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*15th May 2016 — Year C*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm** Ciaran Griffin (1st A)  
**9:00am** Altar List of the Dead  
**11:00am** Maria Connolly (A)  
**12:30pm** Bernadette O'Rourke (3rd A)  
**5:30pm** D'csd Members of Carroll & McCarthy Families

## PRAY FOR

Joan Hunt (2nd A)  
Deborah Green-McGowan (RD)  
Maureen Smyth (RD)  
Dermot Byrne (RD)

## MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Special Intention  
**Tues:** For Joanne Kelleghan & Family in their recent bereavement of their brother Fr. Anselm  
**Wed:** Liam & Mary Taaffe (A)  
**Thurs:** Thanksgiving Mass of Blessed Trinity  
**Fri:** Timothy & Mary O'Donoghue(A)  
**Sat:** First Holy Communion - St. Cronan's JNS

## 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 one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

## THE MONTH OF MAY

If you would like to pray the rosary and **have the rosary 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.**

## FAMILY OFFERING

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

**March Standing Order €3,500**  
**Outdoor Collection €510.56**  
**Annals/Half Yearly €850.00**

## PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUNDRAISING

Weekly totals:

**Buy-A-Brick Appeal € 20,188**  
**Pastoral Centre Donations; €26,586**  
**Parish Centre Appeal Total €47,504.28**

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer books, rosary beads, medals, cards etc. for 1st Holy Communion available from Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

# THANK YOU...

Doreen Mc Kittrick would like to thank all who knitted, bought and sold the Easter Chicks, and in particular to J.C's Supermarket who allowed the chickens to be sold there.  
The sum of €2,683.60 was raised for St. Francis Hospice and the cheque was presented to them.  
A big thank you to all who supported this worthy cause.



## Blessing and Opening of St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre Format of the Day

Earlier this month we held an open meeting to hear from people the way that we should mark this important event in our Parish. From the discussions that took place the Parish Pastoral Council took the ideas and shaped them as follows:

Mass will take place at 12:30pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

**There will be no 11:00am Mass that Sunday.**

Both Choirs and our Saturday night cantor will lead the music.

The Scouts and Order of Malta will form a colour party.

In the opening procession the name plaques for the various rooms in the Pastoral Centre will be placed in the sacred space.

The Prayer of the Faithful will be read in the various languages of the Parish.

After Mass a procession will lead Archbishop Martin to the Pastoral Centre.

He will unveil the plaque in the porch and proceed into the Centre for the Prayer of Blessing.

There will be a sound link for people in the Church to hear the ceremony.

In the Pastoral Centre there will be people gathered representing the various groups in the Parish and the various groups that use the Pastoral Centre. Among them a group of twenty who will be drawn by lottery from the buy-a-brick certificates. The Parish Pastoral Council, the Pastoral Centre Development Group and Pastoral Centre Management Committee will also be there.

After the Blessing the Archbishop will be presented with a History of the Parish.

Refreshments will be served for everybody in the Pastoral Centre and the Scouts will have their famous bar-b-que sausages in the Pastoral Centre Garden.

While some people have been received an invitation due to their role in the ceremony or their association with the Parish, the invitation that has been in the Newsletter over the past weeks is the invitation to all our Parishioners and Friends.



## OUR LINKS WITH ST. MEL'S CATHEDRAL

On **Sunday May 22nd** Dr John O'Keeffe will be coming to our church to hear the congregation at the 11.00 am Mass sing his recently composed Mass of St Mel for the restoration of the Cathedral of St. Mel after it was destroyed by fire.

Dr O'Keeffe's intention was to make this Mass setting fully congregation-friendly and our parish was asked to try it out in the early stages of its composition, starting with the Apostles' Creed. Dr O'Keeffe said that he would never have completed the Mass if it hadn't been for the successful execution of the pilot scheme here in Brackenstown. We would ask all regular attendees at the 11am Mass to make a special effort to be here on the 22nd so that we may lift our voices together in praise of God.

Dr O'Keefe is one of the country's finest organists and he will accompany both choir and congregation on that day.

## Celebrating First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Over the next three Saturdays we will celebrate these Sacraments in our Parish. It will mean that there will be some changes to the Saturday Schedule.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> May at 10:00am Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe and at 12:00noon Swords and Thornleigh ETNS.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> May St. Cronan's J.N.S. will be at 10:00am and 12:00noon.

On these days morning Mass will be at 8:45am. There will be no morning Confessions or Adoration.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> May Holywell, Swords and Thornleigh ETNS will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 11:00am.

Morning Mass will be at 9:30am there will be no morning confessions or Adoration.

If you are a minister of the Eucharist and have a child or grandchild celebrating Communion or Confirmation on these days, please contact Louise in the Parish Office as we will need Ministers on these days.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers at these important moments in their lives and in the life of the Parish.

# PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
<b>MAY</b>		
14th	First Holy Communion GSBB	10am
14th	First Holy Communion ETNS	12 noon
21st	First Holy Communion St. Cronan's SS	10am & 12 noon
28th	Confirmation ETNS	11:00am
29th	Corpus Christi	
<b>JUNE</b>		
5th	Blessing of Parish Pastoral Centre	12:30pm
11th	Pilgrimage Walk	TBC
18th	Br. Martin's Ordination	
19th	Br. Martin's First Mass - Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Cronan's	12:30pm
<b>JULY</b>		
25th — 31st	World Youth Day Krakow	

**THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE  
ON THE WEBSITE**

## CHY3 Tax Refund Scheme

CHY3 forms for 2015 have now been posted to parishioners who meet the qualifying criteria; we ask that parishioners please return these forms to the parish at your earliest convenience. We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those parishioners who help fund the running costs of the parish. Your support is very much appreciated.

Pathways is a two-year one night a week course for adults who wish to explore their faith. It runs from mid-September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming academic year and the parish will cover half of this. Booking is now open. The programme begins this year in Clonliffe College on Thursday 22nd September 2016, 7:00pm—9:30pm.

**For more information:**

**WEB:** [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie)

**PHONE:** 01 8379253 Ext. 294

**EMAIL:** [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie)

**WRITE:** Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, Director, Pathways Programme, Clonliffe College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3, D03 P2E7.



## PARISH INFORMATION

### Mass Times:

Sunday: 6:30pm (Sat. Vigil); 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

### Weekday Mass:

Monday to Saturday 10:00am

### Holyday Mass:

Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am

### Confession:

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

**Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,**

**Fr. Joseph Njanackal, C.S.T., C.C.**

**Br. Martin Bennett, OFM Cap. Deacon**

**Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker**

**Louise Donnelly, Secretary**

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Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm

## CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

**14/15 May**

Crosscare Youth  
Collection

**21/22 May**

No Collection

**28/29 May**

St. Patrick's Missionary  
Society



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