



Parish Newsletter

17th February 2019 ✘ Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time ✘ Year C

LIFE IN THE EUCHARIST

Over five Tuesdays in Lent (beginning on March 12th), there will be a Retreat on the Eucharist held in the Parish Centre.

As Catholics, we are called to participate in the Eucharist and in the life of the Church. Life in the Eucharist (LITE) provides for an opportunity for adults Catholics to share their faith. LITE was developed to help people learn more about our role as active participants in the Eucharist. There are five sessions, each concentrating on a different theme. The sessions are structured as an adult learning programme, so there is time for group discussion as well as input by the members of the LITE team.

All are welcome to come along. There is a special invitation to people who come along to weekly Mass but would like to deepen their understanding of what Eucharist is all about. For more info or to book your place, please contact the Parish Office or email niamh.morris@dublindiocese.ie

Congratulations to the Young People of St. Cronan's SNS who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thanks to Monsignor Dan O'Connor for celebrating the Masses, all involved in preparing the young people for the Sacrament and to those who helped in any way on the day. We hope that the young people and their families had a wonderful day

2019 Envelope Boxes

The new boxes of Family Offering Parish Envelopes will be available to be collected at the back of the Church after all Masses this weekend - 16th/17th of February.

Your support for the Family Offering is greatly appreciated. The Parish depends on the voluntary contributions of parishioners for the running and development of the Parish.

The new envelope boxes for the First and Second collections at Mass will also be available to be collected at the back of the church after all Masses on the weekend of 16th/17th February. There are substantial potential benefits for the Parish if the donor uses these envelopes for the collections at Mass and is an income tax payer.

You can request a box of envelopes or a standing order form for the Family Offering to support the running of the Parish by contacting Louise in the Parish office Tel 8401188, email brackenstownparish@gmail.com. There are also forms available on the tables at the back of the church. Completed forms can be placed in the white post boxes in the Church or returned to the Parish Office. The Parish depends on the voluntary contributions of parishioners for the running and development of the Parish.

Thank you to all who support the Parish so generously.

Paddy O'Byrne, Finance Committee

Emmanuel in the Helix

The countdown is on to this fantastic annual music festival of faith for young people! This year, 66 schools and over 2500 students have been busy rehearsing. Loreto Swords are taking part on Wednesday, February 27 at 7.30pm. You are invited to come and support your local school in what is always an uplifting and energising experience

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS	PRAY FOR	10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK
6:30pm: Frank Moreland & Joe Logue (A)	John McGuirk (14th)	Mon: Bernard McGlynn
9:00am: Altar List	Nancy Savage	Tues: Daniel Maughan (15th A) & Nathan Maughan (recently deceased) Pray for Mai Shinnars RIP
11:00am: Barker, McGinn & Ellison Families	Mick Reid	Wed: Holy Souls
12:30pm: Mary Ryan (A)	Betty FOX	Thur: Joan Howard-Williams (Recently Deceased)
5:30pm: Marian Movement for Priests		Fri Dolly Keane (5th A)
		Sat:

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The **ANNUAL COLLECTION of ACCORD**, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses this weekend.



The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the diocese offers:

- Marriage Preparation Courses,
- Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships.
- A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for Schools.

**ACCORD Dublin needs your support.
Please give generously.**

This year, St. Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday. With this in mind, you will be asked at Masses this weekend what Mass times you think would be most suitable for St. Patrick's Day. There are three options

1. Usual Sunday Schedule
(Vigil at 6.30, Sunday 9am, 11am, 12.30pm & 5.30pm)
1. Vigil Mass at 6.30pm, Sunday at 9am and 10am
2. Vigil Mass at 6.30pm, Sunday at 9am, 10am and 5.30pm.

In the past, many people have opted for earlier Mass times to allow them to take part in parades and family occasions. We invite you to have a think about it before Masses next weekend.

**MID-TERM
BREAK**

**Happy Mid-Term break to
the students, teachers
and ancillary staff
In all our Schools!**

This year for Lent Swords Parish has decided to read and discuss Pope Francis's book, 'Rejoice and be Glad', we will do this over 5 weeks. This will take the format of a book club where you read a chapter at home and meet as a group to discuss it the next week- Why not give it a try!! For more information together with guidelines for discussion and tips for reading the book come along to our introduction session on Thursday 28th February in St Colmcille's Parish, Parochial House, Seatown Road, at 2.30pm. Books will be supplied, and tea and coffee will be served. Parishioners from Brackenstown and Rivervalley are welcome to attend Parishioners from Rivervalley and Brackenstown are welcome to attend

If you are having problems with the signal from the Webcam in St. Cronan's, please contact Danny on 00442887729580

BOOK CLUB: Would you be interested in taking part in a Book Club here in the Parish that would read and discuss various spiritual books/documents? If you are interested, please give your name to Louise in the Parish Office

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse

Friday 15 February 2019

*We pray for all those who have been abused
physically, mentally, emotionally or sexually:
That God will heal and comfort them.*



BRACKENSTOWN PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND



Friday 13 - Saturday 21 September 2019

Led by Fr. Paul Thornton

This very special pilgrimage will commence with a direct flight which will take you from Dublin to Tel Aviv in just under 6 hours. You then begin your Pilgrimage in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee from where you will visit Cana, Mount Tabor, Capernaum & Nazareth. A drive through the Jordan Valley will take you to Jerusalem where you will visit the Old City and all the main sites of interest & to Bethlehem where you will have an opportunity to visit the Church of the Nativity & see the Shepherds Fields.

Highlights

- Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus
- Mount of Beatitudes and Mount Tabor
- Boat trip on the Sea of Galilee & Capernaum
- Visit to the Holy Sepulchre
- Birthplace of Jesus in Bethlehem
- Nazareth and Cana

What is Included

- Direct flights Dublin – Tel Aviv return
- Airport taxes and charges
- 8 nights accommodation, twin sharing in Royal Plaza, Tiberius and Ramat Rachel, Jerusalem
- Dinner, bed and breakfast basis throughout
- Transfers and coaching as per programme
- Entrance fees where applicable, including Masada
- Porterage at airport and hotels
- Expert local guide throughout the Pilgrimage

The COST OF THE PILGRIMAGE IS €1,765
Deposit of €250 required by the end of February
**For more information or to make a booking,
please contact the Parish Office**



Next Parent Meeting is
MARCH 7th
Next dates for Baptisms:
MARCH 9th

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 & the following Sunday:

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jer 17:5-8; Responsorial Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 61;

Second Reading: Cor 15:12, 16-20;

Gospel: Lk 6:17, 20-26

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;

Responsorial Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;

Second Reading : 1 Cor 15:45-49; Gospel: Lk 6:27-38



FAMILY OFFERING

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

January Standing Order €n/a

Family Offering: €721.91

Annals/Half Yearly - n/a

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

Collections at the weekend Masses

First Collection: €1581.33(Tax: €381.30)

Second Collection: €1319.70 (Tax: €292.92)

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

RELIGIOUS GOODS

Diocesan Guidebooks, Confirmation Cards, medals, souvenirs etc. available from Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.

THE ROSARY

Why not start the New Year with joy and peace? Book the "Rosary Statue" for a week and notice the difference praying the Rosary brings. Just leave your contact details with a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses and arrangements will be made to suit you.

CAN YOU HELP?

If you could give 20-30 minutes per month, you could do a lot to spread the Good News. Help needed to deliver the free Catholic Paper "Alive!" in a number of areas of the parish... e.g. Swords Manor, St. Cronan's Estate etc. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after the weekend Masses or leave your name & phone no. with Louise in parish office.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords