

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.



THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in our community. For information please contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Church gate collection will take place **this weekend, 11th & 12th January**. 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



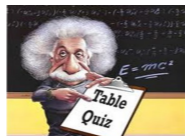
KIDS CORNER: Having listened to the readings, please answer the following:

1. Who baptised Jesus?
2. What happened after he was baptised?
3. Do we have the same baptism?
4. What does it celebrate for us?



TASK FOR THE WEEK: I bet each one of you knows the date of your birthday which you no doubt celebrate each year. But how many of you know the date of your baptism? So if not try find out this coming week, there must be photos at home or even a video!!!

STRAWBERRY BEDS COMMUNITY QUIZ IN THE WREN'S NEST on the first Wednesday of the month. **Our next quiz will take place on Wed. 5th February, 2025 at 8.30pm sharp.**



REFLECTION

Baptism was not over and done with the day we were taken to the font.
 We are baptised by all that happens to us in life.
 We are baptised by hardship; in its turbulent waters
 We are purified of all that is false and useless.
 We are baptised by suffering; in its murky waters we grow in humility and compassion.
 We are baptised by joy: in its gurgling waters we experience the goodness of life.
 We are baptised by love: in its singing waters we blossom like flowers in the sun.
 Baptism is like the planting of a seed.
 It will take a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen.

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. **AWARE is looking for volunteers.**

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

NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome

Alison who joins our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. We pray that she may continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit in the years ahead. Anyone enquiring about Baptism please see Deacon Tim or Ciara at the 11am Mass on any Sunday.



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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

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PARISH NEWSLETTER 12TH JANUARY 2025C—BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“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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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Jesus, the Sinless One, joined the queue of sinners, and was baptised by his cousin, John, in the waters of the Jordan. He did so in order that he might free us from the power of sin. Let us pause to call to mind our sins, and our need for purification and liberation.



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 LOTTO RESULT

St. Mochta's Parish LOTTO

Jackpot not won. €1,000 rolls over for the next draw

€20 Cash Prize—Theresa

The prize winner has been notified.

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	€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 €1,000. 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*)

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 66% 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

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

This baptism was a very public one and was recorded for all generations to know about and understand, and it is important for several reasons. First, it pictures His death and resurrection. Second, it symbolises the believer's identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. Third, it marks His first public identification with those whose sins He would bear. Fourth, the event was a public affirmation of Jesus being the Messiah by the testimony that came directly from heaven. In Jesus' day, when a Gentile would convert to Judaism, he would have to be publicly baptised to identify him as a convert. Obviously, Jesus was not converting to anything. His baptism was an identification of Jesus with the Father and the Holy Spirit. At His Baptism in the Jordan, God the Father introduced Jesus to the world as His Son. After His Baptism Jesus was 'led by the Spirit' and began His public Ministry. We learn during that Ministry that He is the One of whom the Baptist said 'He will baptise with the Holy Spirit and with Fire'. In our baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit, on whom we can rely, to be our leader and guide in living the Christian Life.



1st HOLY COMMUNION MEETING:

We are having a meeting for parents of children preparing for 1st Holy Communion on **Monday 13th January at 7.30pm in the Church**. At least one parent of each child must attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend, please phone Ciara Holmes on 01 8213218 during office hours.



EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place each Sunday evening from **7pm-9pm** and offers us an opportunity to spend some quiet time with God.



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 Jn 2:1-12.**

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 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: Baptism of the Lord

6.00pm: Special Intention and Special Intention

11.00am: Pro Populo

7pm - 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday: St. Hilary

10.00am: Benny Stacey (Anniv.) & Peter Melia (Anniv.)

Wednesday: St. Ita

10.00am: Service of Word & Communion

Friday: St. Anthony

10am: Brian Power RIP, Donal Lyons RIP, Con Power RIP and Mina Cannon RIP

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of the Year

6.00pm: Trudy Tyrrell (Anniv.)

Lauri and Valentine Panday (Anniv.)

11.00am: Billy Balfe and Elizabeth Balfe (Anniv.)

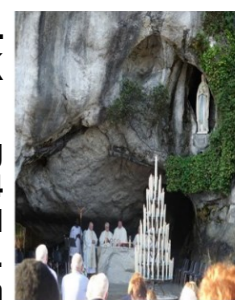
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CHRISTMAS DUES ENVELOPES:

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, especially at this time.



PORTERSTOWN, LAUREL LODGE & CASTLEKNOCK PARISHES—PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Departing Tuesday, 19th August for 4 nights staying in the 4* Hotel Padoue. **Spiritual Director, Fr. Paul.** If you are interested in travelling with us, please leave your name and contact no. in the Sacristy after any Mass, email secretary@stmochtasparish.ie or see Fr. Paul. **A deposit of €200 will secure your place.** Places are limited. More information in the newsletter shortly.



2025 ST. PAUL SUNDAY MISSALS

are available to readers in the Sacristy after any Mass.

