

THE PARISH OFFICE

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



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 for more info.

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 September monthly meeting for the Bereaved at **7.30pm on Monday, 28th September** in the Parish Centre. This is a confidential service. Contact 086 2479216 to avail of a private meeting.



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

FAITH FORMATION GROUP-Wednesday nights in

Our Lady Mother of the Church, Castleknock: 'The Chosen' - See Jesus through the eyes of those who loved him. Season 1 of the acclaimed TV series (a video followed by group discussion) **starts Wed. 9th September at 7.30pm** and continues until Wed. 28th October (8 sessions). Text or phone Aengus 087 2161199/Marian 087 2958363. Adm. Free of charge. All welcome.

FAITH FORMATION GROUP—Monday nights in St

Mochta, Porterstown: 'Hidden King - the Jewish Roots of St Joseph', a series of video talks by Dr Brant Pitre **begins Monday 14th September at 7:30pm** and continues until Monday 23rd November (not including 12th, 19th, 26th October). Text Aengus 087 2161199/Marian 087 2958363. FOC



PARISH LOTTO RESULT

Jackpot not won.

€3,000 rolls over

for the next draw.

The prize winner - Brian has been notified.

KIDS CORNER:

Having listened to the readings, please answer the following:

1. Who was Jesus talking to in the darkness?
2. What was Jesus trying to explain to him?
3. Why is the Cross so important to us?
4. What do we show to the world when we bless ourselves?



TASK FOR THE WEEK: So how is school going for you? Hope you have settled into the new year. Our older students will be going back to college soon so do please say a prayer for them.

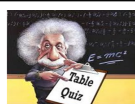
ST. DECLAN'S COLLEGE Nephin Road invites **5th & 6th class boys** and their parents to their Open Evening on Thursday, **17th Sept from 6.45pm to 9pm. Servicing the Community for more than 60 years.**

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**

WESTMANSTOWN RFC Mini Rugby **Open** Training Days on **Sunday 13th & 20th Sept.** from **10am to 11am.** Boys & Girls **6 to 12 years old** in St. Catherine's Park Rugby Pitch behind the playground. **Mini Coordinator, John 087 2909931.** Email info@westmanstownrfc.com

STRAWBERRY BEDS MONTHLY COMMUNITY QUIZ—IN THE WREN'S NEST on Wednesday **7th Oct. at 8.30pm.**



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

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CLONSILLA: The Annual Graveyard Service with Blessing of the Graves will be held on **Sunday, 27th September at 3pm.**

STUDY THEOLOGY ONLINE Register now to begin on **19th September.** Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com Click [here](#) to see a 2 minute introductory film

ST. VINCENT'S CASTLEKNOCK COLLEGE—Open Day 2026 Wednesday 16th September—is delighted to invite **2026 Sixth Class boys** and their Parent(s) / Guardian(s) to the Open Day. This is a ticketed only event, and you must reserve your tickets in advance for your chosen time. Please see the poster on the notice board at the back of the church.

Archdiocese of Dublin – Blanchardstown Deanery

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown / Clonsilla
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PARISH NEWSLETTER 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026—24TH 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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Parish Sacristan: Bernie Lanigan Tel: 8213218

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Parish Finance Committee: Chairperson Jonathan McNulty

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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2027

Online Registration for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation **is now open** and will **CLOSE at midnight on Sunday, 20th September.**

The registration link will be given to you through a letter from your child's school and is also available on the posters at the back of the church.

If you have any questions, please email

Ciara at pastoralcare@stmochtasparrish.ie

Who is eligible to receive the Sacraments?

Only those who have received the Sacraments of Christian Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church are eligible to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

A Baptismal Certificate will be required for each child for verification.

Children of other denominations and none are not eligible.



