

THE PARISH OFFICE & PARISH CENTRE will remain closed until further notice. If you have a query please email 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 14:12-16, 22:26.**

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 31st May 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.

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 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

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

EASTER DUES / OFFERING:

Thank you to all of you who returned the Easter Dues / Offering envelope. The Easter Dues goes to support the priests of the Diocese both working and retired. The Diocese is completely reliant on your generosity and a big thank you for your continued support. The Easter Offering goes to support the running of our church. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

KIDS CORNER: Having listened to the readings via webcam 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: We have about 195 boys & girls hoping to make their 1st Holy Communion this year and 190 candidates hoping to celebrate their Confirmation. 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 our Confirmation candidates to received the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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.

VIATORES CHRISTI, a faith-based development organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. VC have just launched, along with our partner agencies in Volunteering for Humanity, a **new Online Discussion Forum** that is open to all! The Forum is an online community that is free for everyone to join and to start discussions about volunteering - how to become a volunteer; to share stories and to find volunteering opportunities such as the #EUAVI. To learn more about the forum go to our website www.vcvolunteers.ie

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART—From **Thursday 3rd June to Friday, 11th June.** This Novena is available in leaflet form at the back of the Church.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: If you wish to donate to VDP, please pick up a **BLUE** envelope at the back of the church. Alternatively you can donate via Bank Transfer. **BIC Code: IPBSIE2D; IBAN Code: IE58IPBS99061180000992.** Thanks.

Archdiocese of Dublin – Blanchardstown Deanery

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown / Clonsilla

PARISH NEWSLETTER 30TH MAY, 2021—THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

“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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Parish Finance Committee: Chairperson John Sherwood

Parish Website Address: www.stmochtasparish.ie

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Church Reopening



Public worship resumed on the 10th May. At present It will not be necessary to book for the **weekday Masses**. Details of how to book a place at **weekend Masses** are set out below and on our Parish website www.stmochtasparish.ie **Present restrictions issued by HSE and Government:** We must keep a social spacing of 2 metres between each person (front, back, left and right). Family members who live in the same household can sit together. The total number in attendance is capped at **50** persons. Until the restrictions are lifted we are unable to accommodate a full congregation attendance at mass. We hope that these restrictions will be lifted asap. **Please Note: All Masses will be available live on the webcam for your participation** should you be unable to acquire a seat.

How to book your seat at any weekend Mass: Please email bookmymass@stmochtasparish.ie on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday up to 12 noon**, confirming the Mass that you wish to attend. When booking you supply **each name and contact details** on the email as we will need it for HSE contact tracing purposes. You should specify if those named are **family who live together.**

We cannot accept booking requests on the telephone. Please note the times and 'cut-off time' for making a booking. **June will confirm your seat request via email by Friday.** This email address will not be staffed after 12 noon

on any **Thursday**. The email address will reopen for booking requests again **every Monday morning**. Please sanitise your hands and wear a face mask before entering the church.

Church Open for Private Prayer

- The church will be open each day from 11am until 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 covering 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 aper 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.



TRINITY SUNDAY 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**.

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.

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.

If every **wage earner** in each **household**, young or old, contributed something, our parish would be in a more secure place. For example, the following template illustrates how a small donation can work.

Is our request reasonable? Consider the subscriptions that many of us make for additional services into our homes every month? **For example:** the cost per month of TV packages Sky Sports, Sky Movies, Netflix? The consumption of a bottle of wine or beer: take away foods: concert tickets: cigarettes: phone apps. etc.?

The following template illustrates that for a modest annual contribution per household St. Mochta’s can, (with the tax incentive scheme), receive extra money at no extra cost to you. For the minimum contribution (in the tax incentive scheme) of €250 per annum St. Mochta’s will receive €362.

(I would like to encourage those who can afford to give a little more to please do so.)

*Per Household Family Offering	
€10 per month	total annually €120
Church Restoration	
€5 per month	total annually €60

First Collection	
€3 per month	total annually €36
Second Collection	
€2 per month	total annually €24
Easter Dues	
€15 once a year (€1.25 per month)	total annually €15
Christmas Dues	
€15 once a year (€1.25 per month)	total annually €15

Total contribution per month	Total contribution Annually
€22.50 Per Household	€270 Per Household

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

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



MASS INTENTIONS: To arrange an anniversary Mass or Special Intention email sacristan@stmochtasparish.ie with all the details. Mary Stacey our Sacristan will get back to you as soon as she can. Early booking is recommended. Thank you.



REFLECTION

O Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to the world, hear me. I come to you as one of your many children.

I am small and weak;

I need your strength and your wisdom.

Make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.

Make my hands respect the things you have made,

and my ears sharp to hear your voice.

Make me wise so that I may know the things you have taught your children, the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. Make me strong, so that I may not be superior to other people, but able to fight my greatest enemy, which is myself.

Make me ever ready to come to you with straight eyes, so that when life fades as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame.