

**THE PARISH OFFICE** is open from 10.30am to 12.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. Ph: 01 82213218 or E: secretary@stmochtasparish.ie



**WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH CENTRE?**

**Mondays:** Sycamore at 7.30pm. See poster  
**Tuesdays:** TODDLER Group from 9.45am.  
**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 information.  
**Thursdays:** TAI CHI from 7pm to 8pm. Please phone Marius 087 6162712 for more information  
**Fridays:** Pilates & Stretching from 12 to 1pm. For info. contact Cat on 087 6816047.

**BETHANY BEREAVEMENT GROUP:** The

Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group will hold the January monthly meeting for the Bereaved at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre on Monday, 27th January, 2025. 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.



**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 and support. Thank you. [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie)



**Thank You** Weekly Lotto Draw + Bonus National Giveaway Competition

**GIVEAWAY COMPETITION**

THU 30TH JAN 2025 7PM

€1,500 HOLIDAY VOUCHER | €1,000 CASH PRIZE | 2 X OASIS PLATINUM TICKETS

Terms and Conditions Apply

**PARISH LOTTO RESULT**

**St. Mochta's Parish LOTTO**

Your support makes a real difference

Jackpot not won. €1,225 rolls over for the next draw

**€20 Cash Prize—Sean**

The prize winner has been notified.

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

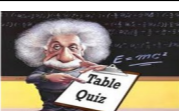
**KIDS CORNER:** Having listened to the readings, please answer the following:

1. Who was Luke writing his Gospel for?
2. What town did Jesus enter?
3. What scroll was handed to Jesus for him to read?
4. What did he say to the people after he read from the scroll?



**TASK FOR THE WEEK:** If you look very closely at the ground you will see the daffodils beginning to come out. So spring is not far away. Spring is a time for new life, new beginnings. Jesus calls us to make a new beginning also by following his way each day, bring new life to other people.

**STRAWBERRY BEDS MONTHLY COMMUNITY QUIZ IN THE WREN'S NEST on Wed. 5th Feb. at 8.30pm sharp.** All very welcome.



**PART-TIME CLEANER NEEDED AT ST. MOCHTA'S N.S** to work 26 hours per week between the hours of 1.30pm & 7pm Monday to Friday during school term. For more details ring the school at 01-8130430 and ask to speak with Catherine.



**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](http://www.jigsaw.ie)**

**NORTHSIDE HOME CARE SERVICES—Meals on Wheels** is a service that delivers meals Monday to Friday, to clients in their home. Would you like us to deliver a meal to a family member or neighbour that could benefit from a nutritious meal and a dessert for **€5.50 per day.** Contact Amy or Catherine 01 8058574/ 086 4194566

**LOST PROPERTY in Sacristy & Parish Centre:** All unclaimed items will be donated to VDP shortly.

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS:** Over the last year, Fr. Paul has spoken about how important volunteers are in the Parish and how we really would like you to consider volunteering to make the Parish the best Church Community for us all, old, and young. **We are asking, as we start 2025, that everyone would think about and consider how they might be able to give a short amount of time to the Parish.** After Mass today we will be handing out a leaflet that outlines ways in which you could volunteer. **Please take a leaflet** and, if you think you can get more involved in Parish life, complete the form, and return it immediately or bring it back and put it in the volunteer box at the back of the Church. We really would appreciate you giving this some consideration and thought. **And remember, at this point it's only an expression of interest.**



Archdiocese of Dublin – Blanchardstown Deanery

**ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH**

Porterstown / Clonsilla  
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**PARISH NEWSLETTER 26TH JANUARY 2025C—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.”

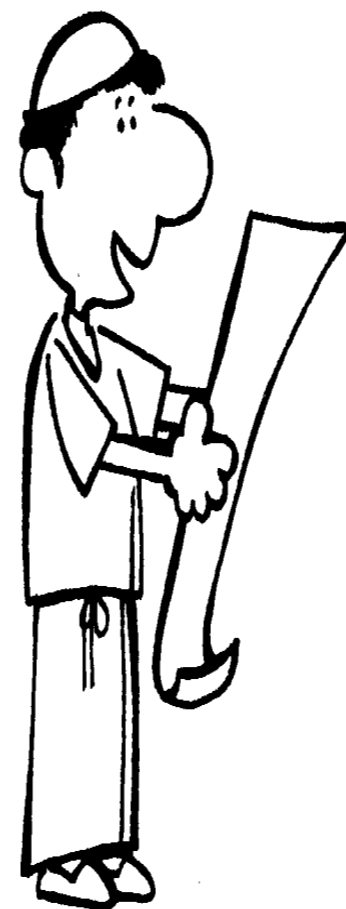
(Parish Mission Statement)

**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:** Bernie Lanigan Tel: 8213218  
**Parish Pastoral Centre Enquiries to:** Terry Duffy  
**Parish Pastoral Council:** Chairperson Bernie Lanigan  
**Parish Finance Committee:** Chairperson Jonathan McNulty

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**Parish Website Address:** [www.stmochtasparish.ie](http://www.stmochtasparish.ie)

**GOOD NEWS FOR THE POOR**



The Gospel shows Jesus proclaiming the word of God. In the synagogue at Nazareth, He makes his own a passage from Isaiah, and uses it to announce a programme for his ministry. He is sent, not to the wealthy or the powerful, but to the poor and the lowly, the oppressed and the suffering. Who are the poor? The poor are all the dispossessed of this world, all those who are waiting for liberation. The Good News cannot be limited to spiritual blessings only.



