

Parish Newsletter

16th September 2018 ✠ 24th Sunday ✠ Year B



Maureen, Brian and John having a great time on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Thank you to all who supported the Church Gate collection in July and to Nuala for organizing it. You have been remembered in our prayers and a candle has been left lighting to raise your intentions to God.

Brackenstown Bible Study

Our Scripture study classes have now resumed. Classes are 7.30-9pm on Monday nights in the Pastoral Centre. Our topic for this Monday the 17th is Matthew chapter 18, which speaks of the characteristics that should be evident in a Christian Community. Newcomers welcome.

COFFEE MORNING FOR HOSPICE



Thursday 20th September
Time: 10:30am—1:30pm
Venue: Stacey's, 18 Elmwood Park
 Every cup counts! Come along, donate what you can and help your local hospice make a life a little brighter.



Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin
 Annual Collection for Community and Homeless Services
THIS WEEKEND 15/16th September
 This collection replaces the normal SHARE collection.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Nuala Logue (A)
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
11:00 am: Johy Murphy (A)
12:30pm: Daniel Delaney (30th A)
5:30pm: Ita McArdle (A)

PRAY FOR

St. Anne Marie Stacey (MM)
 Tony O'Reilly (A)
 Michael Byrne (A)
 Vincent Hughes (27th A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Special Intention
Tues: Margaret Kenny (A)
Wed: Special Intention
Thur: Kathleen Dunne (A)
Fri: Mary McQuillan (1st A)
Sat: Special Intention

Holyday Mass: Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am & 7:30pm

Confession: Saturday 10:30am-11:00am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm & After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday

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CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

15/16 September
 Crosscare Community & Homeless Services

29/30 September
 Young Priests Society

New Parish Pastoral Worker

My name is Niamh Morris and over the Summer, I was appointed as Parish Pastoral Worker to Brackenstown Parish. Originally from Galway, I have been a PPW with the Dublin Diocese since 2008. I have served in Balbriggan Parish for the past nine years. Those years have been a time of great blessing and grace in my life, which I am sure will continue in Brackenstown. I enjoy spending time with people and sharing faith experiences with them; I love a cup of tea and more importantly the person/s I'm sharing the cuppa with. I look forward to being with you and for us to get to know each other with the help of God! Please be sure to say hi if you meet me around the Parish.



A Counselling Service for your Community

Fingal Counselling Service is a community based voluntary counselling service providing confidential, non-directive counselling on a one-to-one basis, to couples and individuals. The service offers a safe and confidential environment where clients are encouraged and supported while working through their difficulties.

We are holding a sale of preloved occasion wear Sunday 30th September from 10am - 1.30pm in the BASE Resource Centre, Swords.

Church Refurbishment Update

The painting of the Church will resume on Thursday 13th September. Between now and then a new door into the storage area in the front porch and a rail for the schools to hang their artwork for Sacraments will be installed. The new signs and noticeboards will be put in place outside the Church. The notice boards inside the main porch will be removed and notices for the new noticeboards have to be handed in to the Parish Office. There will be a further consultation on the following:

- The permanent placement of our copy of the Icon from the World Meeting of Families. We can create a shrine where the family tree was at the back of the Church or we can put it in the Glasmole Abbey Room in the Pastoral Centre.
- The creation of a shrine at the picture of Matt Talbot to pray for his Beatification and also to pray for people with addictions.
- The organization of the Sanctuary furniture ie: the Ambo (Table of the Word) has been moved to allow a clearer view of the Tabernacle and also to keep the reverence towards the Tabernacle when people are waiting to read at Masses. The Chair being on that side of the Sanctuary allows greater respect for where the Tabernacle is placed.
- In the General Instruction to the Roman Missal there is no direction as to which side the Ambo should be placed. What it does emphasize is that the Table of the Word and the Table of the Eucharist should be simply decorated so as not to take away from the integrity of what happens in these two spaces. The Tabernacle should be placed where due reverence and respect is shown.
- But the placement of the Ambo and Chair remains a local decision on which you will be consulted.

It is planned that the new Sanctuary Furniture will be in place for the First Sunday of Advent.

