill walk will begin in Crone Wood car park near Enniskerry. We will follow the Wicklow Way for about 35 min. This will bring us, via a gentle forestry road, to a point where we will have a spectacular view of Powerscourt waterfall. Then we will have the choice of going on further to see the valley behind the waterfall and the trail that leads to the top of Djouce Mountain which we climbed three years ago from the southern side. It's an easy walk that offers fantastic views of the Enniskerry area. We might even be lucky enough to hear the cuckoo. The walk is on **Sun. 6th June**. As usual we will meet in the **car park of St. Mochta's Church** at **1.30pm**. Fr. Flor.

PARISH CENTRE VOLUNTEERS: The new roster is available from the Sacristy after Mass.

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP PLEASE NOTE the group will **not meet** next **Tues. 25th May**. Our group will celebrate their **1st year** with **Mass** and a **special blessing** for parents and babies on **Tues. 1st June** at **10am** in the church. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre after Mass. Everyone welcome.

DRESSMAKING WORKSHOP: 6 week course starting **Thursday 27th May** from **10.30am to 1pm** in the Parish Pastoral Centre. Cost €150. For more details, please contact Michelle on 086 3479240. All age groups welcome.

CONGRATS TO ST. MOCHTAS N.S.: The school had its two gaelic football teams reach the Dublin schools final last Tuesday in Parnell Park. There was a great win for the girls team. The girls put on a fluid display and ran out easy winners. The boys team also reached the final but were beaten after a gutsy performance. Well done to both teams.

CASTLEKNOCK HURLING & FOOTBALL CLUB are holding their **Summer camps** from **12th to 16th July** and **16th to 20th August**. The Camps are designed to ensure that all participants are kept busy learning and improving their skills of Hurling & Gaelic Football in an enjoyable and friendly environment with many an opportunity to make new friends. All activities will be carefully planned and implemented by Castleknock Club Coach Brendan Phelan and his army of enthusiastic and qualified coaches. To enrol just contact Brendan on 085 1322939.

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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

PARISH NEWSLETTER 23RD MAY 2010

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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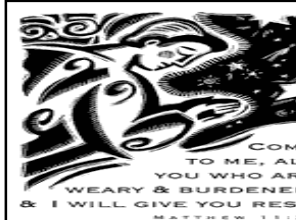
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Parish Office Hours : Monday - Friday : 9.30am – 12.30pm

FEAST OF PENTECOST

It is impossible to live the life of a Christian without the help of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives us power to participate in the work of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is our strength in times of weakness, our guide in times of doubt, our consoler in times of sadness, our advocate who always pleads our cause. We can't take even one step without the Spirit. The gifts of the Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence, and wonder and awe in God's presence.



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

Sarah Harris, Chris Bruton, Liam Silcock, Allsún Henderson, Ena Kelly, Brian Lenihan, Ellen Spring.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



PENTECOST SUNDAY

7.00 pm: Essie Harford & Jack Lovely
8.30 am: Intentions of the Mullin Family
10.30 am John & Mary Power (Anniv.)
12.00 pm John Saunders (Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday

9.00 am Mass
11.00 am Confirmation—St. Mochta's N.S.

Tuesday

9.00 am Mass
11.00 am: Confirmation—St. Patrick's N.S.

Wednesday St. Philip Neri

10.00 am: Service of Word & Communion

Thursday St. Augustine

10.00 am Int. of Brian Lenihan

Friday

10.00 am Max Turpie (Anniv.)

Saturday:

10.00 am Special Intention

TRINITY SUNDAY

7.00 pm: Ethel Hynes (Anniv.)
8.30 am: Int. for the sick of the Parish
10.30 am
12.00 pm

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 also be 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? 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.**

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.

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH MONTHLY FINANCE APRIL 2010

INCOME

Monthly Parish Offering Contributions	€ 7,635
<i>*(263 regular contributors and a few donations)</i>	
Receipts from Shrines and Weddings	€ 2,113
Tax Rebate from Revenue	€22,878
Total income for April	€32,626

EXPENDITURE

Pastoral Expenses, Utilities, Wages etc	€12,373
Monthly repayment on Parish Loan	€ 5,544
Total expenditure for April	€17,917

Balance:	Surplus of	€14,709
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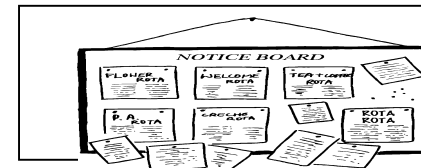
WHAT IS THE PARISH OFFERING? The Parish receives **NO** income from the two Sunday Collections. The only regular income the parish receives is from the **Parish Offering**. We have about 5,000 homes in the parish but as you can see only **263** homes contributed to the Parish Offering in April. You can contribute to the **Parish Offering** by Standing Order or Cheque/Cash Donation. These forms are available from the back of the Church or Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support. **John Sherwood Chair of Finance Committee**

NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **James, Clara, Andrew, Zac and Paul** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind, and spirit in the years ahead. Please note there is a three month waiting list of baptism.

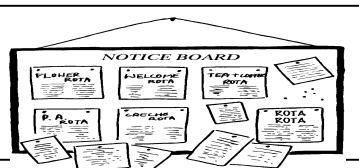


WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Gary Doherty and Nascienza Nardone** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL are looking for a **baby cot** for someone in need. If you can help please phone John Kane on 086 0780697.
ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH AGM: This year's AGM will be held on **Monday 14th June** in the Parish Centre at 8pm. Financial and Parish reports will be presented. All welcome to attend.

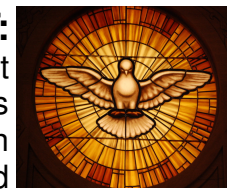


PARISH NEWS



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. 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).



TRINITY SUNDAY: The feast of the Blessed Trinity, which we will celebrate next weekend, brings us face to face with the mystery of God. We can know certain things about God by looking at creation. But it is Jesus who reveals to us the mystery of God.

CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish next **Monday May 24th & Tuesday May 25th at 11am**. We have nearly 120 candidates for Confirmation this coming year. Please keep them in your prayers. Thank You.



DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION:

The Archbishop will lead the Annual Procession in the grounds of Holy Cross College, Clonliffe on **Thursday 3rd June at 7.30pm**. All are welcome to attend this event.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

On Pentecost day the apostles spoke a new language.

What was this new language?

It was the language of peace rather than of war;
the language of cooperation rather than of competition;
the language of forgiveness rather than of vengeance;
the language of hope rather than of despair;
the language of tolerance rather than of bigotry; the language of friendship rather than of hostility; the language of unity rather than of division;
the language of love rather than of hate.

Through the gift of the Spirit, people of different languages learned to profess one faith, to the praise and glory of God.

That is the real miracle of Pentecost, and it is a miracle which, thankfully, still happens.

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 16:12-15.**



CLASSICAL MUSIC FESTIVAL:

We are going to hold a Classical Music Festival in our church. The performances will be by **Duo Chagall and guests**. We will have three concerts. **Fri.**

28th May will be a Mozart evening 8pm. Sat. 29th May at 8pm will be a journey through French classical music and Sun. 30th May at 4pm will be a performance of Choral music and Baroque Masterpieces. Tickets will cost €10 or €25 for all three concerts and are on sale from the Sacristy after Mass or the Parish Office during office hours. **Tickets can only be purchased on the night of each concert.** This festival is being part funded by the Arts Council. Please see poster at the back of the church.

CHURCH ART WORK: A big thank you to Laoise Nugent for the art work in front of the altar for Easter and the feast of Pentecost.