

THE PARISH OFFICE

will be closed from **Tuesday 29th October to Friday 1st November incl.** If you have an urgent query, please phone 01 8213218 and leave a message or email secretary@stmochtasparish.ie Messages will be picked up on a regular basis.



WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH CENTRE?

Mondays: Sycamore at 7.30pm. See poster at the back of the church.
Tuesdays: TODDLER Group from 10am-12pm. Starts back on the **10th**
Tuesdays: YOGA with Jakki from 8pm. Please phone 086 0792469 for 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 info.
Thursdays: TAI CHI from 7pm to 8pm. Please phone Marius 087 6162712 for more information.
NEW PILATES & STRETCHING classes at **1pm**. For info. contact Cat on 087 6816047.

TAX RELIEF ON DONATIONS TO PARISH 2023:

As a Regulated Charity our Parish can avail of the scheme of Tax Rebates on Donations to Eligible Charities. With the approval of the donor this tax rebate can be claimed by the Parish on recorded donations of €250 or over in a full tax year. The rebate is considerable and adds an additional 45% to all contributions in excess of €250. The period covered by previous approvals obtained by the Parish has in many cases ended, and we are now in the process of contacting relevant contributors seeking a new approval. We would really appreciate it if you could sign this form and return it to the Parish as soon as possible in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope. **Only 47% of the forms sent out have been returned to the Parish. Thank you to all who have returned their signed form.**



ROSARY Rally: A very big Thank You to all who came out in support of our Rosary Rally in honour of our Lady of Fatima on Sat 12th Oct. It was a cold day but our spirits were high and you made it a great success. God Bless. Patricia and Team.

PARISH LOTTO RESULT

Jackpot not won €3,000 rolls over for the next draw.
€20 Cash Prize Winner—Mary
The prize winners has been notified.



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

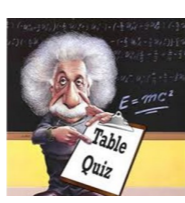
1. What was the name of the blind man?
2. Why were the people telling him to keep quiet?
3. What did he do after Jesus healed him?



TASK FOR THE WEEK: Well the first part of the school year has finished. Enjoy your week's break, especially, Halloween. Remember also to say a pray for people in your family who have died. November is a month to remember all those who have died.

STRAWBERRY BEDS COMMUNITY QUIZ IN

THE WREN'S NEST on the first Wednesday of the month. Looking forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday, 6th November at 8.30pm sharp. Proceeds from this quiz will go to the St. Mochta's St. Vincent De Paul Conference.** All very welcome.



BETHANY BEREAVEMENT GROUP:

The Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group will hold the November monthly meeting for the Bereaved at **7.30pm** in the Parish Centre on **Monday, 25th 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.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

If you wish to make a donation to SVP, please use one of the blue envelopes at the back of the church and put it into the wall safe. **Alternatively** you can donate via Bank Transfer. **BIC Code: IPBSI E2D; IBAN Code: IE81PBS99061180000992.** St. Mochta's Conference appreciates your ongoing generosity. support from their donors. Thank you. www.svp.ie



ST. MOCHTA'S N.S.:

Huge **congratulations** to the boys football team from St Mochta's NS on winning the final of the Cumann na mBunscoil Competition in Croke Park this week. You should be very proud of this great achievement.

THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in our community. For information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.



Archdiocese of Dublin – Blanchardstown Deanery

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown / Clonsilla
CHY7424 RCN 20016166

PARISH NEWSLETTER 27TH OCTOBER 2024 – 30TH 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.”

