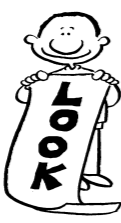


THE PARISH OFFICE Due to COVID-19 restrictions the Parish Office is not open to the public. If you have a query email secretary@stmochtasparish.ie and she will get back to you as soon as she can. Take care and stay safe. Thank You.



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



MASS SCHEDULE DUBLIN 15

(November 2021 until further notice)

PORTERSTOWN PARISH

St. Mochta's

Monday - Friday 10.00am
 Sunday 10.30am, 12.00 noon
 Vigil Mass – Saturday 6.00pm

CASTLEKNOCK PARISH

Our Lady Mother of the Church

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10.00am
 Tuesday, Thursday 7.30pm
 Sunday 10.00am, 12.00 noon
 Vigil Mass – Saturday 6.00pm

LAUREL LODGE

St. Thomas the Apostle

Monday - Friday 10.00am
 Sunday 9.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm
 Vigil Mass – Saturday 6.30pm

MOUNTVIEW PARISH

St. Philip the Apostle

Monday – Friday/Holy Days/
 Bank Holidays 9.15am
 Saturday 10.00am
 Sunday 10.00am, 12.00 noon, 6.00pm
 Vigil Mass – Saturday 6.00pm
 Vigil – Eve of Holy Day 7.30pm
Special Monthly Masses
 Two Hearts Devotions – First Friday 7.30pm
 St Peregrine's Mass – First Friday 7.30pm
Lenten Season
 Weekdays 7.30pm

Mass schedule for all Dublin 15 parishes is on our website www.stmochtasparish.ie and on the noticeboard at the back of the church

ST. MOCHTA'S BETHANY BEREAVEMENT GROUP

is unable to hold group meetings or 1:1's. If you need support, please phone or text 086 2479216 detailing if mornings or evenings suit you and one of the members will arrange a support call to you. Also the group has set up an online monthly Bereavement support meeting. The next online meeting will be held on Monday 29th November at 7.30pm in place of the physical meeting. This will be facilitated through Zoom. If you want to avail of this, simply send a text or call 086 2479216 and the group will set you up for the meeting. This is a strictly confidential service.



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

1. Today is the first Sunday in the Church Calendar year. What is this new season called?
2. What are we preparing for during this season?
3. Why do we have a wreath with 5 candles?



TASK FOR THE WEEK: Advent is a time for new beginnings and a time of waiting. This week make your new beginning by saying a prayer to our Guardian Angel every morning as a way to prepare for the coming of Baby Jesus at Christmas. **O ANGEL OF GOD. O Angel of God my guardian Dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be by my side to guard, to rule and to guide me. Amen.**



ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to support those seeking assistance to the best of our availability. **For the many families that are helped they are faced daily impossible choices, but at this time of year for many these impossible choices get harder, put oil in the tank or get the present on their child's list.** This year, more than ever, your help is needed to make sure that children and families have what they need to share in the magic of the season. **On Sunday 11th December, St Vincent de Paul will be holding a church collection in the hope to raise funds for people who are struggling this Christmas.** For more information please contact your local SVP Volunteers.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH:

Our Lady's Choral Society and the Irish Chamber Orchestra with Proinnsias Ó Duinn and wonderful soloists present the 'definitive' performance of Handel's Messiah at the **National Concert Hall on Wednesday, 15th and Thursday, 16th December at 8pm.** The box office phonenumber is open from Monday to Friday, 10am to 2pm on 01 4170000. www.nch.ie



SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
 as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
 make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
 and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
 do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
 nor partiality influence our actions.
 Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey
 together to eternal life and not stray
 from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every
 place and time, in the communion of the
 Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Archdiocese of Dublin – Blanchardstown Deanery

ST. MOCHTA'S PARISH

Porterstown / Clonsilla

PARISH NEWSLETTER 28TH NOVEMBER, 2021—1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“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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ADVENT WAKE-UP CALL

Unless we are spiritually awake
 we are only half living.

Spirituality is about understanding things,
 seeing things, hearing things
 with the eyes of faith.

It is necessary to reflect, to have the will,
 and to be wide awake.

Not to while away the time in drowsiness.

To be spiritually awake means to be
 attentive to God and to others.

Advent issues a spiritual
 wake-up call to 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



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6.00pm: Betty Maguire
10.30am: Áine Chawke
12.00pm:

EXPOSITION 7pm—8pm

Monday:

10.00am: Requiem Mass for Kathleen O'Leary RIP

Tuesday: St. Andrew

10.00am:

Wednesday:

10.00am:

Thursday:

10.00am:

Friday: St. Francis Xavier

10.00am:

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6.00pm: Annette Russell (Anniv.)
10.30am: Peggy Patridge M/M
12.00pm: John Hughes M/M

EXPOSITION 7pm—8pm

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.

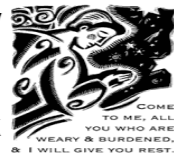
I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.



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 3:1-6.**

Please pray for Fr. Paul, Baby Eve, Rui, Baby Freddie, Willie, M, Geraldine, Kevin, Mary P, Sean, Liam, Margaret R. and all those who are sick or housebound at this time.



