

**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 February monthly meeting for the Bereaved at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre on Monday, 24th February, 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.



**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.



**WELCOME TO OUR NEW**

**CHRISTIANS:** We welcome Ben, Nora and Réiltín who will join our community through the waters of Baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind and spirit. Anyone enquiring about Baptism, please see Deacon Tim or Ciara at the 11am Mass on any Sunday.



**PARISH LOTTO RESULT**

**St. Mochta's Parish LOTTO**

Jackpot not won. €1,325 rolls over for the next draw

€20 Cash Prize—Sharon

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. What did Jesus ask the fishermen to do?
2. What happened when they took in their nets?
3. Why did Peter want Jesus to leave him?
4. What did Jesus say that Peter would do from now on?

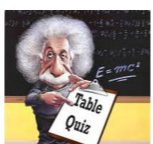


**TASK FOR THE WEEK:** Lent will be beginning soon. Why do you think this is an important time? Ask your mum and dad why it is important and ask them about why we have this season called Lent.

**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)

**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](http://www.aware.ie). **AWARE is looking for volunteers.**

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



**THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY** is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in our community. For information please contact Monica at [volunteer@irishcancer.ie](mailto:volunteer@irishcancer.ie).



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

The Church Gate Collection takes place after each Mass this weekend, 8th & 9th February. 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: IE8IPBS99061180000992. St. Mochta's Conference appreciates your ongoing generosity and support. Thank you. [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie)



**CAR PARK SECURITY:** Please be careful.



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**ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH**

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER 9TH FEBRUARY 2025C—5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

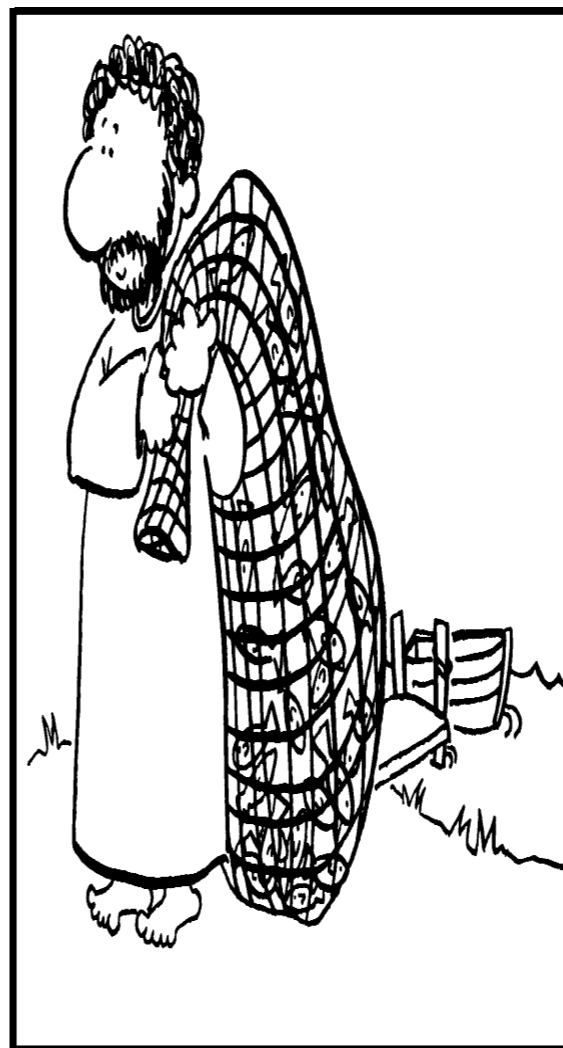
“St. Mochta's is a young and developing faith community, which is conscious of its proud and ancient history, and seeks to be a welcoming and spirited Parish in the service of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

(Parish Mission Statement)

**Parish Priest:** Very Rev. Damian McNeice Tel: 8213218  
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**FISHERS OF MEN**

The miraculous catch of fish convinces Peter of the holiness of Jesus. This evokes in him a sense of their own sinfulness and unworthiness, so much so that he asks Jesus to depart from him. Peter has not yet grasped the fact that it was to call sinners that Jesus came, to call them away from sin to a new way of life. Nevertheless, at the word of Jesus, Peter and his companions leave everything and follow him. The phrase ‘they left everything’ shows the importance for Luke of detachment from possessions.



**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

<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 €1,325. 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. **78% 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. **Our Pilgrimage is now full.** We have a wait list if you would like to put down your name. There are no guarantees. Please see Fr. Paul or email June our Secretary at [secretary@stmochtasparish.ie](mailto:secretary@stmochtasparish.ie)



## 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:** 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 Lk 6:17.20-26.**

**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.



**CAN YOU HELP?** We need volunteers to help with various aspects of parish work. Have you any available time? Are you retired? Could you give a little time to help your Parish? **"Many hands make light work"**. Please see Fr. Paul after mass.



## 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: 5th Sunday of the Year

6.00pm: Evelyn Pollard (1st Anniv.)  
Kevin Mallon (3rd Anniv.) & Sp. Intention  
11.00am: Guilmerme Moreira Da Silva (recently deceased)  
**7pm - 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

### Monday: St. Scholastica

10.00am: Sheila McNulty, Sarah Gallagher and Will Hanrahan—All Recently Deceased

### Wednesday:

10.00am: Service of Word & Communion

### Friday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius

10am:  
**Sunday: 6th Sunday of the Year**  
6.00pm: John Smalle (17th Anniv.), Kieron Gallagher M/M May & Sheila Kennedy (Anniv.)  
11.00am: Tommy Whelan (11th Anniv.), Vincent Keane (3rd Anniv) & Irene Duff (Anniv.)  
**7pm - 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**1ST HOLY COMMUNION:** The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation will take place on **Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th February for St. Patrick's NS at 11am** in St. Mochta's Church. Parents are welcome to attend. This is an important moment in the lives of our young people as they celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's forgiveness and healing for the first time. Please do keep them in your prayers.



**ACCORD:** The Annual Collection of ACCORD, The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and The Family, takes place next weekend on the **15th & 16th February**. ACCORD Dublin throughout the diocese offers: Marriage Preparation Courses; Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships; Marital Sexual Therapy; A Relationship and Sexuality Programme in Schools, etc. The demand for services is greater than ever.



**COFFEE DOCK:** Please join us for a cup of tea / coffee after the 11am Mass on Sunday