

THE PARISH OFFICE Is open from 10.30am to 1pm Monday to Friday. If you have a query, email secretary@stmochtasparish.ie or phone 01 8213218 and leave your name, contact number and a brief message after the tone. Thank you.



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

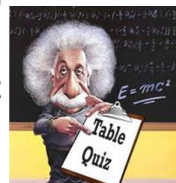
1. Who will God separate at the end of time?
2. How will he do it?
3. Who will he call into his Kingdom?
4. How can we be his followers?



TASK FOR THE WEEK: Today is the Feast of Christ our King. It is where we recognise Christ as the ruler of our lives, he is the one we try to follow and be the rock on which we build our lives. Next week we will start a new season. Do you know what its called?

STRAWBERRY BEDS COMMUNITY QUIZ IN THE WREN'S NEST

on the first Wednesday of the month. all on **Wednesday 6th December at 8.30pm sharp for our Christmas Quiz.** 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 Our Mission Together, we will achieve better **mental health** outcomes for young people (**aged 12-25**) by delivering therapeutic services, promoting youth mental health and mobilising community and societal change, while ensuring our organisation evolves to support all aspects of our work. **Phone 01 8905810 (Dublin 15 telephone number) or see 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

CASTLEKNOCK PARISH children's Liturgy

Group are running a **Family Faith Camp** on **Saturday 2nd December from 2pm to 4pm** in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Castleknock. Come and dive into the heart of the Advent season with interactive Bible stories, art, music, games, delightful surprises, treats and more! Open to all ages. Please book in advance as places are limited. To sign up phone 086 0610686, 087 7183980 or online at <https://form/jotform.com/232152033665348>



COFFEE DOCK: Every Sunday after the 11 o'clock mass in the Parish Centre

CHILDREN'S LITURGY every Sunday at the 11am Mass. Parents are welcome to come with the children to the Parish Centre.

Archdiocese of Dublin – Blanchardstown Deanery

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER 26TH NOVEMBER, 2023—FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

"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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CHRIST THE KING

On this great Feast we rejoice in calling Christ our King.
We owe him an allegiance we would not give to any other power on earth.
Our lives are meant to bear witness to his Kingdom.
Today give us an opportunity to reflect on what kind of witnesses are we?



PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Jackpot not won - €550 rolls over for the next draw.
€20 Cash Prize Winner - Ciara
The prize winner has been notified.



FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA:

St. Mochta's Parish is hosting a Festive Afternoon Tea in our Pastoral Centre **NEXT Saturday 2nd December** beginning with **Mass at 12 noon**. There are **only 60 tickets** available at **€10 each**. Tickets are on sale from the Sacristy after any Mass or from the Office. **Tickets will not be available after 30th Nov.**



CHRISTMAS WARMTH

Concert: On **Sunday 17th December at 4pm** a Christmas Concert will take place in St. Mochta's Church featuring our own **Church Choir** and **Mary Flynn and Friends** combining what in previous years was our "Carol Service" and "Songs for a Winter's Evening". As well as the warm 'glow' provided by the music and song of these combined talents on the day, the proceeds will be used to provide a warm glow from the **church heating** over the Christmas Season. Please come along and enjoy the afternoon which will include refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards. **Tickets €10 per adult/Family Ticket €20**



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



Sunday: Feast of Christ the King

6pm: Catherine and Patrick Ward (Anniv.)
11am: Áine Chawke (Anniv.)
Chris Hughes (Anniv.)
Mariola Indulska M/M

7pm to 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday:

10am: Christine Yearsley RIP

Wednesday:

10am: Service of Word & Communion

Friday: 1st Friday of the Month

10am: Altar List of the Dead

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

6pm: Patrick Lalor (Anniv.)
Annette Russell (5th Anniv.)
11am: John Sherwood M/M

7pm to 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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.

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

takes place each Sunday evening from 7pm-8pm and offers us an opportunity to spend some quiet time with the Lord.



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to Séamus and Victoria & Gregory and Kerry who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.



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.

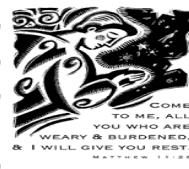
ARE YOU REGISTERED?

