

## 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 **College Grove Green on Sunday, 25th May at 4.30 pm for Prayers and Benediction.** The Procession will leave College Grove Green and process through College Grove and into Park Avenue, crossing the Castleknock Road to arrive at Our Lady Mother of the Church for Mass at 6.00 pm. the Church, Castleknock. Parking will be available in the school beside Castleknock church. **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.

**ST MOCHTA'S PARISH PICNIC:** This year's Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday 15th June** beginning after 12 o'clock Mass. It will be held in the usual place, the park behind the school. It is always a great family fun day and all are welcome to attend. There is a meeting for the organising committee this **Tuesday 20th May at 8pm** in the house. New helpers are always welcome. Don't be shy there is plenty of work for you to do!!!!

**PARISH CENTRE UPDATE:** Work is flying along at the moment. The new "green" extension to the car park is nearly complete. The inside plastering has been done and the interior doors have been fitted. The second fix is going on at the moment along with the sanitary and kitchen fix in the coming weeks. Outside too is nearly complete. The hard landscaping will commence this coming week along with the installation of mains electricity into the Centre. Next will come the gas and water. Watch this space for further updates over the coming weeks.

**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. How many persons in the Trinity?
2. Can you name them?
3. Is God one God?
4. What is the best way to show our love for God

**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

Porterstown & Clonsilla, Dublin 15

**PARISH NEWSLETTER 18th MAY 2008**

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

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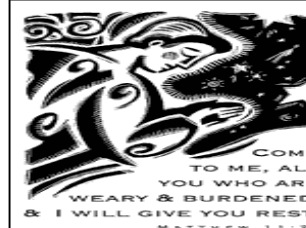
**Parish Finance Committee:** Chairperson Colm O'Neill

**Parish Web Address:** [www.stmochtasparish.ie](http://www.stmochtasparish.ie)

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

## TRINITY SUNDAY

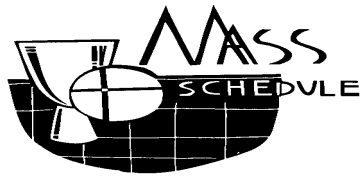
Today we celebrate the greatest mystery of our faith, namely, the mystery of the Trinity. God is Father, Son and Spirit. It is not so much something to talk about, as something to celebrate, pray, and live.



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, Dermot Duggan.**

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



### TRINITY SUNDAY

7.00 pm: Esther Harford (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: Int. of the Parish  
10.30 am Jimmy Watters (Anniv.)  
12.00 pm: Miley Cauldwell & Pat Doyle  
**EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm**

#### Monday:

10.00 am: John Collins R.I.P.

#### Tuesday: St. Bernardine of Siena

10.00 am: John Hegarty R.I.P.

#### Wednesday:

10.00 am : Service of Word and Communion

#### Thursday:

10.00 am Deirdre Conroy R.I.P.

#### Friday:

10.00 am Special Intention

#### Saturday:

10.00 am: 1st Communion Celebration  
12.00 pm 1st Communion Celebration

### FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

7.00 pm: Elizabeth Fahy (Anniv.)  
8.30 am: John & Mary Allen  
10.30 am John Saunders (1st. Anniv.)  
12.00 pm: Kathleen & Francie & Son Frank Fagan  
**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](mailto: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](http://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.

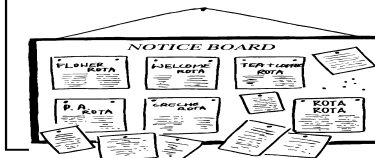
**HOSPITAL VISITATION:** If you know of a parishioner who is sick and would like a visit please don't hesitate to contact Fr. John.

### PRAYER FOR THOSE DOING EXAMS:

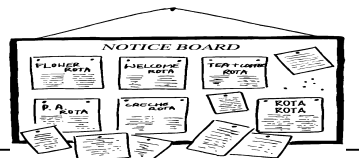
Spirit of God, give me a sharp sense of understanding and a retentive memory and an ability to grasp things correctly. Most of all help me to work as if everything depended on me. To pray as if everything depended on you. Grant that I may reflect in the exams I do the best of the work I've done and the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

**TROCAIRE** would like to thank all parishioners who so generously supported the Trocaire Lenten Campaign. The amount collected at **Porterstown** church was **€2,791.00**. Trocaire is committed to working for a just world for all. We can only have this vision because of your goodwill and solidarity.

**GORTA—THE FREEDOM FROM HUNGER COUNCIL OF IRELAND** will do a Church Gate Collection this 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](mailto:ann@gorta.ie) if you are interested.



# PARISH NEWS



### WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT GOD IS A TRINITY?:

The doctrine of the Trinity means that there is one God who eternally exists as three distinct Persons—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Stated differently, God is one in **essence** and three in **person**. These definitions express three crucial truths: (1) The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct Persons, (2) each Person is fully God, (3) there is only one God. The Trinity does not divide God into three parts. The Bible is clear that all three Persons are each **one hundred percent God**. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are all fully God. For example, it says of Christ that "in Him **all the fullness** of Deity dwells in bodily form" (Colossians 2:9). We should not think of God as like a "pie" cut into three pieces, each piece representing a Person. This would make each Person less than fully God and thus not God at all. Rather, "**the being of each Person is equal to the whole being of God.**" The divine essence is not something that is divided between the three persons, but is fully in all three persons without being divided into "parts." Thus, the Son is not one-third of the being of God, He is **all** of the being of God. The Father is not one-third of the being of God, He is **all** of the being of God. And likewise with the Holy Spirit. Thus "When we speak of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit together we are not speaking of any greater being than when we speak of the Father alone, the Son alone, or the Holy Spirit alone. If each Person of the Trinity is distinct and yet fully God, then should we conclude that there is more than one God? Obviously we cannot, for Scripture is clear that there is only one God. Having seen that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are distinct Persons, that they are each fully God, and that there is nonetheless only one God, we must conclude that **all three Persons are the same God**. In other words, there is one God who exists as three distinct Persons. How is God one? He is one in **essence**. How is God three? He is three in **Person**. **Essence and person are not the same thing**. God is one in a certain way (essence) and three in a different way (person). **He is not three and one in the same way**. He is three in **a different way** than He is one. This is very important: God is one and three at the **same time**, but not in the **same way**.

### 1st COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS:

Congratulations to Miss Parker's and Miss Griffin'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. Mochta's school. 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.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:** Bishop Field will meet all our candidates and their parents for a short meeting in the church this coming **Monday 19th May at 8pm** for their final preparation meeting. It is important that all our candidates attend this meeting. Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on Tuesday 27th June at 11am. Please keep them in your prayers.

### WEEKLY REFLECTION

Once a young boy stood watching a gypsy as he drank from a well in the town square.

After drinking, the man continued to gaze into the well, as though looking at someone.

He was a giant of a man but had a friendly face.

So the boy approached him and asked:

'Who lives down there?'

'God does,' answered the gypsy.

'Can I see him?'

'Sure you can,' said the gypsy.

Then taking the boy into his arms he lifted him up so that he could see down into the well.

All the boy could see, however, was his own reflection in the water.

'But that's only me,' he cried in disappointment.

'All I see is me.' 'Ah,' replied the gypsy, 'now you know where God lives. He lives in you.'

**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 6:51-58.**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting can be read on the notice board at the back of the church.



**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Thomas Forde and Carol Dunphy** 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 **Caoimhe, Leah, Robert and Tom** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit.



**ALTAR SERVERS MEETING:** There will be a practice for all servers this coming Tuesday 20th May at 5pm in preparation for Confirmation. All are asked to attend.

**LITURGY GROUP MEETING:** There is a meeting for all members of the parish Liturgy group this coming Thursday in the house at 8pm. All members are asked to attend.