

 **THE PARISH OFFICE** is open Monday to Friday from 10.30am to 1pm. You can also email secretary@stmochtasparish.ie with your query and June will get back to you as soon as possible.

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH CENTRE:

Mondays: THI CHI will resume again on the 23rd January from 7pm to 8pm. Please phone Marius 087 6162712 for more information. 
Tuesdays: TODDLER Group from 10am to 12noon
Tuesdays: YOGA with Jakki from 8pm Please phone Jakki on 086 0792469 for more information.
Wednesdays: YOGA with Jakki from 9.45am
Wednesdays: TOASTMASTERS from 7.45pm on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month
Thursdays: LEGION OF MARY from 8pm. Phone Lorraine on 085 8082419 for more information.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT GROUP:

The Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group will hold the January Group monthly meeting for the Bereaved at 7.30pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre on Monday, 30th January, 2023. This is a strictly confidential service. 
 Bethany members are also available to meet privately with anyone who has been bereaved either recently or in the past by appointment. Contact 086 2479216 or the Parish Office 01 8213218 during office hours.

NORTHSIDE HOME CARE SERVICES

Meals on Wheels is a 7 day service that delivers meals Monday to Friday to clients in their homes. €5.50 per day. Contact Catherine on 018058574/ 0872851280. 

PORTERSTOWN PARKRUN:

Every Saturday at 9:30am. Parkrun is for ALL abilities (walk, jog or run) This is a free community event (in association Fingal Co.Co.) Website: <http://www.parkrun.ie/porterstown/> email porterstownoffice@parkrun.com 

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. 

KIDS CORNER: Having listened to the readings, please answer the following: 
 1. What were the names of the brothers in the Gospel?
 2. What type of work do they do?
 3. What did Jesus mean when he said that he would make them 'fishers of people'?

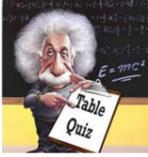
4. Does Jesus want us to follow him too?
TASK FOR THE WEEK: Sometimes today people give up everything to follow Jesus and they are known as missionaries. How can we follow him everyday? We can do this by the way we live and treat others. This week do something kind and helpful for your Mum and Dad, especially something they ask you to do and that you don't really like doing.

CAR PARK SECURITY: Please be careful about leaving belongings on show while your car is parked in the car parks around the church.

 **COFFEE DOCK**—Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after the 11 o'clock mass this Sunday. It's a great opportunity to meet neighbours or make new friends.

2023 ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES IN JUNE

If you are interested in going on our Parish Pilgrimage, please see Fr. Paul or put your name and contact no. on the sheet in the Sacristy after any mass. 

STRAWBERRY BEDS COMMUNITY QUIZ IN THE WREN'S NEST on the first Wednesday of the month. Looking forward to seeing you all on Wed. 1st February 2023 at 8.30pm sharp. All welcome. 

ALONE manage a national support line for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties. 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 life. <https://www.jigsaw.ie/news-and-events/post/covid-19-what-were-doing> www.jigsaw.ie

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

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PARISH NEWSLETTER 22ND JANUARY 2023—3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

"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."

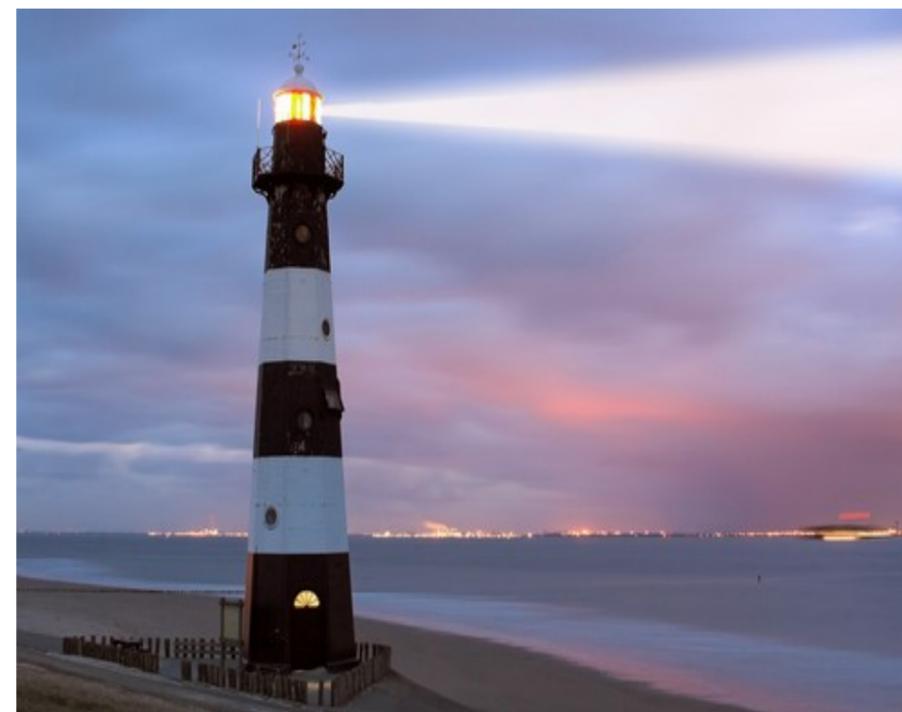
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A LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARK

'The people that lived in darkness have seen a great light.'
 This is how St. Matthew describes the impact of Jesus' ministry. Each of us has areas of darkness in our lives—fear, illness, pain, sin, guilt, loneliness, and so on. Society too has its dark areas. Hence our need for the light of Christ. The light of Christ does not come to judge us, but to save us, to show us how to live, to show us the way to the Father's Kingdom.



