

THE PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Phone number: 01 8213218 of email secretary@stmochtasparish.ie. The Parish Centre will close from Monday 30th June to Sunday 31st August, 2025 incl.



WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH CENTRE?

Mondays: Bridge

Tuesdays: TODDLER Group 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.

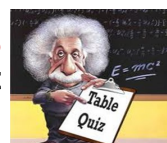
BETHANY BEREAVEMENT GROUP:

The Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group will hold the June monthly meeting for the Bereaved at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre on Monday, 30th June. 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.

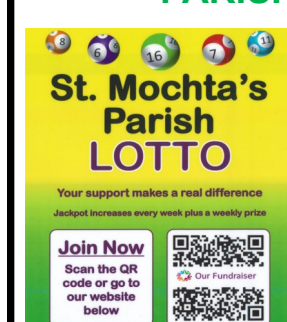
CAN YOU HELP? "Many hands make light work". Please pick up a volunteer card at the back of the church and return it as soon as you can. Thank you for your support.

MASS INTENTIONS OR ANNIV. MASSES: Please see one of our Sacristans after any Mass. Early arrangement of the date required is recommended.

STRAWBERRY BEDS MONTHLY COMMUNITY QUIZ IN THE WREN'S NEST on Wednesday 2nd July at 8.30pm sharp. All very welcome.



PARISH LOTTO RESULT



Jackpot not won.
€2,750 rolls over
for the next draw
€20 Cash Prize - Shane
The prize winner
has been notified.
€20 Cash prizes can be
picked up in the Sacristy
after any Mass.

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

1. How many persons in the Trinity?
2. Can you name them?
3. Is God one God?
4. What is the best way to show our love for God?



TASK FOR THE WEEK: The big exams of Junior Cert. and Leaving Cert. have started. You may have older brothers and sisters sitting them. So do please keep them in your prayers and try and help them study by keeping the house quiet!!!!

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.**

ALONE Helpline 0818 222024 - Support for older people. 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week. **ALONE** manage a national support line for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties.

THE LEGION OF MARY is a Catholic group founded in Dublin by a 34 year old Dublin man named Frank Duff. The first group contained just 20 people. NOW, the membership of the Legion is approximately 10 MILLION people in 160 countries worldwide. The Legion of Mary wants to be guided by heaven not earth in everything it does. So it invites the Holy Spirit to come upon it as he did on Mary when she became the Mother of Jesus. If interested in joining, please see one of the members after Mass.



LOUGH DERG: Last year a group of parishioners headed off to do the **three day pilgrimage** and had a wonderful experience. If you are interested in going this year, please leave your name and contact no. in the Sacristy after any Mass or in Porterstown Parish Office during office hours. Also you can contact Ellen on 087 9668356. **The pilgrimage takes place from Friday, 4th July to Sunday 6th July and we will depart from St. Mochta's Church Courtyard at 8am.**



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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown / Clonsilla
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PARISH NEWSLETTER 15TH JUNE 2025C - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"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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TRINITY SUNDAY

We have a cluster of small words, prepositions, which indicate the positions or relationships between people or objects, e.g., to, from, by, with, under, over, through, etc.

The Trinity is about a God of relationships.

At Mass we go through Jesus, with him and in him, to give glory to the Father,

in the unifying love of the Holy Spirit.

An ancient prayer says: Glory be the Father, through the Son, by the Holy Spirit.

Let us try to pay attention to these little prepositions which express aspects of our relationship with God.

Allow yourself to be caught up in the movements of heaven.



Please pray for Fr. Paul, Lucy, Katie, Louise, Orla, Peter, Lily P., Geraldine, Sean, Sylvia, Trevor, Ann, Dave, A, 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, SOR, Marguerite, Irene, Donal, Maria, Maureen, Frank, Sandra, Marguerite and all those who are sick or housebound at this time.

PARISH FINANCES

On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee, please find below an overview of the income and expenditure for the parish for January to March 2025 and compared to the same period last year.

