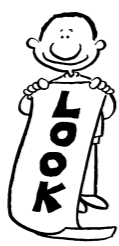


THE PARISH OFFICE & PARISH CENTRE will remain closed until further notice.

In the meantime if you have a query, please email June at secretary@stmochtasparish.ie. She will get back to you as soon as she can. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.



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 January, 2022 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.



NEW CHRISTIANS:

We welcome **Dara, Sylvie and Katie** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. We pray that they may continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit in the years ahead. Anyone enquiring about baptism, please see Mary Greene or Deacon Tim at the 10.30am or 12 noon mass.



WEDDING BELLS:

Congratulations to **Damien and Laura** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.



ALONE manage a national support line for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. The support line is open seven days a week, **8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**

JIGSAW Offering younger people going through a hard time in live. <https://www.jigsaw.ie/news-and-events/post/covid-19-what-were-doing>
www.jigsaw.ie

AWARE is the national organisation providing support and information to individuals and families impacted by depression and bipolar disorder. For information <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and www.aware.ie

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

KIDS CORNER: Having listened to the readings please answer the following:

1. Who baptised Jesus?
2. What happened after he was baptised?
3. Do we have the same baptism?
4. What does it celebrate for us?



TASK FOR THE WEEK: I bet each one of you knows the date of your birthday which you no doubt celebrate each year. But how many of you know the date of your baptism? So if not try find out this coming week, there must be photos at home or even a video!!!

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

monthly collection takes place this weekend, **8th and 9th January, 2022** after each mass. This collection is vital to the work of the SVP in enabling them to extend their programmes of assistance in the parish. 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 wall safe at the back of the church. **Alternatively** you can donate via Bank Transfer. **BIC Code: IPBSI E2D; IBAN Code: IE58IPBS99061180000992.** St. Mochta's Conference appreciates the ongoing generous support from their donors. Thank you.



CAR PARK SECURITY:

Please be careful about leaving belongings on show while your car is parked in the car parks around the church. Please ensure that your car doors are locked. Be aware and vigilant.



PORTERSTOWN PARKRUN Every Saturday from **9.30am**, parkrun is a **FREE**, weekly, timed, community 5k event organised by volunteers. All welcome whether you **walk, jog, run, etc.** **To take part you need to register on parkrun.ie, print your barcode** and head to Porterstown Park.

ANAM CARA North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 19th January at 7.20pm** in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.



Thank You from GOAL to the many families and individuals who braved the weather to come out to support GOAL's annual Christmas Day Mile in the Phoenix Park.

Archdiocese of Dublin – Blanchardstown Deanery

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown / Clonsilla

PARISH NEWSLETTER 9TH JANUARY, 2022—BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“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.”

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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Jesus, the Sinless One, joined the queue of sinners, and was baptised by his cousin, John, in the waters of the Jordan. He did so in order that he might free us from the power of sin. Let us pause to call to mind our sins, and our need for purification and liberation.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



Sunday: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

6.00pm: Intentions of Colm Casey and Joselyn Alford
Recently married

10.30am: Elizabeth and Billy Balfe (Anniv.)

12 noon: Dennis Farnan (Anniv.)

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

Monday:

10.00am: Alexander Gibson

Tuesday:

10.00am: Benny Stacey (Anniv.)

Wednesday:

10.00am: Cathy McKeown M/M

Thursday: St. Hilary

10.00am: Peter Martin (Anniv.)

Friday:

10.00am: Peter Melia (Anniv.)

Sunday: 2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

6.00pm: Trudy Tyrrell (1st Anniv.)

10.30am: Lauri and Valentine Panday (Anniv.)

12 noon:

EXPOSITION 7pm—9pm

CHRISTMAS DUES / OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Are available at the back of the church. The Christmas Dues goes to pay the salaries of all the priests in the Diocese including those who are ill and retired. Thank you for your prayers and continued support, especially at this time.



WEBCAM & DONATE BUTTON Our access link is: <https://www.stmochtasparish.ie/home/mass-times-and-webcam> or through our website www.stmochtasparish.ie. Thank you.

SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong
path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may
journey together to eternal life and not stray
from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in
every place and time, in the communion of the
Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

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. Paul. We would also be grateful if you could fill out a **Registration Form** in order to register with the parish. They are available at the back of the Church.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

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 or put it through his letterbox.



