

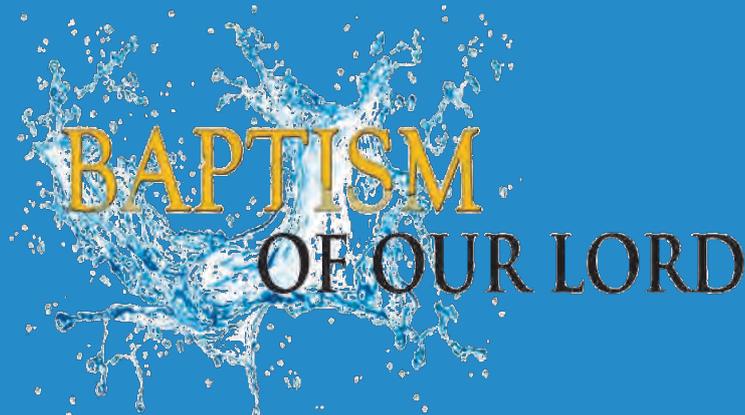
PARISH NEWSLETTER

8th January 2017 ✘ Feast of The Baptism of Our Lord ✘ Year A

**“I NEED TO BE BAPTIZED BY YOU,
AND YET YOU ARE COMING TO ME?”**

Jesus didn't need to be washed clean of any sin, and John the Baptist knew it. But nonetheless, Jesus was humble enough to be baptized like the rest of us. This humility is at the heart of Jesus' mission on earth. As Saint Paul says, Jesus "emptied himself...coming in human likeness...he humbled himself" (Phil 2:7-8). He did not need to become human, to be born of a woman into a poor family, or to suffer and die on the cross. Rather, Jesus freely chose to do all of these things out of love for us. And in the process, he gave us a model to follow.

By being baptized, Jesus emphasized the importance of participating in this sacred action. And later in his ministry, he confirmed the significance of baptism when he instructed his apostles to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19). Through baptism, we become disciples of Jesus. As baptized Christians, we are both called and equipped to be Christ's followers, his pupils, and his friends. Today, we might ask ourselves if we are embracing this calling wholeheartedly. Do we follow Jesus' example of love for God and neighbour? Do we study his word and live by his teaching? Do we nurture our relationship with him, as we would with any friend? Jesus humbled himself for our sake. Let us show our gratitude by being his faithful disciples today and every day.



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MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: D'csd Members of Hanrahan Family
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
11:00pm: John McNally (A)
12:30pm: Gerry O'Malley (1st A)
5:30pm: Barney McCann (A)

PRAY FOR

Annette, Clare & Sean Ryan (A)
Nora Corcoran (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Anne, Tom, Philomena O'Leary (A)
Tues: Katrina Harford (A)
Wed: Sarah Keane & D'csd Family Members (A)
Thurs: Paddy Donovan (RD)
Fri: Philomena Gill (RD)
Sat: Special Intention

Please take this Newsletter home

Brackenstown Bible Study 2017

During 2016 we ran two very informative and enjoyable Scripture study courses. In spring we followed Jeff Cavins 8 week DVD study "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible". In the autumn we completed Jeff Cavins 13 week "The Bible Timeline Reading Plan"

During 2017 we will study Jeff Cavins 23 week DVD course "The Bible Timeline; The Story of Salvation" The course will consist of 12 classes in the spring and 11 classes in the autumn. This is the foundational study in *The Great Adventure* Bible Study Series that has helped hundreds of thousands of Catholics learn to read the Bible. *The Bible Timeline* is a fascinating study that takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible. They will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. Using a unique color-coded system, they will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith

Course Duration: Spring classes commence Monday 30/01/17; twelve sessions. Autumn classes commence Monday 04/09/17; eleven sessions.

Course Cost: €20.00 to cover the cost of the DVDs & the study book

Course Time: Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9.00 pm

Venue: St Cronan's Parish Pastoral Centre

Bookings: by 09/01/17. Limited to 35 people

Contact: Louise 01-8401188

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Anam Cara, the national organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wednesday 18th of January from 19:30 to 21:30 in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. The guest speaker for the evening is Brid Carroll. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents. As

Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for event, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday 17th January or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.



We wish all our Parishioners every Blessing for 2017

Please note any items for publication in the Parish Newsletter must be in the Parish Office by the Tuesday before the weekend of publication.