	Jan to Mar 2025		Jan to Mar 2024	
Parish offering				
Standing orders	€14,474	average number of monthly contributors	168	€14,906
Online donations	€2,488	average number of monthly contributors	14	€2,178
Tap & Go in Church	€2,021	average number of monthly contributions	16	€1,954
Donations & Envelopes	€3,780	average number of monthly contributors	6	€4,110
	€22,763		204	€23,148
Other income sources				
Tax Refund on Donations	€7,066			
Parish Lotto	€2,599	average 87 players per week	87	€2,636
Parish Centre - rent & coffee dock	€1,682			€2,106
Weddings	€980			€3,440
St Patrick's Day Collection	€185			
Shrines & other income	€2,113			€2,759
Total Parish income	€37,388			€34,089
Parish operating expenses	€(35,782)			€(31,948)
Excess of Parish income over expenses	€1,606			€2,141

Over the past year, approximately €30,000 has been spent on repairs to the Church which was funded through a Heritage Council Grant of €10,000, the Parish Restoration Fund (made up of donations), and also through the allocation of some of our regular parish income. Unfortunately, further significant preservation works are still required this year with the total costs estimated at in excess of €75,000. We will also likely have some additional costs linked to heating and electrical upgrades. We continue to pursue external funding opportunities to support these essential works.

In the above figures, you will see the breakdown of the various categories of income to the parish, including the essential regular fundraising activities which are vital to allowing us to maintain our Church and continue to operate as a Parish. As ever, a reminder that the Parish receives NO income from the two Sunday Collections or the Christmas and Easter Dues.

The standing order contributions represent a significant income stream for the Parish, and one which we would hope to grow from the 168 current contributors. Linked to this is the tax refunds and we are delighted to have secured a further €7,000 in such refunds; thank you! You can still return the forms if you have not already done so. **Also if you regularly donate using the Parish Tap & Go machine (the one on the right-hand side of the front door as you leave the Church), we may be able to claim additional tax back linked to your donations through this but would need a list of payment / donation dates. This would require you to make a list from your bank records and provide this to accounts@stmochtasparish.ie or to the Parish Office.**

Please consider:

- **signing up to our Parish Lotto for a few Euros each week** (Jackpot is over €2,750)
- 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 or 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 and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Parish Finance Committee (*Jonathan McNulty Finance Comm. Chair*)

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: If you are a new parishioner or just visiting 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.

REFLECTION God is watching over us

Nowadays, thanks to the security camera, we are often being watched, watched by a cold, dispassionate eye, intent only on catching us in wrong-doing. The feeling that someone is watching us is not a pleasant feeling. But the feeling that someone is watching over us is a lovely feeling. God is not watching us. God is watching over us. The conviction that God is watching over us gives us comfort in times of sadness, strength in times of weakness, and hope in times of despair.

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sunday evening from **7pm-8pm** and offers us an opportunity to spend some quiet time in the company of the Real Presence.



CAR PARK SECURITY: Please do not leave belongings on show while your car is parked in the car parks around the church. Please ensure that your car doors are locked. Be aware and vigilant. Thank you.



MASS TIMES in **St. Mochta's Church:** There will be no 6pm Mass during the month of July and August. We will print a Mass schedule next week.



THANKS to all who supported the 24 hour Exhibition of the Blessed Sacrament last week. It was a great success.

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY is now finished until September. We wish Phil and her team a happy and wonderful Summer.

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

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



Sunday: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

6.00pm Pro Populo

11.00am Mena Dillon (M/M)

7pm - 8pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday:

10.00am

Wednesday:

10.00am Service of Word & Communion

Friday: The Irish Martyrs

10.00am Eileen & Kevin Maguire (Anniv.)

Sunday: FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

6.00pm Joe Moore (6th Anniv.), Carmel Rucine (Anniv.)

Gerry Phelan (Birthday Remembrance) and

Carrie, Rory & David Kennedy (Anniv.)

11am Charlie Gantley (Anniv.) & Tommy Gilsenan (Anniv.)

7pm - 8pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

PRAYER FOR THOSE DOING EXAMS:

Spirit of God, give me a sharp sense of understanding and a retentive Memory and an ability to grasp things correctly. Most of all help me to work as if everything depended on me. To pray as if everything depended on you. Grant that I may reflect in the exams I do the best of the work I've done and the best of the teaching I have received. Amen.



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: IE8IPBS99061180000992.** St. Mochta's Conference appreciates your ongoing generosity and support. Thank you. www.svp.ie **ALSO VDP needs volunteers.** Please see one of the volunteers outside the church after monthly collection.



BAPTISM: Anyone enquiring about Baptism please see Deacon Tim or Ciara at the 11am Mass on any Sunday.



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. 9:11-17.**