

THE PARISH OFFICE is open from 10.30am to 12.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Phone no. 01 8213218 or email secretary@stmochtasparish.ie



WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH CENTRE?

Mondays: Sycamore at 7.30pm. See poster
Tuesdays: TODDLER Group from 9.45am.
Santa arriving on the 17th December at 10.30am
Tuesdays: YOGA with Jakki from 8pm.
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.
Thursdays: TAI CHI from 7pm to 8pm. Please phone Marius 087 6162712 for more information.
NEW PILATES & STRETCHING classes at 12 noon. For info. contact Cat on 087 6816047.

TAX RELIEF ON DONATIONS TO PARISH 2023:

We would really appreciate it if you could sign the form that you have received in the post and return it to the Parish as soon as possible in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope. **Only 51% of the forms sent out have been returned to the Parish.** Thank you to all who have returned their signed form.
Fr. Damian and Fr. Paul

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

FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA:

St. Mochta's Parish is hosting a **Festive Afternoon Tea** in our Pastoral Centre on Saturday 7th December beginning with Mass at 12 noon. Our Parish Partners Laurel Lodge and Castleknock are very welcome to join us. Tickets are limited and are available from the Sacristy after any Mass or from the Parish Office during office hours at €10 each.



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

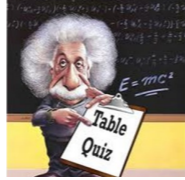
1. Who was Jesus sitting opposite?
2. Why was he so impressed with the widow's offering?
3. What do you think the story means for you today?



TASK FOR THE WEEK: Its starting to get cold as we get into winter so remember those who are homeless at the moment. Also see if you can help any elderly in your area who might need some help.

STRAWBERRY BEDS COMMUNITY QUIZ IN THE WREN'S NEST

on the first Wednesday of the month. See you all on **Wednesday 4th December at 8.30pm sharp** for our **Christmas Quiz**. Please wear your **Christmas Jumper**. All welcome. Thanks to all who supported the quiz for St. Vincent De Paul last Wednesday night.



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.



PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW

will take place after our Christmas concert on Sunday 15th December. **Tickets will be on sale from next weekend, 16th & 17th November in the Sacristy after any Mass or from the Parish Office during office hours.** Tickets €5 per line / €10 for three lines.



CHRISTMAS WARMTH CONCERT:

On **Sunday 15th December at 6pm** 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 on sale from the Sacristy in St. Mochta's Church after any Mass or from St. Mochta's Parish Office during office hours.**



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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER 3RD NOVEMBER 2024 – 31ST 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
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Parish Secretary: June Phelan Tel: 8213218
Parish Sacristan: Bernie Lanigan Tel: 8213218
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Parish Pastoral Council: Chairperson Bernie Lanigan
Parish Finance Committee: Chairperson Jonathan McNulty

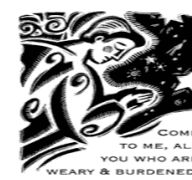
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The Widow's Mite

Jesus praised a widow who made a very small offering. He praised her because it was all she had. He didn't judge an offering by its size, but by what it cost the giver.



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 LOTTO RESULT

St. Mochta's Parish LOTTO

Your support makes a real difference
 Jackpot increases every week plus a weekly prize

Jackpot not won €375 rolls over for the next draw.
€20 Cash Prize Winner—Colm
 The prize winner has been notified.
JACKPOT (€3,000) WAS WON LAST WEEK

Join Now
 Scan the QR code or go to our website below

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	
	<u>€65,514</u>	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	<u>€115,279</u>	
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 €375. The €3,000 jackpot was won last Thursday week. Congratulations to Betty.
- 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: This week's is Mk 13:24-32.

CHRISTMAS LEAFLET VOLUNTEERS:

The Christmas leaflet will be 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 is an outreach to be inclusive to all parishioners and contains Mass details for Christmas, a Christmas Newsletter, etc. If available, please leave your name, contact no. and email address in the Sacristy after any Mass or in the Parish Office during office hours. Thank you for your continued support.



WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to **Thomas & Anna** who were married this past week. May the Lord continue to bless them and deepen their love in the years ahead.



MARY STACEY retired as Sacristan on the 31st October, Thursday last.

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. We will present Mary with a gift on the day. If you would like to contribute towards Mary's gift, please take an envelope from the back of the church and return it to the Sacristy after any Mass, to the parish office or put it in the wall safe at the back of the church. Thank you.

Fr. Paul and Fr. Damian



SCOIL CHOILM: We are having an information meeting for the parents of **Scoil Choilm** children taking part in 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation classes on **Tuesday 12th November at 7.30pm** in the church. One parent must attend this meeting before beginning the classes.



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Sunday: 32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

6.00pm: Kitty O'Leary (Anniv.)
 11.00am: Peggy Patridge (3rd Anniv.)
 Cristin Yearsley (1st Anniv.)

7pm - 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday: St. Martin of Tours, Ven Catherine McAuley

10.00am:

Wednesday:

10.00am: Service of the Word & Communion

Friday: St. Albert the Great

10am:

Sunday: 33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

6.00pm: Pro Populo
 11.00am: Robert Peel (7th Anniv.)
 Ann McQuaid (5th Anniv.)

7pm - 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

NEW CHRISTIANS:

We welcome **Elise, Lorcán, Milan, Isabelle and Cormac** who will 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 Baptisms, please see Deacon Tim or Ciara at the 11am Mass on any Sunday.



SHARE APPEAL SUNDAY takes place this weekend, 9th & 10th November.

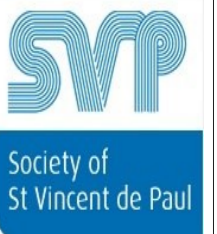
Please pick up a copy of the Share Appeal Newsletter and a letter from the Archbishop at the back of the church.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Church Gate Collection takes place after every Mass this weekend 9th & 10th November.

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: IE-81PBS99061180000992.** St. Mochta's Conference appreciates your ongoing generosity. support from their donors. Thank you. www.svp.ie



ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH OF IRELAND, CASTLEKNOCK:

Ecumenical Graveyard Service with Blessing of the Graves **THIS Sunday 10th November at 3pm.** All very welcome. Parking in Castleknock NS opposite Church.

