



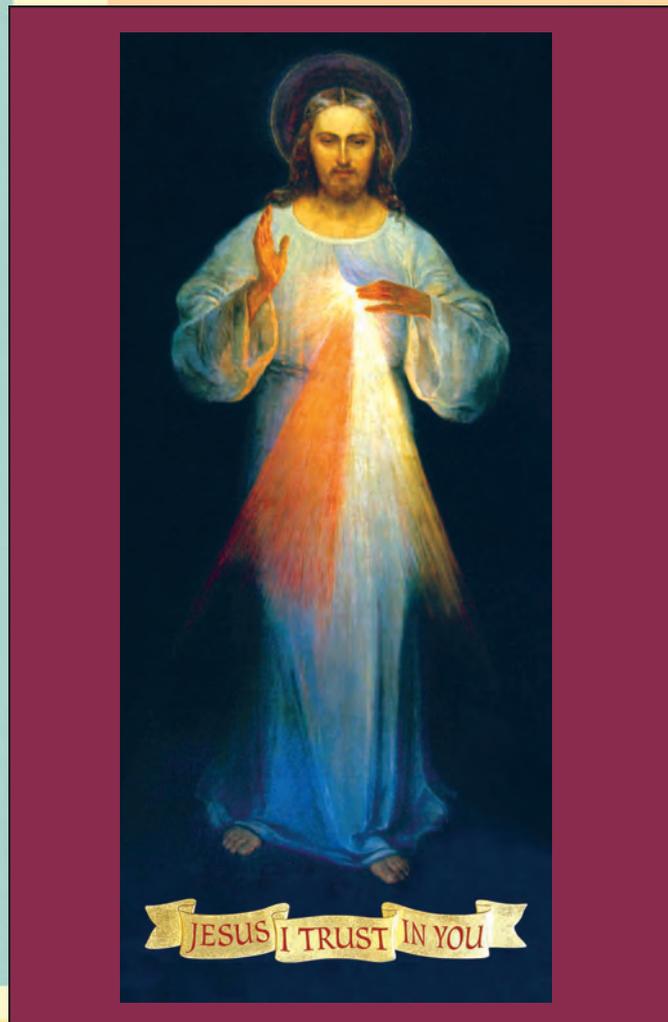
PARISH NEWSLETTER

23rd April 2017 ✠ 2nd Sunday of Easter ✠ Year A

**DIVINE MERCY  
DEVOTIONS**

Divine Mercy devotions will take place in this church today commencing 2:45pm consisting of chaplet of Divine Mercy, confessions, readings from St. Faustina's Diary, Adoration, Benediction, concluding with the usual 5:30pm evening Mass

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



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**DIVINE MERCY  
PRAYER**

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself Amen

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**6:30pm:** Timothy & Mary O'Donoghue (A)  
**9:00am:** Altar List of the Dead  
**11:00pm:** Kathleen Savage (A)  
**12:30pm:** James & Kathleen Smith (A)  
**5:30pm:** Muriel Harford (A)

**PRAY FOR**

Eileen Brown (5th A)  
James Pentony (A)

**MASSES NEXT WEEK**

**Mon:** Joan & Tony Hunt (Rem & A)  
**Tues:** Hannah Conroy (RD)  
**Wed:** Derek Moore (4th A)  
**Thurs:** Dick Slattery (A)  
**Fri:** Peter Blanche (7th A)  
**Sat:** Special Intention

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## PRIESTS OF THE PARISH ..... by Aine Shields (Part 2)

Fr. Roy Drummey succeeded Fr. O'Connell as parish priest. Fr. Drummey was full of energy and ideas. A big achievement of his was organising the site for BASE which was built on parish land. Fr. Drummey initiated the first Parish Pastoral Council. He also launched the initiative for the unemployed in the Brackenstown/Swords area. His early death in 1997 was deeply regretted.

Fr. Drummey was succeeded by Fr. Heber McMahon. Fr. McMahon served the parish from 1987 to 2003. He and the PPC organised the repair of the church roof, the new heating system, the new background to the altar, the plastering of the interior walls and several other maintenance necessities. However, in 2003, he decided that the priesthood was no longer for him and he resigned as Parish Priest.