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



Sunday: 3rd Sunday of the Year

6.00pm Fr. Flor McCarthy (Anniv.)
Daniel McCarthy (Recently Deceased)
11.00am: Eileen Troy (Anniv.)

7pm to 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday:

10.00am: Aoife Carolan (Anniv.)
Mary Ellen Armitage (Anniv.)
Teresa Cummins (Anniv.)

Wednesday: St. Paul

10.00am: Service

Friday: St. Angela Merici

10.00am: Donal O'Dwyer (Anniv.)

Sunday: 4th Sunday of the Year

6.00pm Seán McAuley (Anniv.)
11.00am: Monica O'Neill (Anniv.)
Niamh Murray (Anniv.)

7pm to 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

THE BUILDING HOPE PRAYER

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.

**You constantly journey with us
even in our darkness and doubts.**

We seek your way of loving kindness

To walk together as one family.

Open our eyes to recognise you

**in the faces of one another,
in the breaking of bread**

and in the splendour of creation.

**May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope
and new life deep within us.**

**May our hearts and minds be filled
with your Word,**

bringing forth truth, justice and peace.

**May the Holy Spirit working in
and through us do much more**

**than we can dare to imagine
as we live out our baptismal calling
in humble and loving service.**

**We make this our prayer
through Christ Our Lord.**

Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St. Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.

St. Kevin, pray for us.

St. Brigid, pray for us.

St. Mochta, pray for us.

Building Hope

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 the Sacristy or put it through the Parish Office letterbox. Thank 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 Mt 5:1-12.**

Please pray for Fr. Paul, Lucy, Eve, Rui, Freddie, Willie, Geraldine, Kevin, Sean, Sylvia, Majella, Ann, Dave, Chrissie, Fiona, Joan, Brigid, Liz, Christine, Carol, M, Suzanne, Pat, Michael, G, Sinead, Baby Theo, Eva, Sheila, Michelle, Joe T 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.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2023, themed 'Walking Together in Faith & Love', will take place from **Sunday, 22nd January to Sunday, 29th January**. For this year's annual celebration of Catholic education, CSW will draw on three features of the Synodal Pathway: 'Communion, Participation and Mission'. The theme for CSW 2023 is dedicated to celebrating the gift of Catholic education and recognising the love and generosity of the entire school community: student, staff and home.

COOLMINE COMMUNITY SCHOOL: This year we celebrate its **50th Anniversary** since the opening of the school in 1972. As a result, a number of events are being planned throughout the academic year. Please see the poster at the back of the church for more information.



THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2023 continues until **25th January, 2023**—the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. This year's theme is **Be-Longing**. Its inauguration in Dublin will take place at Christ Church Cathedral on **Wednesday, 18th January at 8pm**.



CHRISTMAS DUES ENVELOPES

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

THANK YOU: A big thank you to all those who have returned the Christmas dues and for your prayers, generosity and support. The Christmas Dues goes to pay the salaries of all the priests in the Diocese. Envelopes are available from the back of the Church.



NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Kenzie, Daniel, Séimí and Léana** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit. Anyone enquiring about Baptism, please see Deacon Tim or Ciara at the 11am Mass any Sunday.



BAPTISMS To arrange a Baptism, please see Deacon Tim or Ciara at the 11am mass on any Sunday. They will have the diary. Early booking is recommended.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL If you would like to donate to VDP please use one of the blue envelopes at the back of the church and place it in the safe on the back wall. **Alternatively** you can donate via Bank Transfer. **BIC Code: IPBSI E2D; IBAN Code: IE85IPBS99061180000992.** St. Mochta's Conference appreciates the ongoing generosity and support received from their donors.

ALSO we urgently need volunteers—about 3 hours a week—to support vulnerable individuals and families in St. Mochta's Parish, Dublin 15. Full training and support provided. For information please see one of our volunteers outside the church on the 2nd Sunday of any month after mass or come along to our **local conference any Tuesday from 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre.** Email volunteer@svp.ie, phone 01 8198405 or visit www.svp.ie



REFLECTION

Lord, make me an instrument of your love.
Where the darkness of loneliness reigns
let me bring the light of friendship.
Where the darkness of bitterness reigns
let me bring the light of forgiveness.
Where the darkness of hurt reigns
let me bring the light of healing.
Where the darkness of discord reigns
let me bring the light of joy.
Where the darkness of doubt reigns
let me bring the light of faith.
Where the darkness of despair reigns
let me bring the light of hope.
And where the darkness of hatred reigns
let me bring the light of love.
Amen.

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

takes place each Sunday evening from **7pm–8pm** and offers us an opportunity to spend some quiet time with God.

The human body needs food, air and rest to remain alive. Without the proper physical nourishment of food, air and rest, no man or woman can carry on physical activity and growth. The undernourished individual cannot fulfill his role in the community as a social being. The same thing applies to the spiritual life. The soul needs the spiritual food of the Eucharist, the spiritual rest of meditation and the spiritual air of prayer. Without this proper spiritual nourishment the human person cannot mature and flourish spiritually as an individual and consequently cannot fulfill their role in worshipping God as a member of the community. Spending more time with the Lord in quiet prayer would be a very good New Year's Resolution.



A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Lord our God, you said that "the harvest is rich but the labourers are few. Pray therefore, to the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers into his fields." Lord, we pray for your Holy Spirit to send us holy priests. To ignite the spark inside men to faithfully minister as priests in the Archdiocese of Dublin. Fill them with zeal to step forward with a heart on fire, with divine love, so they mirror Christ, your Son, in a world in need of His light, meaning, hope and courage. Send to the Archdiocese of Dublin, strong and courageous spiritual shepherds, fearless in proclaiming the Resurrection of Christ anew for our time. May these men of prayer be always open to the responsible call of service to your beloved people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.