Fr. Paul

The Junior Choir



We are looking for LOTS of new members to sing at 12:30pm Mass on Sundays

New Rehearsal Day & Time:
Tuesdays 6 - 7pm in the Church

B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

Next Coping Programme will commence on Wednesday 5th September 2018 for 7 Wednesday evenings, at 7.15pm in White Friars Community Centre, Aungier St., Dublin 2 For further information phone 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com. www.beginningexperience.ie

SACRAMENTAL DATES 2019

Confirmation Retreats

3rd – 5th December St. Cronan's SNS
7th December Gaelscoil Bhrian Boraimhe
30th March Swords, Thornleigh and Holywell ETNS

Service of Light

Monday 4th February 7:30pm St. Cronan's
Monday 11th February 7:30pm Gaelscoil Bhrian Boraimhe
Monday 27th May 7:30pm Swords, Thornleigh and Holywell ETNS

Confirmation

Thursday 14th and Friday 15th February at 11:00am St. Cronan's SNS
Thursday 28th February at 11:00am Gaelscoil Bhrian Boraimhe
Saturday 8th June 11:00am Swords, Thornleigh and Holywell ETNS

First Confession

Tuesday 19th March 7:00pm Gaelscoil Bhrian Boraimhe
Thursday 21st March 7:00pm Swords and Thornleigh ETNS
Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th, Thursday 28th March 7:00pm St. Cronan's JNS

First Holy Communion

Saturday 11th May 10:00am & 12:00noon St. Cronan's JNS
Saturday 18th May 10:00am Gaelscoil Bhrian Boraimhe
Saturday 18th May 12:00noon Swords and Thornleigh ETNS
Graduation Mass for St. Cronan's SNS
Tuesday 25th June at 7:30pm in St. Cronan's Church

**IS GAMBLING RUINING
YOUR LIFE?
GAMBLER'S ANONYMOUS
Contact 0879771142
for more information**

**SAOIRSE AA GROUP
Wednesdays 8:00pm in BASE,
Brackenstown Road
Phone: 087620 6788
ALCOHOL PROBLEM? YOU'RE NOT ALONE!!**



are hosting a talk by Nuala Casey on "How Bethany Helped me on my Grieving Journey" in St. Xavier's Church, Gardiner Street on Wednesday 19th September at 7:30pm. All welcome - no charge.

Contact 087 9905299 or email bethanysupport@eircom.net.



**Next Parent Meeting is
Thursday 4th October
Next dates for Baptisms:**

**Saturday 13th October 12:30pm
Sunday 28th October at 1:45pm**

Please note one Month's Notice to be given & a copy of baby's Birth Cert is required when booking a Baptism.

Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for this Sunday and the following Sunday:

24th Sunday:

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9; Psalm 114; Second Reading: James 2:14-18 ; Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

25th Sunday:

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalm 53; Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3; Gospel: Mark 9:30-37



FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund.

July Standing Order €4,255.67

Outdoor Collection - €724.96

Annuaals/Half Yearly - €100.00

All of the above contributions are recorded for the tax rebate.

COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

First Collection - €1,310.73 (€270.52 recorded for Tax)

SHARE Collection - €1,102.00 (€213.00 recorded for Tax)

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

The Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock will take place on **Sunday 30th September**. If you would like to travel on this Pilgrimage, please book with Legion of Mary members in Main Porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses. Details on posters.

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 the last Sunday of every month from 4pm—5pm. Can you stay 1 hour with me? We encourage new people to come & join us.

THE ROSARY

Praying for a special intention? The Holy Father recommends that we pray the Rosary. Why not give it a chance and experience the peace that many people receive from the Rosary? The "Rosary Statue" was blessed for use in the home and it helps many to set a prayer date. If you would like to pray the Rosary and have the Rosary Statue in your home for a week, or **get more information** please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR OUR LADY?

Why not do something new? Legion of Mary needs new members to help Our Lady bring Jesus to more people. **You** could help! Meetings: **Adults - Tuesdays 10:30am** in Sisters' House and **Wednesdays 7:30pm** in Sacristy and **we need more Junior Members on Fridays at 4:45pm** also Sacristy. Why not come and see what you can do!

HELPERS

New Helpers needed to deliver the "Alive!" Catholic Paper. If you could give **20-30 minutes a month**, you could do great work to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Enquire at Legion of Mary table in the main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses or leave your contact number with Louise in the Parish Office.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

Brackenstown Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019

We are planning a Holy Land Pilgrimage. The approximate dates are: 26th Oct-3rd Nov '19. Agent will be MAP Travel. Names are being taken through the Parish Office