CELEBRATING ADVENT: The season of Advent begins today and again brings us a time to stop and think about Jesus and our faith. In the busyness of our lives, too many of us live either in the past or in the future. Very few of us live in the present moment. Those who live in the past or in the future live in a world, which doesn't exist, and because it doesn't exist it has no ground for them to firmly put their feet. What is more, Christian faith can be exercised only in the present moment. The present moment is real time. In real time the sun shines golden, the rain falls fresh and every breath is a blessing. Even when real time turns and challenges us or even, as in today's Gospel, the end of the world begins, we can still stand confidently, our heads held high, because our faith in the word of God is undiminished and promises safety—but only in real time. For Advent let us pray that for each one of us today our Advent journey will begin with a fresh resolve to walk in the path of the Lord. Let us pray for faithfulness to the Sunday Eucharist among the Catholic people of God; Let us pray for a humble willingness to seek forgiveness in the sacrament of Reconciliation; Let us pray for a readiness to set aside 'prime time' for our personal prayer every day. The choice God offers is for now—today—for this present moment—for each of us.

THE ADVENT WREATH: is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. There is



evidence of pre-Christian Germanic peoples using wreaths with lit candles during the cold and dark December days as a sign of hope in the future warm and extended sunlight days of Spring. By the Middle Ages, the Christians adapted this tradition and used Advent wreaths as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. After all, Christ is "the Light that came into the world" to dispel the darkness of sin and to radiate the truth and love of God. The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ. The four candles represents four weeks of Advent. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, a white candle placed in the middle of the wreath, which represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:

This coming **Friday 3rd December** will be the 1st of the month. Morning Mass will be offered for all those whose names appear on the Altar List of the Dead.



2022 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION Registration:

Online Registration for First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will take place via our website www.stmochtasparish.ie from **9am on Friday 26th November 2021 and close at midnight on Tuesday 15th December 2021.** A letter has been distributed to each family in the Sacramental classes in our Primary Schools, containing a link for families to register. **Who is eligible to receive the Sacraments?** Only those who have received the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, i.e. Baptism in the Roman Catholic Church, are eligible to receive the Sacrament of First Penance, 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. **What do I need to do to register my child on the Parish Program?** The On-Line Registration form will need to be completed fully and may require the uploading of your child's Baptismal Certificate. For the Online Registration: **please read the following carefully:** **1. If your child was baptised in St Mochta's Church,** please fill in the Date of Birth and your child's Baptismal date and details in the On-line Registration form. If you have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate at hand, please upload it on the site. **2. For children who were baptised in a Catholic Church other than St Mochta's,** a Baptismal Certificate must be uploaded at time of online registration before your child can be enrolled on the Sacramental Preparation program. Please contact the church of your child's baptism to acquire one as soon as possible. An electronic copy will be acceptable. **3. If you do not have a Baptismal Certificate** available at the time of On-Line Registration, you will NOT be able to register your child, please see Fr Paul, Deacon Tim or Mary at weekend masses and they will explain everything you need to do.



EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

takes place each Sunday evening from **7pm—8pm in the Church** and offers us an opportunity to spend some quiet time with God. **All very welcome.**



PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS:

Archbishop Farrell is asking for people and priests to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life on a regular basis. As you are well aware, the need is great, so let's answer God's call and "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest"



RETURNING TO FULL CAPACITY AT MASS:

I am delighted that we are now open to 'full capacity', and you will be glad to hear that the yellow ribbons are now gone, sanitising of seats is finished, bookings and contact tracing is not necessary. People can sit in seats to full capacity. **Masks will have to be worn at all times and hands have to be sanitised before entering the church.** We are truly grateful to the stewards as you have contributed to providing a healthy and safe environment in our church for parishioners over the past 19 months. We will still need to keep a presence of Stewards for the coming weeks as moving to full capacity still holds some restrictions. We are, please God, beginning to see a light for the end of Covid by maintaining these easing of restrictions as best we can over the coming time. I will keep you all in my prayers. **Thank you. Fr. Paul.**

Church Open for Private Prayer

- The church will be open from Monday to Friday from 11am until 4pm and Sunday from 1pm to 7pm. You are welcome to visit for Private Prayer. We ask you, when visiting, to please follow the health and safety guidelines.
- Please sanitise your hands, using the free-standing sanitisers on entry and exit to and from the church.
- Please use a face covering indoors at all times.
- Private Prayer should be silent so as not to affect other people who are praying in silence.**
- If you are lighting a candle(s) please use the taper provided and be careful that you do not expose your hands to the naked flame as sanitising liquids can be flammable.
- Please do not visit the church if you are ill or displaying the virus symptoms.
- Please note also that while in the church, the webcam is on live stream every day.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ADVENT PREPARATION:

Our Children's Liturgy team are preparing a programme for the season of Advent which you and your children may enjoy. Through activities and storytelling the Children's Liturgy Team will explore the season of Advent, it is about waiting and preparing ourselves once again for the birth of Jesus, but it is a strange waiting; we are waiting each year for someone we know is here! We recall in Advent that the Lord Jesus has come among us, is always present and will come again in glory. He is the child who is born each year, for the world always needs its God and Saviour. **It begins this Saturday (27th November) evening at 5pm in the Pastoral Centre and places are restricted due to Covid Guidelines. If you would like your child to attend please contact Phil Brennan at st.mochtascl@gmail.com to book a place(s). We do require people to book for the Liturgy. Everyone will be required to sanitise their hands and those over 12 years will be required to wear a mask and keep a social distance while in the room.**

