

## Feast of Christ the King



22nd November 2015

### MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm** Pat Hughes & Eileen McKenna (A)  
**9:00am** Altar List of the Dead  
**11:00am** Catherine Antley (Bday Rem)  
**12:30pm** Catherine Mallon (A)  
**5:30pm** Rosaleen Curran (7<sup>th</sup> A)

### PRAY FOR

Fr. Gabriel McCarthy O.S.C.O.  
Kay Stickley (RD)  
Paddy Barrett (RD)  
Colette Weldon (RD)

### MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

**Mon:** Mary McCann (RD)  
**Tues:** Tony O'Connell (A)  
**Wed:** Laurence Hoey (A)  
**Thurs:** Special Intention  
**Fri:** Patrick Kearns Snr. (A)  
**Sat:** Lottie Schwartzburg (RD)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Mon: 10.30 am – 11.30 am**  
**Wed: 6.00 pm – 11.00 pm**  
**Fri: 10.30 am – 5.45pm**  
**Sat: 10.30am – 11.30am**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on the last Sunday of the month from 4 - 5 pm.

Adorers are urgently needed for the hours of 1:00pm – 3:00pm on Fridays here in St. Cronan's Church. Jesus would welcome you and greatly reward you.



### PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUND

The following are weekly totals:

Buy-A-Brick Appeal € 20,098.28  
Pastoral Centre Donations; €25,776  
Parish Centre Appeal Total €45,874.28

Many thanks to all who have kindly contributed.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

We will soon have some candidates beginning their journey of preparation to become members of the Catholic faith community. If you know of anyone who is interested in knowing more about how to join the Catholic Church please encourage them to get in touch with Fr. Paul, Fr. Joseph, Br. Martin or Peter. If you would like to be a support on their journey of faith please email Louise or leave your name in the Parish Office.

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DRAMA

Rehearsals have started for a delightful Christmas Pageant Drama Project "Pastorale" to be held on Sunday 6th December at 3pm in Brackenstown Church. We welcome children of all ages and the dates of rehearsals are as follows: Friday 27th Nov @ 6:30pm; Saturday 28th Nov @ 1pm; Friday 4th Dec @ 6:30pm; Saturday 5th Dec @ 1pm; Sunday 6th Dec @ 2.30pm to have time to change before performance at 3:00pm.

### SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

You are welcome to join us on Monday evening, 23/11/15, at 7.30-8.30 pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre for Scripture Study of St Paul's letters to the Philippians and Thessalonians (Northern Greece), & Colossians (Western Turkey). The reading plan for the coming week covers St Paul's Pastoral Letters to his two right men, Timothy & Titus and the letter to Philemon. The weekly reading guide is available on Monday night and on the rack in the church porch.

### THE ROSARY

The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in homes of the parish at the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to pray the rosary and **have the statue in your home for a week**, or to get more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Sunday morning Masses.

### CHURCH GATE & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The upcoming Church Gate Collections are:  
21/22 Nov – Coolmine Therapeutic Centre  
There are no collections on 28/29 Nov & 5/6 Dec

### FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY

The course / programme will run over the four weeks of Advent on 3 Tuesday evenings & 1 Monday evening from 7 - 8.30pm with hospitality after.

#### Programme Content:

**Week 1 (Tues 01 December): Francis and the Franciscan Image of God**

**Week 2 (Tues 08 December): Francis and the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Week 3 (Tues 15 December) : St Clare: Gazing at God**

**Week 4 (Mon 21 December): Francis at Greccio: The story of the first crib.**

We have a crib at Christmastime thanks to St Francis of Assisi. In this, our final week, we travel to the hill town of Greccio with Francis and encounter the crib for the very first time. Why did he do it? Why do we do it? Let's find out!!

### ADVENT CALENDARS

Advent Calendars for children available from Legion of Mary in Main Porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

### BOOK OF PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS

"Now we are going up to Jerusalem" – book of Prayers & Reflections available from Legion of Mary, €2 – proceeds to Parish Pastoral Centre.

### BAPTISMS

The next dates for Baptisms are in **DECEMBER**. Please check our website for details. The next Preparation Meeting is: **3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2015**

*If you would like to be a part of the Baptism Ministry here in St. Cronan's, please contact the Parish Office.*

### YSBMW CONFIRMATION

We ask all parents of young people to be Confirmed in 2016 to return their Volunteer Forms to train as leaders in the You Shall Be My Witness Programme.

We also invite any parishioners who would be interested in helping with the YSBMW Programme to contact the Parish Office.

### GOOD NEWS FOR ST. CRONANS

Minister for Education and Skills, Jan O'Sullivan, announced the next phase of the school building programme. We were delighted to see the long awaited extension to St. Cronan's JNS and the redevelopment of St. Cronan's SNS included to begin construction in 2016.

### NEW NEWSLETTER FORMAT

On Christmas Day our new newsletter will be launched. It will be a full colour production. We believe that this new format will be more attractive for people to take up and read, especially if they see it in your homes. A sample is on the Noticeboard in the Main Porch.