He was succeeded by Fr John McNamara, who served the parish from 2004 to 2011. Energetic and enthusiastic he and the PPC organised the installation of new windows doors and architraves, the resurfacing of the porches. Longer term plans were made for a new parish office and some general purpose rooms.

Fr. McNamara was re-appointed to another parish, (Leixlip) in 2011. he was succeeded by Fr. Paul Thornton. Fr. Paul took over the management of the parish with great energy and efficiency. In a short length of time, he organised the building and refurbishment of the extension building. Brackenstown Parish can now look proudly on its secretarial suite, large and small additional meeting rooms, comfortable kitchen and tearoom, accessible through a separate entrance, so that church ceremonies and parish business need not intrude on one another.

At the same time, Fr. Paul has had to carry-out his main work; attend to the spiritual needs of his parishioners. This includes all church services, Masses, administration of the sacraments, seasonal religious ceremonies which would include Easter, Christmas, First Communions, Confirmations, Funerals, Baptisms, Beginning and End of school year ceremonies, and several others which I can choose not to mention, but which the Parish Priest must celebrate.

The pressure on early 20th century Parish Priests is unbelievable but very real. We pray that the good Lord will bestow extra energy upon them.



## Five Rivers Ireland

Emergency Fostering - We are currently looking for families to care for children and young people. Please log onto [www.fiveriversireland.ie](http://www.fiveriversireland.ie) for further information or phone: 10 866 5290. We are a "not for profit" organisation.



## GARDENERS NEEDED!!

Are you "Green Fingered"? Do you have time to spare? Our parish garden would benefit from some TLC from experienced gardeners. Please contact the Parish Office.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



St. Francis Hospice would like to thank the parishioners of St. Cronan's Church for the €1,656.78 raised at the recent Church Gate Collection. This money will help patients and families experience compassionate caring at a deep physical, spiritual and emotional level, when they are in most need of support in their lives.

Thank you most sincerely from CASA for the €988.00 recently raised at the Church Gate Collection. We rely on these funds to enable us to continue our work supporting people with disabilities and their families.



## FAITH DEVELOPMENT

The monthly Patrician Meeting takes place this week!

"Does Jesus Guarantee Your Salvation?" is the title of the discussion on **Thursday next, 27th April** at 8:00pm in **Parish Pastoral Centre**. What is your role in saving your soul? *This discussion is open to everyone.* Spiritual Director will speak on the subject.



## 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 during Lent from 4pm–5pm. Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

## 1ST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Prayer Books, beads, medals, gifts, cards, as well as Confirmation gifts etc. available in main porch, after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.

## FAMILY OFFERING

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

February Standing Order € 3,473  
Annuals/Half Yearly €0.00

## BINGO

Every Sunday in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm  
Doors open at 7:30pm - Everyone welcome!

## THE ROSARY

Prayer is of vital importance in our lives. We pray in praise, petition, thanksgiving. Our Lady asks us to pray the Rosary. Why not make a new start? Having the Statue of Our Lady in your home for a week should help you to take the first step. Just leave your name & contact details with a member of Legion of Mary after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses and arrangements will be made to suit you.



Please 'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords on Facebook!

## THANK YOU

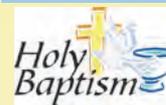
On the passing of Michael Ward Jr., his brothers and sisters wish to express their grateful thanks to all our friends and neighbours who sympathised with us during the sad days of our great loss and those who supported us throughout the months since. Thank you for all the Masses, prayers and messages of sympathy and also to Fr. Paul for his support in this very difficult time. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for you intentions.

## Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for 2nd & 3rd Sundays of Easter:

2nd Sunday of Easter: First Reading Acts of the Apostles (Acts) 2:42-27; Second Reading 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of St. Peter (1Pet) 1:3-9; Gospel John (Jn.) 20:19-31

3rd Sunday of Easter: First Reading Acts of the Apostles (Acts) 2:14, 22-33; 2nd Reading 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of St. Peter (1Pet) 1:17-21; Gospel John (Jn.) 24:13-35



The next Parent Meeting is **Thursday 4th May** at 8:00pm in St. Cronan's Parish Centre

Next dates for Baptisms:  
Sunday 14th May 1:45 pm  
Saturday 27th May 12:30 pm  
Sunday 28th May 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.

## 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

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,  
Fr. Joseph Njanackal, C.S.T., C.C.  
Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker  
Louise Donnelly, Secretary

After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday  
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