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL:

Fr. Paul and the parish team would like to say thank you for all the prayers, support and help we have received this past year. A big thank you also for all the words of appreciation and encouragement, they mean a lot. As this year draws to a close may the Lord bless you for the coming year. May he continue to guide you and lead you in all you do and say.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS:

This baptism was a very public one and was recorded for all generations to know about and understand, and it is important for several reasons. First, it pictures His death and resurrection. Second, it symbolizes the believer's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. Third, it marks His first public identification with those whose sins He would bear. Fourth, the event was a public affirmation of Jesus being the Messiah by the testimony that came directly from heaven. Water baptism is used as a way to identify. In Jesus' day, when a Gentile would convert to Judaism, he would have to be publicly baptized to identify him as a convert. Obviously, Jesus was not converting to anything. His baptism was an identification of Jesus with the Father and the Holy Spirit. At His Baptism in the Jordan, God the Father introduced Jesus to the world as His Son. After His Baptism Jesus was 'led by the Spirit' and began His public Ministry. We learn during that Ministry that He is the One of whom the Baptist said 'He will baptise with the Holy Spirit and with Fire'. In our baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit, on whom we can rely, to be our leader and guide in living the Christian Life.



NEW MISSAL FOR OUR READERS: This year's missal is available for all our readers in the sacristy. Please pick up copy after Mass. Thank you.



A WORD OF THANKS: Most of us come to church each Sunday unaware of all the people working behind the scenes who help make our parish and celebrations work. So I'd ask you to offer a prayer and word of thanks to Tim, our Parish Deacon, Mary our parish pastoral worker, June our secretary, our sacristans; Mary & Joe, our ministers, our choirs, musicians, children's liturgy of the word leaders, our parish centre committee and our many, many groups who work in the parish for their hard work throughout the year. These are the unsung heroes who give of their time, talent and energy week in and week out in the parish. A big thank you to them all. Fr. Paul.



CHRISTMAS CARD VOLUNTEERS: A big thank you to all our volunteers who gave their time and energy to drop the Christmas cards around the parish. Your continued support is much appreciated.

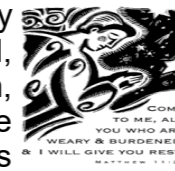
MASS INTENTIONS: To arrange an anniversary Mass or Special Intention email sacristan@stmochtasparish.ie with all the details. Mary Stacey our Sacristan will get back to you as soon as she can. Early booking is recommended.

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 2:1-12.**

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place each Sunday evening from **7pm—8pm in the Church** and offers us an opportunity to spend some quiet time with God. **All very welcome.**



Please pray for Fr. Paul, Baby Eve, Rui, Baby Freddie, Willie, M, Geraldine, Kevin, Mary P, Sean, Liam, Margaret R, Sylvia and all those who are sick or housebound at this



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.



A Christmas Message



Dear Parishioners,
Our hopes for a Covid free Christmas have not yet been realised. Thankfully the vaccine roll out has given us some protection from the virus, yet we are still vulnerable. We are also still mindful that we are not in control of our world and that

there are many positive ways to go about making the world a safer place.

The message is hopefully dawning on us that we are totally connected brothers and sisters who share the planet that we live on. So, if we neglect to protect our poorer relations worldwide then none of us are safe until we are all safe. It is very heartening to see that in our own place more people are 'looking out' for each other, especially the lonely, the hungry and the homeless.

Christmas has always been the time of year that accentuates the goodness that is in every human person. We reflect on the fact that Almighty God came among us as one like ourselves, choosing to be a poor and vulnerable human being.

Now is the time to spread the warmth and happiness that is at the heart of the Christmas message. Gathering around the crib, may the Lord bless you and your family with Peace, Good Health, Hope and Love.

Fr. Paul

A Christmas Appeal

Due to Covid 19 Pandemic, we were firstly in Lockdown and following that we were restricted to admitting very small numbers to the celebrations of

Masses in our church. As a result, we have received very little funding during the last 2 years towards our day to day running costs, heat, light, insurance, Internet and webcam, staff wages etc.

I am appealing to you for a donation towards St Mochta's Church. Allowing for the many and varied circumstances of Parishioners I am simply asking you to give what you can afford, and

I understand if you are not in a position to help at this time. Donations can be dropped into the church, made online on our website or standing order forms are also available in the church. If you are a contributor already, please identify your donation as it may further help us through the charity tax back scheme.

Thank you.

Church Open for Private Prayer

- The church will be open from Monday to Friday from 11am until 4pm and Sunday from 1pm to 7pm. 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 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 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.**