(Parish Mission Statement)

Parish Priest: Very Rev. Damian McNeice Tel: 8213218
Parish Team Assistant: Very Rev. Paul Ward Tel: 8213218
Parish Deacon: Rev. Deacon Timothy Murphy Tel: 8213218
Parish Pastoral Worker: Ciara Holmes Tel: 8213218
Parish Secretary: June Phelan Tel: 8213218
Parish Sacristan: Mary Stacey Tel: 8213218
Parish Pastoral Centre Enquiries to: Terry Duffy
Parish Pastoral Council: Chairperson Bernie Lanigan
Parish Finance Committee: Chairperson Jonathan McNulty

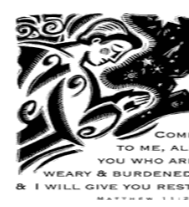
email: damian.mcneice@dublindiocese.ie
email: secretary@stmochtasparish.ie
email: secretary@stmochtasparish.ie
email: pastoralcare@stmochtasparish.ie
email: secretary@stmochtasparish.ie
email: sacristan@stmochtasparish.ie
email: secretary@stmochtasparish.ie
email: pastoralcouncil@stmochtasparish.ie
email: secretary@stmochtasparish.ie

Parish Website Address: www.stmochtasparish.ie

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER (Holy Day of Obligation)

This feast first honoured martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their conscience, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop's approval became the final step in placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonization occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last 500 years. All Saints Day honours the obscure as well as the famous the saints each of us have known.

Mass will be celebrated at 10am



Please pray for Fr. Paul, Lucy, Katie, Louise, Orla, Peter, Lily P., Geraldine, Sean, Sylvia, Majella, M, Trevor, Ann, Dave, A, Chrissie, DK, Fiona, Joan, Brigid, Sara, Liz, Brendan, John C., Pat, Suzanne, Michael, Patricia, Sinead, Phyllis, Eva, Sheila, Michelle, Joe T, Kay, Monica, Kevin, Sinead, Sadie, Eddie, Luke, David, Mary B, Maura, Frank, Daniel, Holly, Richard, Séamus, Geoff, Sean, Betty, Lisa, Brenda, Marie, Stephen and all those who are sick or housebound at this time.

PARISH FINANCES

On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee, we would like to better share with parishioners the financial details, income and expenditure, on a regular basis. With this in mind, below you will see details of our various income sources and our total outgoings for the first 9 months of the year (January 1st – 30th Sept.). As you can see, the number of individuals or families supporting the Parish through different routes is limited given the broader size of our Parish.

January to September 2024

Parish Offering		
Standing orders	€41,491	average number of monthly contributors 168
Online Donations	€ 6,964	average number of monthly contributors 23
Tap & Go in Church	€ 6,182	average number of monthly contributors 15
Envelopes Offerings	€ 3,250	average number of monthly contributors 4
Donations to Fundraising Appeals	€ 7,167	
Donation from choir re. balcony kneelers	€ 460	
	€65,514	210
Other income sources		
Parish Lotto	€ 7,884	average 86 players per week
Easter Draw	€ 1,605	
Wren's Nest Quiz	€ 1,630	
Parish Centre—rent & coffee dock	€ 4,347	
Weddings	€ 9,794	
Shrines & other income	€10,039	
Tax Refund on Donations	€14,466	
Total Parish income	€115,279	
Parish operating expenses	€(103,402)	
Restoration costs	€ (23,548)	
Excess of Parish expenses over income	€ (11,671)	

Over the past year, approximately €30,000 has been spent on repairs to the Church. This includes:

- Glazing repairs at €2,213
- Removal of line of trees to protect roof and masonry at €6,583
- Repairs to roof, bell tower, masonry, and maintenance of rainwater goods at €18,013
- Conservation architect costs at €3,321

Unfortunately, further significant preservation works will be required in 2025 with the following costs:

- Replacement and repair of all cast iron rainwater goods at €33,000
- Drainage works around Church building at €5,000
- Glazing works at €2,700
- Hedging along boundary to west of Church at €5,000
- Groundworks and surfacing to west of Church at €10,000
- Conservation architect costs at €3,000
- Internal plasterwork and painting (due to water ingress damage) at €8,000