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 Mk 13:33-37.**

Please pray for Fr. Paul, Lucy, Gerry, Eve, Rui, Freddie, Geraldine, Sean, Sylvia, Majella, M, Ann, Dave, A, Chrissie, DK, Fiona, Joan, Brigid, Sara, Liz, Brendan, Christine, Pat, Suzanne, Michael, Patricia, Sinead, Phyllis, Eva, Sheila, Michelle, Joe T, Kay, Kevin, Sinead, Sadie, Eddie, Luke, Mary B, Maura, John P. and all those who are sick or housebound at this time.



Parish Finances

The Parish receives **NO** income from the two Sunday Collections or the Christmas and Easter Dues. The only **regular** income the parish receives is from the blue envelopes and the standing orders. We also receive funds from the donate button on our website, St. Mochta's tap & go machine at the back of the church or cheque made out to St. Mochta's Parish. We have about **6,500 homes** in the parish but only **265 homes** approx. contribute to the Parish Funds on a regular basis which does not cover the day-to-day expenses needed to pay the bills: heating, lighting, phone, Wi-Fi, candles, staff salaries, etc.

How can I contribute to my Parish Finances?

- by requesting a Blue envelope or Standing Order from the Parish office or picking up a Standing Order or Parish Fund Envelope from the back of the Church.
- by giving a cash or cheque donation
- by the Donate Button on our Parish website
- by donating on the Tap & Go machine on the right-hand side of the front door as you leave the church

Thank you for your continued support.
Finance Committee

CHRIST THE KING:

Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925 in his encyclical *Quas Primas*. Pope Pius connected the denial of Christ as king to the rise of secularism. At the time of *Quas Primas*, secularism was on the rise, and many Christians, even Catholics, were doubting Christ's authority, as well as the Church's, and even doubting Christ's existence. Pius XI, and the rest of the Christian world, witnessed the rise of dictatorships in Europe, and saw Catholics being taken in by these earthly leaders. Just as the Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted when devotion to the Eucharist was at a low point, the Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning, when the feast was most needed. In fact, it is still needed today, as these problems have not vanished, but instead have worsened. Pius hoped the institution of the feast would have various effects. They were:

1. That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state
2. That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ.
3. That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies. Today, the same distrust of authority exists, although the problem has gotten worse. Individualism has been embraced to such an extreme, that for many, the only authority is the individual self. The idea of Christ as ruler is rejected in such a strongly individualistic system. Also, many balk at the idea of kings and queens, believing them to be oppressive. Some even reject the titles of "lord" and "king" for Christ because they believe that such titles are borrowed from oppressive systems of government. However true these statements might be (some kings have been oppressive), these individuals miss the point: Christ's kingship is one of humility and service. Christ is the king that gives us true freedom, freedom in Him. Thus we must never forget that Christ radically redefined and transformed the concept of kingship.



ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT: The Prioory Institute is delighted to offer a **FREE OF CHARGE** online retreat 'Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Advent' Visit our website priooryinstitute.com or click on this link [HERE](#) to register/find out more.



TREE OF LIFE CEREMONY—St. Francis Hospice Blanchardstown on Thursday, 7th December at 8pm. All welcome.



THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION will take place on **Saturday and Sunday, 9th & 10th December.**



If you would like to donate to VDP please take one of the blue envelopes at the back of the church or you can donate via Bank Transfer. **BIC Code: IPBSI E2D; IBAN Code: IE58IPBS99061180000992.** St. Mochta's Conference appreciates your ongoing generosity and support. Thank you. **ALSO The Society of St. Vincent De Paul needs volunteers** www.svp.ie

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:

This coming **Friday 1st December** will be the 1st of the month. Morning Mass will be offered for all those whose names appear on the Altar List of the Dead.



BETHANY BEREAVEMENT GROUP:

The Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group will hold the November Group monthly meeting for the Bereaved at **7.30pm** in the Parish Pastoral Centre on **Monday, 27th November**. 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.



CHRISTMAS LEAFLET VOLUNTEERS:

We hope to have our Christmas leaflet ready shortly. We'd be grateful if our usual volunteers would offer their services once more. We will also be looking for new recruits for our ever expanding parish. The leaflet contains Mass details for Christmas etc. If available, please leave your name and contact no. in the Sacristy after any Mass or in the Parish Office during office hours.



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.



MASS INTENTIONS: To arrange an anniversary Mass or a Special Intention please see our Sacristans Mary or Joe. They will have the diary. Early booking is recommended.