**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, Agnes, Stephen, AB, Marguerite, Irene 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 1<sup>st</sup> – 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

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| <b>Parish Offering</b>                       |                   |  |
| 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             |  |
|  | <b>€65,514</b>    | <b>210</b>                                 |
| <b>Other income sources</b>                  |                   |  |
| 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           |  |
| <b>Total Parish income</b>                   | <b>€115,279</b>   |  |
| <b>Parish operating expenses</b>             | <b>€(103,402)</b> |  |
| <b>Restoration costs</b>                     | <b>€ (23,548)</b> |  |
| <b>Excess of Parish expenses over income</b> | <b>€ (11,671)</b> |  |

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

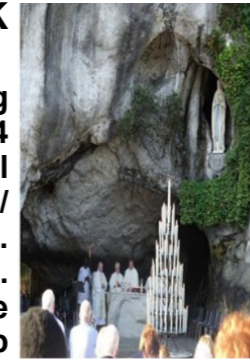
**With this in mind**, we would like to remind you that the Parish receives **NO** income from the two Sunday Collections or the Christmas and Easter Dues. Of the **6,500 homes** in the parish, just **168 homes** contribute to the Parish Funds on a regular basis through the standing order system; unfortunately 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 €1,225. 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](http://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*)

**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. **74% of the forms sent out have been returned to the Parish. Thank you to all who have returned their signed form.** Fr. Paul and Fr. Damian

**PORTERSTOWN, LAUREL LODGE AND CASTLEKNOCK PARISHES—PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** Departing Tuesday, 19th August for 4 nights staying in the 4\* Hotel Padoue. €695pp sharing / €855 single rooms (limited). Spiritual Director, Fr. Paul. **A deposit of €200 p.p. is due now. Places are filling up fast.** Please see Fr. Paul or email [secretary@stmochtasparish.ie](mailto:secretary@stmochtasparish.ie) for info. Booking forms are available from any Parish Office or the Sacristy after any Mass.



**EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT** takes place each Sunday evening from **7pm–8pm** and offers us an opportunity to spend some quiet time in the company of the Real Presence.



**SCRIPTURE READING: This week's is Lk 2:22-40.**

### 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 including those who are ill and retired. Thank you for your prayers and continued support. Thank you to everyone who has returned their envelope.



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

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** Saturday 1st February from 1pm to 3pm in St. Mochta's Church. All very welcome

### DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK—Saturday, April 26th.

As we begin our Jubilee of Hope, our Diocese has launched the 2025 Knock Pilgrimage. The pilgrimage will provide an opportunity to gather as a Diocesan community of faith to celebrate the Jubilee year. The pilgrimage will include workshops, outdoor walks, the Sacrament of the Sick and our pilgrimage Mass, which will be celebrated by Archbishop Farrell. A bus will be going from our parish partnership of Castleknock, Laurel Lodge and Porterstown. To register your interest, please email your name, telephone number and the number of people going to [parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie](mailto:parishoffice@castleknockparish.ie). Thank you.



**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.

### WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



**Sunday: 3rd Sunday of the Year**

6.00pm: Eileen & James Troy (Anniv.), Marie Hague RIP, Sean McAuley (Anniv.), Jim Eustace (Anniv.)

11.00am: Patrick & Philomena Gilbert and Jude & Helen Gilbert (Anniv.), Aoife Carolan (Anniv.)

**7pm - 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Monday: St. Angela Merici**

10.00am: Requiem Mass for Vera Cummins RIP

**Wednesday:**

10.00am: Service of Word & Communion

**Friday: St. John Bosco**

10am: Tony Proudfoot, Ciarán Callaghan, Joan O'Brien Patrick and Mary Smith (Anniv. Masses)

**Saturday: The Feast of St. Brigid**

10.00am: Pro Populo

1pm to 3pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord**

6.00pm: Niamh Murray (21st Anniv.)  
Mary Caffrey M/M

11.00am: Pro Populo

**7pm - 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Monday: Feast of St. Blaise—Blessing of Throats**

10.00am: Mary Eustace (Anniv.) & Donal O'Dwyer (Anniv.)

**FEAST OF ST. BRIGID** is celebrated this coming Saturday and also marks the 1st Day of Spring. Brigid was renowned for her hospitality, charity and care of the sick. She insisted in becoming a nun and founded a double monastery in Kildare. She died in 524 and devotion to her spread beyond the shores of Ireland. **Mass will be celebrated at 10am on Saturday 1st Feb.**

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT:

The Confirmation retreats for **St. Patrick's N.S.** will take place on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** and for **St. Mochta's N.S.** on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January** in the Parish Centre. The candidates will spend this time reflecting and praying in preparation for their Confirmation day.



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

