

THE PARISH OFFICE

Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10.30am to 12.30pm. Email: secretary@stmochtasparish.ie Thank you.



THE PARISH CENTRE and Pastoral Office are closed. Both will reopen again on Tuesday, **1st September at 9.30am. Enjoy the Summer!**

NEXT TERM starts in September. WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH CENTRE?

Tuesdays: TODDLER Group from 9.45am. Phone Mary 087 9790085 for more info. **YOGA** with Jakki. Please phone 086 0792469 for information.

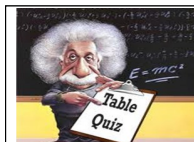
Wednesdays: YOGA with Jakki (as above) **TOASTMASTERS** from 7.45pm on the **2nd & 4th** Wednesday of the Month. For info. phone Tony on 086 8221274

Thursdays: LEGION OF MARY from 8pm. **Thursdays: TAI CHI** from 7pm to 8pm. Phone Marius 087 6162712.

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 August monthly meeting for the Bereaved at **7.30pm on Monday, 31st August** in the Parish Centre. This is a confidential service. Contact 086 2479216 to avail of a private meeting.



STRAWBERRY BEDS MONTHLY COMMUNITY QUIZ—IN THE WREN'S NEST on Wednesday **2nd Sept. at 8.30pm.** All welcome.

CHURCH NOTICE BOARD & BOOKSHELVES

at the back of the Church: Please do not leave any material (posters/notices/leaflets/books/publications, etc.) without checking with Fr. Paul /Fr. Damian or the Parish Office. Thanks

SUMMER DUES envelopes are available from the back of the church. Thank you.

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

1. Who was sick?
2. What did the woman shout out?
3. What did the woman ask Jesus to do?
4. Why did he heal the girl?



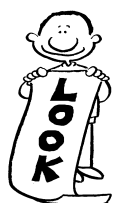
TASK FOR THE WEEK: Well, the school year is over hooray, I hear you say. If you are heading away on holiday soon have a wonderful time and remember that its summer holidays for the rest of your family too. So don't forget to help out at home more too.

ALONE manage a national support line for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties. The support line is open seven days a week, **8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**

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

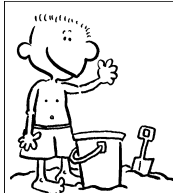
MASS INTENTIONS: To arrange an anniversary Mass or Special Intention, etc. in St. Mochta's Church, please see one of our Sacristans, Bernie or Joe after Sunday Mass or call into the parish office during office hours. Early arrangement of the date required is recommended.



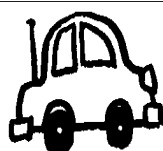
SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS: Please see all policies on the Dublin Diocesan website <http://csps.dublindiocese.ie/policies>



HAPPY HOLIDAYS: To all those heading away on holidays this coming week we wish you rest, enjoyment and renewal. We look forward to welcoming you back looking tanned and rested. **Enjoy, enjoy, enjoy!!!**



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



Archdiocese of Dublin – Blanchardstown Deanery

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown / Clonsilla
CHY7424 RCN 20016166

PARISH NEWSLETTER 16TH AUGUST 2026—20TH 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 Coordinator: 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

email: damian.mcneice@dublindiocese.ie

email: secretary@stmochtasparish.ie

email: secretary@stmochtasparish.ie

email: pastoralcare@stmochtasparish.ie

email: secretary@stmochtasparish.ie

email: sacristan@stmochtasparish.ie

email: secretary@stmochtasparish.ie

email: pastoralcouncil@stmochtasparish.ie

email: secretary@stmochtasparish.ie

Parish Website Address: www.stmochtasparish.ie

Have
Faith
in
GOD

Jesus said to the woman in the Gospel today, 'Woman you have great faith'.

Faith is not a magic wand. It calls forth from us humility, courage, perseverance, and above all love.

A person of faith never gives up. Faith and love are inseparably connected
Love is the expression of our faith.



Please pray for Fr. Paul, Lucy, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Dan Joe, Brian, Máire, DB, MB, Kevin, Una, Seán, JB, EllenC, B.B., Katie, Freddie, Louise, Orla, Peter, Zara, LilyP., Geraldine, Sylvia, Trevor, Ann, Dave, A, DK, Joan, Brigid, Sara, Liz, Brendan, JohnC., JohnS. Pat, Suzanne, Michael, Patricia, Sinead, Phyllis, Eva, Sheila, Michelle, JoeT, Kay, Monica, Kevin, Sinead, Sadie, Eddie, Luke, David, MaryB, Maura, Frank, Daniel, Holly, Richard, Séamus, Geoff, Betty, Lisa, Brenda, Marie, Agnes, Stephen, AB, SOR, Abby, Marguerite, Irene, Donal, Maria, Maureen, Frank, Sandra, Imelda, E.D., Denise and all those who are sick or housebound at this time.