The newsletter is paid for by local advertisers whose information will be on the back of each edition. If you run a business and would like to advertise please email your details to Louise and a representative from the company will be in touch with you. As always we value your comments when we make a change and you can place these into the suggestion box in the Main Porch.

### RIVERVALLEY CRAFT FAIR

Rivervalley Craft Fair - Sunday 22nd Nov 11am - 5pm in Rivervalley Community Centre Swords. Crafts and gifts for all occasions, Vinyl records, Foodstalls and Bakery. Photoshoot in aid of Snowflakes Autism Support. Handmade Jewellery and much more. Come along for a fun day!

### ANNUAL KNOCK ALL-NIGHT VIGIL

*All-Night Vigil to Knock*

*Bus departing from Star Pub, Swords*

*Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00pm*

*Contact Nora at 8404 247*

*086 329 2329*

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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**RELICS OF SS. THERESE, LOUIS AND ZELIE MARTIN – APPRECIATION & THANKS**

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Last Tuesday was a very special day in the Parish when we hosted the relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents St. Louis and St. Zélie Martin. From the first moment of the day the blessing of children, a great number of our children came over to the Church. We thank those from St. Cronan's JNS who coloured in the flowers that are around St. Thérèse, their teachers who encouraged them and their families who brought them. Thanks to Ms. O'Shaughnessy who played for the younger member of the Youth Choir and Andrea who conducted them.

Thank you to all who came and spent time in prayer in the afternoon on one of the worst days of the winter so far. Br. Martin led a beautiful Evening Prayer before Fr. Joseph celebrated the evening Mass so prayerfully. A great debt of gratitude go Fr. Damian McNeice for his wonderful homily and to the choir for the great music which led us in prayer. We are very fortunate to have Aileen as our Choir Director and composer. She set the words of one of St. Thérèse's poems about her parents to music. To our Altar Servers, Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, our Sacristan, Caretaker Christie and to Louise in the office for all that was done in preparation.

I pray that this moment of grace of hosting this blessed family in our Church will bring many blessings on the families of our Parish.

Fr. Paul

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**ADVENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

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**Travelling Crib**

The travelling crib will begin its journey around the Parish from next Sunday. The crib arrives at a home around 6:00pm and remains there till that family give it to the next family at 6:00pm on their day. It is a great way to prepare for Christmas as a family, to read the story of Jesus birth, to light the candle and pray together and record your experience in the Crib Diary.

If you want to take the travelling crib for a night please take an purple form, fill in the details and put it in one of the white post boxes at the doors of the Church.

For more information please contact Peter our Pastoral Worker on 089 4614226

**ADVENT-URERS**

For the four Sundays of Advent we will be inviting the children aged between 4 and 12 to go into the Parish Centre during the 12:30 Family Mass to their Advent Club where they will listen to the Gospel, reflect on it through music, arts & crafts and prayer before returning to their family at Mass when the gifts of bread and wine are being presented to the Altar.

This will start next Sunday so please tell your child about it and if they are unsure please go with them to the Parish Centre.

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**PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

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This week the boys and girls from St. Cronan's SNS and Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe will making their Confirmation Retreat. We ask you to pray for them that this year of preparation will open them to the power of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

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*Feast of Christ the King - 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015*

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**ADVENT PRAYER INITIATIVE – BY TEXT**

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We will begin the Advent Text Reflection on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November, the First Sunday of Advent. A phrase from the Sunday Gospel will be sent out each day at a different time. You are invited to stop for a moment and think of what that phrase means to you in the middle of whatever you are doing. The phrase, which will be the same for a week, will be put in the Advent Space (Between St. Anthony and St. Francis). You are invited to write your thought for the week on a post-it and stick it to the wall. We are trying this as a pilot programme with the Ministers of the Word, Eucharist, Sacristans and Parish Pastoral Council.

As part of Br. Martin's Franciscan Prayer you can come and share with the group what the phrase for the week has meant to you. If you are part of any of these groups and do not wish to participate please send an email to Louise. If you are not part of these ministry groups but would like to take part, please either email Louise with your mobile number of put it into the suggestion box in the main porch. Let us be lead by God's word through Advent.

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**COFFEE MORNING – IN AID OF ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE**

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Next Sunday we will have our Coffee Morning in aid of St. Francis Hospice in the Parish Centre after the 9:00am, 11:00am and 12:30pm Masses. There will be plenty of homemade goodies, a monster raffle, Hospice Christmas Cards, Calendars, Tree Decorations and the Hospice 'Tree of Life' sponsor cards.

It is only when you have had their support that you realize what a great organization St. Francis Hospice is. Please come along and support our Coffee Morning.



**St. Francis Hospice**  
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**YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME**

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Booking is now open for this Pilgrimage. Booking forms are available from the Parish Office either by calling in or by email. Deposits of €150.00 need to be paid by 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Cheques made payable to St. Cronan's Church.

The dates are the 26<sup>th</sup> September to the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016. Full details on the Notice Board and on the Parish Website.