Work of Christmas Begins

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,
then the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal those broken in spirit,
to feed the hungry,
to release the oppressed,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all peoples,
to make a little music with the heart...

And to radiate the Light of Christ,
every day, in every way, in all that we do and
in all that we say.
Then the work of Christmas begins.

— Howard Thurman, adapted

CHRISTMAS DUES

The Christmas Dues together with the First Collection at Mass and the Easter Dues goes to support myself and Fr. Joseph and the sick and retired Priests of the Diocese. We really appreciate your generosity to this collection.

There is a financial benefit to the Parish as your Dues contributions can be included in your Family Offering for the Tax Reclaim Scheme.

If you haven't returned your Dues yet, you can place them in the pouches at Mass or in the white boxes in the Church.

Thank you again for your generosity and for all the support you give to myself and Fr. Joseph.

Fr. Paul



EPIPHANY GIFTS

You are invited to bring along any unwanted Christmas gifts until **10th January**.

These gifts will then be passed onto Alice Leahy's Trust, a day-care facility for the homeless based in the Iveagh Trust Buildings. The kind of things that are useful are: chocolates, sweets, scented candles, toiletries, scarves, gloves etc.

Bring them to the crib in the Church and the Pastoral Council will pass them on. Thank you.



PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
JANUARY 2017	
14th JAN	DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS 6:30PM
15th JAN	DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS 12:30PM
18-25 JAN	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
21st JAN	COME FOLLOW ME MASS 6:30PM
22nd JAN	COME FOLLOW ME MASS 5:30PM
29 JAN-4 FEB	Catholic Schools Week
30th JAN	"The Bible Timeline" Bible Study
FEBRUARY 2017	
6th FEB	Service of Light - GSBB
9th FEB	Confirmation - GSBB
11th FEB	DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS 6:30PM
12th FEB	DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS 12:30PM
13th FEB	Service of Light - St. Cronan's
16th FEB	Confirmation - St. Cronan's
17th FEB	Confirmation - St. Cronan's

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

Dates for Baptisms:

11th February 12:30 pm
 12th February 1:45 pm
 25th February 12:30 pm
 26th February 1:45 pm

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

The next Parent Preparation Meeting is Thursday 2nd February 2017 at 8pm in St. Cronan's Parish Centre.



EVERY SUNDAY
 in the Pastoral Centre at
8:00pm
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Everyone welcome

MSZE SWIETA

Msze Swieta w Jezyku Polskim dzisiaj, Niedziele 8 Stycen, o godz 18:45. (Spowiedz 18:15 – 18:40).

PRAYER MEETING

Spend One Hour.....**Tuesday next 10th January, 8pm - 9pm** Sister's Oratory, **29 Brackenstown Village**. This Prayer Meeting honours Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary.

Everybody most welcome.



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 every Sunday of Advent from 4pm—5pm. Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

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. It is simple....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.

FAMILY OFFERING

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

October Standing Order €3,691
Outdoor Collection €0.00
Annuaals/Half Yearly €250.00

INTRODUCTION OF AN ENVELOPE SYSTEM FOR THE 1ST COLLECTION

Thank you to those who have returned the forms that were inserted recently in the parish newsletter. As mentioned there are substantial benefits to the Parish to be gained by using an envelope system for the 1st collection at no extra cost to anyone. Information sheets on how this scheme works are available on the tables at the back of the church. Thank you for your generous support of our Parish.

Some questions that have been asked:

Q. What if I don't come to Mass in St Cronan's Church every week?

A. That is okay, you can place your envelope in the First Collection the weeks you are here. If you go to Mass elsewhere then you can support the first collection in that Parish in the usual way.

Q. But if I don't contribute here each week then my total for the First Collection for the year won't reach €250.

A. That may not matter either as the total of €250 includes Christmas & Easter dues and Family Offering.

For example If someone contributed the following in 2017;

Christmas Dues €50
 Easter Dues €50
 Family Offering €100

Then their total for the year would be €200 and we cannot reclaim the tax on this. However if we now add in the First Collection for 10 weeks at €5 per week then their total reaches €250 and so we can now claim the tax back.

Paddy O'Byrne, Parish Finance Committee.



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

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CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

7/8 January
VDP Collection

14/15 January
No Collection

21/22 January
No Collection



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