

**THE PARISH OFFICE & PARISH CENTRE will remain closed until further notice.** If you have a query please email [secretary@stmochtasparish.ie](mailto:secretary@stmochtasparish.ie) and June will get back to you as soon as she can.



**SCRIPTURE READING:** Each week we suggest a piece of Scripture to use in your prayer. This week's is **Mk 16:1-7 & Jn 20:1-9.**

**ST. MOCHTA'S BETHANY BEREAVEMENT GROUP** is unable to hold group meetings or 1:1's. If you need support, please phone or text **086 2479216** detailing if mornings or evenings suit you and one of the members will arrange a support call to you. Also the group has set up an **online monthly Bereavement support meeting. The next online meeting will be held on Monday 29th March at 7.30pm** in place of the physical meeting. This will be facilitated through Zoom. If you want to avail of this, simply send a text or call 086 2479216 and the group will set you up for the meeting. This is a strictly confidential service.

**FINGAL'S COMMUNITY RESPONSE FORUM COVID-19 Helpline 01 8905000** from 8am to 8pm for people who need help. FreePhone 1800 459059; Email [covidsupport@fingal.ie](mailto:covidsupport@fingal.ie).



**ALONE**—For older people who have concerns re. COVID-19—Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. Please contact **0818 222 024 8am-8pm, 7 DAYS A WEEK.**

**ACCORD:** Relationship Counselling Service—for more information please phone 8201044.

**AWARE** is the national organisation providing support and information to individuals and families impacted by depression and bipolar disorder. See [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie) for information.

**CONSOLE 24/7** national suicide prevention helpline **FreeFone 1800 247 247** provides free professional counselling, support, advice and information for anyone in suicidal crisis or who has been bereaved by suicide. [www.console.ie](http://www.console.ie)

**JIGSAW** Offering younger people going through a hard time, or for those worried about a young person in your life. <https://www.jigsaw.ie/news-and-events/post/covid-19-what-were-doing> [www.jigsaw.ie](http://www.jigsaw.ie)

**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.



**KIDS CORNER:** Having listened to the readings via webcam please 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:** This is the most important week of the Church year, when we gather to celebrate God's great love for us. God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son, who died for us. God raised him from the dead and it is this great gift he offers us. This is the week when we remember and celebrate God's great love for us. Amen.

**Fr. Paul 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 week and bring it to the church before Easter Sunday, when the church is open for private prayer, for our Altar display.



**Spiritual Communion Prayer**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.



**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** takes place each Sunday via webcam from **7pm-8pm** and offers us an opportunity to spend some quiet time with God.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** If you wish to donate to VDP, please pick up a **BLUE** envelope at the back of the church. Envelopes can be placed in the large box at the back of the church.



Alternatively you can donate via Bank Transfer. **BIC Code: IPBSIE2D; IBAN Code: IE58IPBS99061180000992.** St. Mochta's Conference thanks again you for your support.

**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. Paul. It is very important that we continue to build our data base and keep it up to date. Thank you.

Archdiocese of Dublin – Blanchardstown Deanery

**ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH**

Porterstown / Clonsilla

**PARISH NEWSLETTER 28TH MARCH, 2021—PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY**

"St. Mochta's is a young and developing faith community, which is conscious of its proud and ancient history, and seeks to be a welcoming and spirited Parish in the service of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

(Parish Mission Statement)

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**Webcam Link:** <https://www.stmochtasparish.ie/home/mass-times-and-webcam>



**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.

**CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available between **1pm and 3pm** this Sunday **28th. March** in preparation for Easter.



## HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

**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.

**CHRISM MASS:** Archbishop Dermot Farrell will celebrate the Chrism Mass in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm.** You may wish to join in this celebration via webcam ([www.procathedral.ie](http://www.procathedral.ie)), particularly for the moment of Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service. During the Mass Archbishop Farrell will bless the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens and will consecrate the Holy Oil of Chrism for use in the sacraments throughout our Diocese in the coming year.

**HOLY THURSDAY—MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** will be celebrated at **7.30 pm** followed by Watch and Pray. This Mass celebrates the institution of the Eucharist and Christ's call to serve each other.

**GOOD FRIDAY: 12 noon**—Children's Stations of the Cross. **3pm**—Solemn Celebrations of Our Lord's Passion and Holy Communion.



**HOLY SATURDAY—EASTER VIGIL at 8pm:** This is the biggest celebration in the Church's liturgical calendar. 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.

**EASTER SUNDAY:** Mass will be celebrated at **10am via webcam.** You can find the webcam button on our website [www.stmochtasparish.ie](http://www.stmochtasparish.ie)

**EASTER CARD:** An Easter card will be delivered to every home in the Parish next week. This card will contain the Holy Week Timetable and Fr. Paul's Easter message.



## Webcam and Donate Button

The installation of a 'webcam' has successfully kept us in touch with parishioners and we have discovered that many people from outside of the parish and the country can 'attend' our liturgical celebrations from their home anywhere in the world. Our access link is: <https://www.stmochtasparish.ie/home/mass-times-and-webcam> You can also access the link through our new look website [www.stmochtasparish.ie](http://www.stmochtasparish.ie).