Please pray for Fr. Paul, Lucy, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Dan Joe, Brian, Máire, DB, AndyL. 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)

CROSSCARE ANNUAL APPEAL—

Hope & Resilience: Next weekend, **19th & 20th September** our Parish will be supporting the Crosscare Annual Appeal. Crosscare is the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin, supporting people experiencing homelessness, families facing hardship, young people, older people, migrants and refugees, and many others in our Communities. **Crosscare** provides accommodation and support to over **600 people** experiencing homelessness, helps more than **14,000 people** through its Homeless Prevention and Advocacy Service, and engages with **2,400 young people** through youth services and community-based projects. Your generosity helps bring hope and strengthen resilience for people facing difficult circumstances. **Thank you for supporting this year's Crosscare Annual Appeal. Donations can also be made online at www.crosscare.ie**



Welcome Fr. Dominik

Starting this September, Fr. [Dominik Domagala](#), who hails originally from Poland, will be a new Curate in our Partnership. Give him a warm St Mochta's welcome and pray in thanksgiving to the Lord for this blessing of a new priest to minister among us.



THE COFFEE DOCK: Please join us for a cup of tea/coffee after the 11am Mass on any Sunday. All very welcome.

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.



THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Church gate collection takes place **this weekend, 12th & 13th September** after all Masses. 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
ALSO VDP needs volunteers. Please see one of the volunteers outside the church after the monthly collection. www.svp.ie



TAX RELIEF ON DONATIONS TO PARISH 2025:

As a Regulated Charity our Parish can avail of the scheme of Tax Rebates on Donations to Eligible Charities. With the approval of the donor this tax rebate can be claimed by the Parish on recorded donations of €250 or over in a full tax year. The rebate is considerable and adds an additional 45% to all contributions in excess of €250. The period covered by previous approvals obtained by the Parish has in many cases ended, and we are now in the process of contacting relevant contributors seeking a new approval. We would really appreciate it if you could sign this form and return it to the Parish as soon as possible in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope. **Thank you to all who have returned their signed form.** **Fr. Damian and Fr. Paul**



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 20:1-16.**

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 the weekend Masses or call into the parish office during office hours. Early arrangement of the date required is recommended.

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Sunday: 24th Sunday of the Year

6.00pm: Martin & Joyce Fitzgerald (Anniv.)
Eddie Collins (Anniv.)
11.00am: Greg Maher (Anniv.)
William & Joan Farrell (Anniv.)

7pm - 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10.00am:

Wednesday: Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

10.00am: Service of Word & Communion

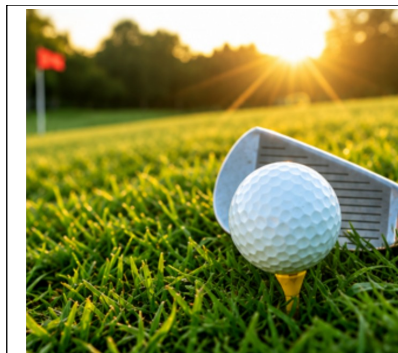
Friday:

10.00am: Peter Coyne (Anniv.)

Sunday: 25th Sunday of the Year

6.00pm: Clive Cullen (Anniv.)
11.00am: Betty & Tom Farrell (Anniv.)
Sadie Martin (Recently Deceased)

7pm - 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Luttrellstown Golf Club

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.

VARIETY OF WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR DAY

- (A) **Enter** a Team (4 Ball) for the 12 o'clock "Shotgun" Start (€600) (Includes dinner)
- (B) **Join** a Team (€150 includes dinner)
- (C) **Sponsor** a T-Box or a Golf Hole on the Day
- (D) **Attend** the dinner and join in the Parish Social Celebration—€60
- (E) **Make** a Donation to St. Mochta's Parish Golf Classic.

Entry Forms are available at the back of the church. Thanks again for your continued support.



NEW CHRISTIANS:

We welcome **Alexia and August** who join our community through the waters of baptism this weekend. May they continue to grow strong in body, mind, and spirit in the years ahead. Anybody enquiring about baptism, please see Deacon Tim or Ciara at the 11am Mass on any Sunday. They will have the diary.