With this in mind, we would like to remind you that the Parish receives **NO** income from the two Sunday Collections or the Christmas and Easter Dues. Of the **6,500 homes** in the parish, just **168 homes** contribute to the Parish Funds on a regular basis through the standing order system; unfortunately this does not even cover the day-to-day expenses needed to pay the bills. **We are thus appealing to all parishioners, to those who no longer live in the Parish but continue to engage with us from afar, to please consider how you might support St. Mochta's Parish and the urgent work we need to do on our Church, by:**

- signing up to our Parish Lotto for a few Euros each week and our jackpot stands at over €3,000
- requesting a Blue envelope from the Parish Office or picking up a Standing Order from the back of the Church/Office
- giving a cash or cheque donation
- using the Donate Button on our Parish website www.stmochtasparish.ie
- donating using the Tap & Go machine (on the right-hand side of the front door as you leave the Church)

Considering a legacy gift to the Parish, leaving something in your will.

Thank you for your continued support.

Parish Finance Committee

(Jonathan McNulty Finance Comm. Chair)

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 or from the Parish Office.

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place each Sunday evening from **7pm to 8pm** and offers us an opportunity to spend some quiet time with the Lord.



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 12:28-34.**

REMEMBERING SOULS IN

NOVEMBER: November has traditionally been a time to remember loved ones who have died. If you would like to have your loved ones prayed for during the month of November and on the First Friday of each month through the year **please take one of the lists and envelopes at the back of the church and return it before the 30th October.**



NOVEMBER BEREAVEMENT MASS :

We will be celebrating a Mass on **Friday 8th November at 7.30pm** for all those who have died this past 12 months. If you would like a loved one remembered at this Mass please leave their name in the sacristy after any Mass. It is a Mass which gives thanks to God for the life of that person and also to pray for those coming to terms with the recent death of a loved one.



1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH: This coming **Friday** is the 1st Friday of the month. Mass will be offered in the morning for all those whose names appear on the Altar List of the Dead.

MASS INTENTIONS: To arrange an anniversary Mass or Special Intention, etc. please see one of our Sacristans after any Mass. Early arrangement of the date required is recommended.



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Sunday: 30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

6.00pm: Pro Populo
11.00am: Violet & Patrick Molloy (Anniv.)
7pm - 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday: Ss Simon & Jude
10.00am: Eileen Ward (Anniv.)
Valentine & Lori Panday (Anniv.)
Kitty Stacey (Anniv.)

Wednesday:

10.00am: Service of the Word & Communion
Friday: Feast of All Saints-1st Friday of the Month

10am: Altar List of the day

Saturday: **All Souls**

10.00am:

Sunday: 31ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

6.00pm: Michael Carty (1st Anniv.)
11.00am: Mary Flanagan (Anniv.)
Marianne Costello (Anniv.)

7pm - 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

MARY STACEY is retiring as Sacristan on the 31st October, Thursday next. Mary has given 16 years loyal service to St. Mochta's Parish. She has been an excellent asset to the parish in terms of confidentiality and hard work. She has taken her responsibility very seriously and efficiently. She has worked harmoniously with the parish team who greatly appreciated her competence and efficiency. She was supported by her husband Michael especially when he was 'Hands on' with the team who put up and took down the Christmas tree each year. He put the wedding carpet in place with competence, making it look easy, when in fact it is quite difficult. Mary and Michael were keyholders and first responders when the church or presbytery alarm went off in the middle of the night. These are the important and essential tasks that are unseen by parishioners, under the umbrella of the duties undertaken by the Sacristan. Christmas and Easter meant that we looked forward to the goodies of Mary 'The Star Baker' between Masses. Mary will be greatly missed by all of us here in St. Mochta's. Thankfully she remains a parishioner and we look forward to seeing her from time to time at Mass and Church Services. She is also looking forward to spending more time with her family. On your behalf and ours, we wish Mary a long, healthy and fruitful happy retirement.



We will celebrate Mary's Retirement on **Sunday 24th November** with a cup of tea **after the 11am Mass** in the Parish Centre. You are all welcome.

Fr. Paul and Fr. Damian