

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



11th October 2015

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm Sarah McCauley (A)
9:00am Altar List of the Dead
11:00am Tanya Flynn nee Browne & dcsc
Members of Browne & Bissett families (A)
12:30pm James D'Arcy (A)
5:30pm Gerard McGrath (A)

PRAY FOR

Tony Hunt (RD)
Thomas Hughes (RD)
Éamonn O'Murchú



MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

Mon: Special Intention
Tues: Margaret & Frederick Quinn (A)
Wed: Tom, Anne & Philomena O'Leary (A)
Thurs: Christopher Snow (A)
Fri: Bill & Kay O'Connor (A)
Sat: Rose Costello (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.

DO THIS IN MEMORY ENROLMENT MASSES

Saturday 10th October at 6:30pm
Sunday 11th October at 12:30pm
Sat 17th October at 6:30pm (This Mass will be in Irish)
Sunday 18th October at 12:30pm

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

The final module of our 2015 New Testament Scripture Study starts in St Cronan's Parish Pastoral Centre on Monday 12/10/15, 7.30-8.30 pm. We will be reading Letters & Epistles of Paul, James, Jude & Peter, over ten weeks. All most welcome, please come along and deepen your understanding of the Word of God.

MSZE SWIETA W JEZYKU POLSKIM

Msze Swieta w Jezyku Polskim dzisiaj, Niedziele 11 Pazdziernik o godz 18:45. (Spowiedz 18:15 – 18:40).

ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION

Thank you to all who took part in the Annual Candlelight Procession in honour of Our Lady on Monday night. Extra thanks to those who carried out assigned roles on the night. At the end of Mass, **the Rosary Statue** was blessed for use in the homes of the parish during the coming year. If you would like to have the statue in your home for a week, please contact a member of the Legion of Mary in the main porch after Mass.

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUND

The following are weekly totals:
Buy-A-Brick Appeal € 19,418.28
Pastoral Centre Donations; € 25,566
Parish Centre Appeal TOTAL € 19,418.28
Many thanks to all who have kindly contributed.

FAMILY OFFERING

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

July Standing Order €3,791
Outdoor Collection €757.89
Annuals/Half Yearly €2,000.00

The Family Offering Envelope/Standing Order Collection is the ONLY one which supports the daily running costs of the Parish and the upkeep of the Church. Thank you for your commitment to this collection. If you would like to contribute to the above collections, please contact the Parish Office.

CHURCH GATE & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The upcoming Church Gate Collections are:
10/11 October – Swords Youth Service are hosting a Cake Sale in the Parish Centre
17/18 October – Church Mission Sunday
24/25 October – Threshold Collection

ST. CRONAN'S YOUTH GROUP

Finally our YOUTH GROUP is here! The new Parish Youth Group will manage the 5:30pm Sunday Mass ONCE A MONTH (meeting once per month). The FIRST Youth Group meeting will take place on Tuesday 13th October 7-8pm in the Parish Centre. Age: Teenagers / Young adults 13+. All Welcome!

CAKE SALE

After the 9:00am; 11:00am and 12:30pm Masses there will be a cake sale in the **PARISH CENTRE** run by the members of Swords Youth Service to support their upcoming projects. Please call in and give them your support.

BAPTISMS

The next dates for Baptisms are in **OCTOBER**. Please check our website for details. The next Preparation Meeting is:

5TH NOVEMBER 2015

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



PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE

One of the main reasons for building the Parish Centre was to build and strengthen links between people in the Parish. We now have hospitality on three mornings after the 10:00am Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We encourage you to join us on those days and to invite others you see in the church to come in.

We don't charge for the tea/coffee and our goodies are kindly sponsored, though there is a jar if you wish to make a donation.

All welcome, please come in and meet up with friends new and old.



MINISTERS OF THE WORD (READERS)

If you would like to join our Team of Parish Readers please contact Paul on 087 4173549 or talk to Fr. Paul or Fr. Joseph. We are particularly looking for Readers to cover the 5:30pm Sunday Mass. The commitment normally involves reading one Sunday per month. You can of course choose to volunteer for whatever Mass time best suits you.

DUBLIN'S HOLY WELLS

A talk detailing the histories, folklore and locations of the Holy Wells of Dublin will be given by historian & folklorist, Gary Branigan, in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre, Brackenstown, at 7.30pm on Tuesday 03/11/15. Gary's talk will include information on the recently uncovered St Cronan's Holy Well. The well is located in the field behind the ruins of Glasmore Abbey/the Nunnery, Lioscian estate. This field is now owned by a construction company and is zoned for housing. The well is believed to have supplied the Abbey with its water and is dedicated to St Cronan who was abbot there. St Cronan was killed in a Danish raid when the Abbey was destroyed in the seventh century. St Cronan's Holy Well is an important part of the Christian history of Swords. It is hoped that the powers-that-be can be persuaded that the well should be restored and saved for posterity. Any help or support that you can give in achieving this would be gratefully appreciated. Gary Branigan is very kindly giving his talk free of charge, as it is a good cause.