By adding a provision to 'Donate Online' to our Parish website it will now be possible for parishioners to make contributions without 'handling' money coins or notes. It affords everyone the option of reflecting on why contributions are vitally essential to keep the church in good running order. Contributions are welcome and can now be made on the Online **Donate** facility for:

### Family Offering:

The day to day running expenses/ light, heat, sound, phones, altar breads and wine for Masses, candles, salaries, cleaning and regular recurring maintenance of screens and projectors, drains, gutters, roof and maintenance of outside toilet, Insurance on Parish buildings (€6000+), burglar alarms, fire alarms, monitoring of same, maintaining the church grounds and carpark including trees, webcam, broadband, lease charges on photocopier, stationery, printing, bank charges, Administration. V.A.T. (we pay VAT on all purchases, services, etc.) postage, photocopying, sacramental expenses, flowers, water charges, annual service and de-sludge of our pumping station, Coffee Dock essentials, cleaning products, annual sanitary expenses, support for various parish groups, etc. and now sanitizer, disposable gloves, disposable masks, daily cleaning, etc.

### Restoration:

The church is now 131 years old. The fabric of the building needs repair work, some subsidence in the plasterwork requires urgent attention. Dampness needs to be treated, a new boiler and improvements to the radiators along with a form of 'insulation' to keep the heat in the building. The windows require insulation for their protection and to assist with insulating the building. Trees are creating problems to the fabric of the building on one side of the church and trees need attention in the car park as they have reduced the space available for cars to park. Painting and decorating are required in the building and on the outside doors and gutters etc. Car park needs re-surfacing and marking. We are currently seeking estimates to ascertain the exact cost of this work, which will cost thousands of euros.

### First and Second collections and Easter & Christmas Dues:

The **First Collection and Dues** are sent to the Archdiocese to pay the income of all priests in the

diocese including sick and retired priests. Since the church closed and the collections stopped *The priests of the Dublin Archdiocese have had a further 25% cut to their income in addition to the previous 25% cut within the last 8 years.*

The **Second Collection** is sent to the Archdiocese to support the salaries of the administration who provide services to the parishes, to subsidise poorer parishes and makes a contribution to projects of the Irish Episcopal Conference.

Thank you to those who are currently keeping us 'afloat' by contributing to the parish 'Family Offering' through standing orders and through the envelope collection. **We greatly value and hope you will continue your support.**

By donating via Standing Order, envelope and via the Donate option on the website, St. Mochta's church can benefit from the 'tax back' incentive by including all the contributions in the total yearly recorded contribution of each donor and claim the tax back without any extra cost to the donor. This would greatly enhance the contributions received by the parish. (\*There is a small charge for transactions for the company who operate the online Donate facility.)

I am well aware that the Pandemic has also impacted negatively on the people who have lost their jobs and on those whose working hours have been cut and are currently dependent on government subsidies to give them a wage that they can manage to live on and support families. I appreciate that your circumstances may mean that you are not in a position to contribute at this time. I hope and pray that your situation will improve very soon.

I would be grateful for any support you can give at this time; we are in need of your support.

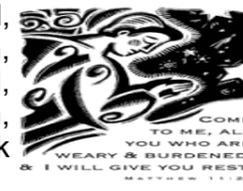
I can assure you that you are always in my prayers and my hope is that, please God, we can all make a brighter future for our parish together.

Sincerely, Fr. Paul

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**Please pray for** Fr. Paul, Joan Hartigan, Mary Phelan, Baby Freddie, Bridie, Willie, M, Geraldine, Kevin, Mary, Sean, Liam and all those who are sick or housebound at this time.



Read Wubit's story on [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

## 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.

## CELEBRATION OF MASS BACK ON LINE AGAIN

Due to COVID-19 Restrictions and HSE guidelines Mass is celebrated at 10am from Monday to Friday and at 6pm on Saturday evening and 10am Sunday morning via our webcam until further notice. Our access link is: <https://www.stmochtasparish.ie/home/mass-times-and-webcam> You can also access the link through our new look website [www.stmochtasparish.ie](http://www.stmochtasparish.ie).

### Church Open for Private Prayer

- The church will be open Monday to Friday from 11am until 4pm and Sunday from 11am to 4pm. You are welcome to visit for Private Prayer.
- We ask you, when visiting, to please follow the health and safety guidelines.
- Please sanitise your hands, using the free-standing sanitisers on entry and exit to and from the church.
- Please sign the sheet provided giving your name and contact number and the time you are in the church for HSE contact tracing purposes.
- **Please use a face mask indoors at all times.**
- Private Prayer should be **silent** so as not to affect other people who are praying in silence.
- If you are lighting a candle(s) please use the taper provided and **be careful that you do not expose your hands to the naked flame** as sanitising liquids can be flammable.
- Please do not visit the church if you are ill or displaying the virus symptoms.
- **Please note** also that while in the church, the webcam is on live stream every day.

Thank you. Fr. Paul.

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