St. Mochta's Church Restoration Work

Update

Prior to this year, over €30,000 has been spent on repairs to our church building following deterioration of the roof and stonework in the bell tower. Our church, constructed in 1890 in Gothic-style is a protected structure which contains many architectural features believed to be unique to this site, including aspects of the stone masonry and the original cast-iron brackets for the downpipes (many of the original brackets have been replaced with poor quality over the years) and copies of the remaining original brackets will need to be used to bring these features, believed to be unique to our church in Ireland, back.

Earlier this year we identified further repairs which were required to the roof of the church, along with some stone masonry work; however, the more significant works required was the removal, repair, and refurbishment of all the cast-iron guttering and downpipes with the reinstatement of the original cast iron bracket design.

We are happy to report that this phase of the works was completed during this summer.

Currently we are finalising the costs and expect to receive the related grant in the coming weeks.

Due to the successful response to our Restoration Appeal we have now reached our target of €20,000.

We sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to this appeal, your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you again and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Parish Finance Committee
(Jonathan McNulty Finance Comm. Chair 087-2244993)

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. Forms available at the back of the Church.

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place each Sunday evening from **7pm–8pm** and offers us an opportunity to spend some quiet time with the Lord.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL If you wish to make a donation to SVP, you can donate via Bank Transfer. **BIC Code: IPBSIE2D; IBAN Code: IE-85IPBS99061180000992.** St. Mochta's Conference appreciates your ongoing generosity and support. Thank you. www.vdp.ie



NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Caysen, Tom, Jack. Brady, Ava and Katie** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May they continue to grown strong in body, mind and spirit. Anyone enquiring about baptism, please see Deacon Tim at the 11am Mass on any Sunday as he will have the diary.



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



REFLECTION

God be good to you in all your days,
God be kind to you in all your ways.
God give strength to you when crosses lean,
God send light to you, the clouds between.
God give peace to you in times of strife,
God bless everything that fills your life.
God send joy to you when grief is o'er,
God make way for you at Heaven's door.

KNOCK—OUR LADY'S SHRINE is open until the **8th October**. For more information on dates and times of ceremonies in Knock Shrine, please see the noticeboard.

BAPTISMS To arrange a Baptism, please see Deacon Tim at the 11am mass on any Sunday. He will have the diary. Early booking is recommended.



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Sunday: 20th Sunday of the Year

11.00am: George Geoghegan (Anniv.) and Daniel & Mary Rogers (Anniv.)

7pm - 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday: St. Bartholomew

10.00am: James McGuinness (5th Anniv.)

Wednesday:

10.00am: Service of Word & Communion

Friday: St. Augustine

10.00am: Michaela Davis (Anniv.)

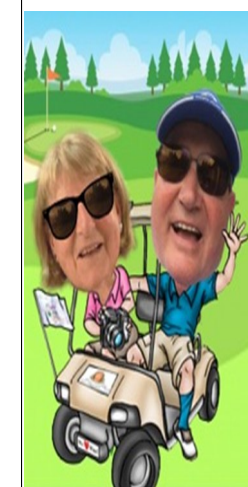
Sunday: 21st Sunday of the Year

11.00am: Maureen Hughes (Anniv.) Thomas Hoey (Anniv.) Billy Currie (1st Anniv.)

7pm - 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY— ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH GOLF CLASSIC:

This year our Parish Golf Classic will be held on **Friday, 2nd October** in the magnificent Luttrellstown Castle Resort. **Enter a team (4 ball)** for the **12 o'clock "Shotgun" start**, **Sponsor a T-Box or Golf hole** on the day, **Attend the dinner** for a Parish Social Celebration or **Make a donation**. Entry forms will be available shortly.



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 Mt 16:13-20.**

SUMMER MASS TIME SCHEDULE (July & August)

Porterstown/Clonsilla

Mondays & Fridays—Mass at 10am

Wednesdays—Service at 10am

Saturdays—There is no 6pm Mass

Sundays—Mass at 11am

Laurel Lodge

Monday to Friday—Mass at 10am

Saturdays—Mass at 6.30pm

Sundays—Mass at 9.30am & 11.30am

Castleknock

Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays

Mass at 10am

Tuesdays and Thursdays—Mass at 7.30pm

Saturdays—There is no 6pm Mass

Sundays—Mass at 10am and 12 noon