DEAR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

Your ministry is of great importance to the life of our parish and to our celebration of Eucharist. It is very important, therefore, that appropriate time is given to support you through training, formation and times of reflection.

We would like to invite you to a gathering for ALL Ministers of the Eucharist in the parish so that we can spend time getting to know each other and develop in our ministry alongside one another. The evening will include times of prayer, reflection, input and sharing together. It will be a great opportunity to learn together and to share our feelings about our ministry. Because of this, it would be important that as many Ministers of the Eucharist as possible attend the gathering. This will take place on:

Thursday 22nd October 2015
from 7.30pm - 9.30pm
in the Parish Pastoral Centre

It would be very useful if you could inform us by phone, text or email no later than Monday 19th October, if you will be attending.

We look forward to seeing you on 22nd.

Teresa McQuillan & Peter Siney

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Parishioner Survey – Thank you for participating in the Survey. The Parish Pastoral Council are going through the questionnaires and will put the results in next weeks newsletter.

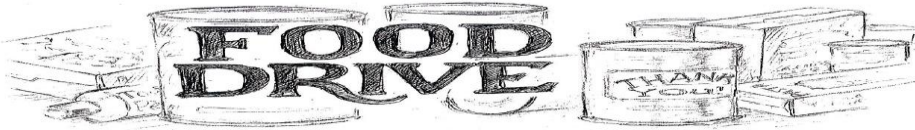
Harvest Thanksgiving – Saturday 10th October & Sunday 11th October. As we give thanks to God for the food that is provided for us, we are also invited to bring some non-perishable food to Mass to be used in the Foodbank.

Mass for Deceased Parishioners - Friday 13th November at 7:30pm.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT

Bethany Bereavement Support Group - Public Talk - Wednesday 14th October 2015 at 8.00 pm - by Brid Carroll - Counsellor and Psychotherapist - COPING WITH LOSS – An upcoming talk scheduled to take place in the Clayton Hotel, Dublin Airport, Stockhole Lane, Swords, Co. Dublin (formerly Bewleys Hotel). You may have lost a loved one by sudden or traumatic death or after a long illness. This talk may help on the journey of grief and loss.

CROSSCARE FOOD DRIVE



Our thanksgiving to God for the food we have and for the way that we can live our lives extends beyond our prayer. Next weekend we are having our Annual Food Drive to support the CROSSCARE FOOD BANK which has a base in the Parish Meeting room and which supports families in need through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Through the Central Food Bank in Glasnevin, CROSSCARE shares the food received through the Community Food Drives and that which companies provide, to the Community Food Banks, to their Homeless Shelters and to groups who reach out to people living on the streets.

This weekend please bring an item of non-perishable food (see posters for ideas) and place it around the Altar before Mass. Our sharing this food makes our thanksgiving an act of prayer and an act of love.

Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11th October 2015

CANONISATION OF LOUIS AND ZELIE MARTIN 18TH OCTOBER 2015

Louis and Zelig Martin will be the first married couple to be Canonized next Saturday.

Louis Martin and Zelig Guerin met in Alençon, and on July 13th, 1858, Louis, 34, and Zelig, 26, married and began their remarkable voyage through life. Within the next fifteen years, Zelig bore nine children, seven girls and two boys. "We lived only for them," Zelig wrote; "they were all our happiness."

The Martins' delight in their children turned to shock and sorrow as tragedy relentlessly and mercilessly stalked their little ones. Within three years, Zelig's two baby boys, a five year old girl, and a six-and-a-half week old infant girl all died.

Zelig was left numb with sadness. "I haven't a penny's worth of courage," she lamented. But her faith sustained her through these terrible ordeals. In a letter to her sister-in-law who had lost an infant son, Zelig remembered: "When I closed the eyes of my dear little children and buried them, I felt sorrow through and through....People said to me, 'It would have been better never to have had them.' I couldn't stand such language. My children were not lost forever; life is short and full of miseries, and we shall find our little ones again up above."

The Martins' last child was born January 2, 1873. She was weak and frail, and doctors feared for the infant's life. The family, so used to death, was preparing for yet another blow. Zelig wrote of her three month old girl: "I have no hope of saving her. The poor little thing suffers horribly....It breaks your heart to see her." But the baby girl proved to be much tougher than anyone realized. She survived the illness. A year later she was a "big baby, browned by the sun." "The baby," Zelig noted, "is full of life, giggles a lot, and is sheer joy to everyone." Death seemed to grant a reprieve to the Martin household. Although suffering had left its mark on mother and father, it was not the scar of bitterness. Louis and Zelig had already found relief and support in their faith.

The series of tragedies had intensified the love of Louis and Zelig Martin for each other. They poured out their affection on their five surviving daughters; Marie, 12, Pauline, 11, Leonie 9, Celine, 3, and their new-born. Louis and Zelig named their new-born; Marie-Francoise-Therese Martin. A century later people would know her as St. Therese, and call her the "Little Flower."



The relics of SS. Louis and Zelig Martin will be visiting Brackenstown on Tuesday 17th November. There will be a prayer service for children at 2:50pm and Mass at 7:30pm followed by a blessing with the relics.