

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 from 7.45pm to 9.15pm. Please phone 086 0792469 for information.
Wednesdays: YOGA with Jakki from 10am to 11.30am. Please phone 086 0792469 for info.
TOASTMASTERS from 7.45pm on the **2nd & 4th** Wednesday of the Month. For info. phone Tony on 086 8221274.
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 **October** monthly meeting for the Bereaved at **7.30pm on Monday, 2nd November** 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

#15 REMEMBERS...all in our community who mourn the loss of a loved one. On **Thursday 26th November** at 6.30pm carefully light a candle in your home and join with us in **1 minute's** silence in solidarity for all in our community who have lost a loved one this year. The flame is a sign of Warmth, of Love, of Hope.



FIRST SATURDAYS CONFERENCE on **Saturday 28th November** in Knock Shrine. Bus leaving Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Castleknock at 8am sharp. Please phone Paul on 087 7928218 re. bus. Please see the poster at the back of the church.



PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Jackpot not won.
€450 rolls over for the next draw.
The prize winner - Mary
Winner has been notified.

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

1. What did Jesus mean by 'pay to God what belongs to God'?
2. How can we give back to God?
3. What can you offer to God as a sign of your love for Him?
4. What are Gods gifts to us?
5. What makes a person rick in life? Money or Gods Gifts?



TASK: Think about something you are good at: helping your parents; reading a story to someone; making someone smile or saying a prayer with someone. Choose your special talent and do it for someone this week to give back to God.

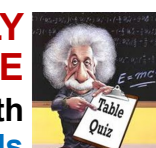


CASTLEKNOCK GAA:

PTSB Senior 1 Club Football Championship against Cuala in Parnell Park this Sunday. Kick off at 4.15pm. We wish the Senior team the very best of luck.



STRAWBERRY BEDS MONTHLY COMMUNITY QUIZ—IN THE WREN'S NEST on Wednesday 4th November at 8.30pm. All proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul. All very welcome.



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

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



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ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown / Clonsilla
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PARISH NEWSLETTER 18TH OCTOBER 2026—29TH 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)

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Mission Sunday

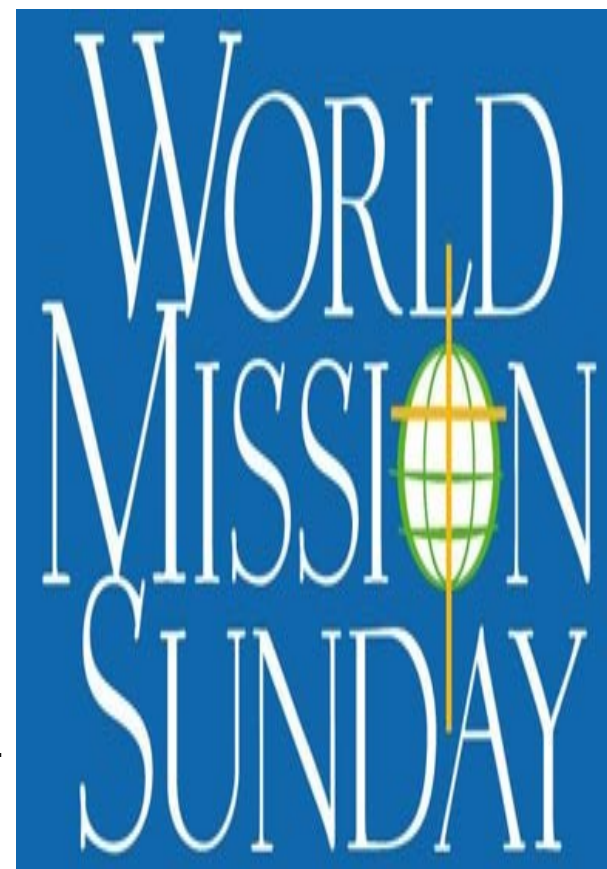
**100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION
THIS SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER, 2026**

World Mission Sunday is a time for the faithful of the world to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas missionaries.

Please support the work of the missionaries this Sunday.

Thank you

Please call Missio Ireland on (01) 497 2035 or go to www.missio.ie for further information.



Please pray for Fr. Paul, Lucy, AB, Máire, DB, AndyL. MB, Kevin, Una, Seán, JB, EilenC, 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

With the work for the latest phase of restoration work now completed at a cost of €72,500 (in addition to over €30,000 has been spent on repairs to our church building following deterioration of the roof and stonework in the bell tower last year), we would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to this Restoration Appeal, your continued support is greatly appreciated. Below you will see details of the works undertaken and the sources of funding to support this.

Preservation Works to Church Cast Iron Guttering and Roof

Actual cost of works carried out: € 72,500

Rainwater Downpipes
Guttering (East side and entrance porch)
Guttering (West side and chancel)
** Stone work to Gable/Bell Tower - not carried out
Roof Repairs - tiles and lead flashings
Drainage and cleaning survey
Hoist access and waste removal
Professional Fees

Funding sources

Grants received € 15,500
Parish fundraising prior to appeal € 40,000
Restoration Appeal May to August 2026 € 20,637

Appeal Funding available for next phase of restoration € 3,637

We are now planning for the next phase of work which will include:

- Stone work to Gable/Bell Tower
- Plaster work/decorating of church interior
- Drainage works around the church
- Landscaping of boundary to the west of the church
- Heating and energy upgrades to the church

This will require additional fundraising and we will continue to pursue grant opportunities.

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

Parish Finance Committee (Jonathan McNulty, Chair)

NOVEMBER BEREAVEMENT MASS: We

will be celebrating a Mass on **Friday 6th November at 7.30pm** for all those who have died this past 12 months. If you would like a loved one who has died this past year remembered at this Mass please leave their name on the sheet in the sacristy after any Mass or see Fr. Paul. It is a Mass which gives thanks to God for the life of that person and also to pray for those coming to terms with the recent death of a loved one.



REMEMBERING SOULS IN NOVEMBER:

November has traditionally been a time to remember loved ones who have died. If you would like to have your loved ones prayed for during the month and on the First Friday of each month through the year please take one of the lists and envelopes at the back of the church and return it before the **1st of November**. You can drop it into the Sacristy after any Mass, drop it into the Parish Office during office hours or drop it into the safe on the back wall. Thank you.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY has returned at the **11am Sunday Mass**. Parents are welcome to come out to the Parish Centre with the children.

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



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. 22:34-40.**

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH OF IRELAND, CASTLE-KNOCK: Ecumenical Graveyard Service with Blessing of the Graves on **Sun. 8th Nov. at 3pm.**

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

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Sunday: Mission Sunday—29th Sunday of the Year

6.00pm: Francine O'Connell (Anniv.), Dean Cullen (Anniv.)
Michael Cullen (Anniv.)

11.00am: Tom Duff, Mary Gannon Anniv., Brendan Gannon, (Anniv.), Susan Gannon.

7pm - 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday: St. Paul of the Cross

10.00am:

Wednesday:

10.00am: Service of Word & Communion

Friday: St. John of Capistrano

10.00am:

Sunday: 30th Sunday of the Year

6.00pm: Pro Populo

11.00am: Violet & Patrick Molloy (Anniv.)
Margaret Murray (Anniv.)

7pm - 8pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

NEW CHRISTIANS: We welcome **Cecelia & Isla** 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.



ENROLMENT CEREMONY FOR 1ST HOLY COMMUNION:

Our Enrolment Ceremony will be taking place in the church on **Monday, 19th October at 7.30pm** for the children of **St. Mochta's N.S.** and on **Tuesday, 20th October at 7.30pm** for the children of **St. Patrick's N.S.** The Candidates will be enrolled on our Parish programme for preparation and one parent/guardian must attend this ceremony with their children. Please keep them in your prayers.



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.

ST. MOCHTA'S NATIONAL SCHOOL:

Incoming **Junior Infant—Academic Year 2027/2028 - Registration** will take place from **Monday 5th October 2026 to Sunday 1st November 2026** on-line (only). Application for Admission can be completed via the Admissions tab on www.stmochtas.ie during these dates.

