



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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A Word of Thanks

Lent and Eastertide are the most important times of the Church's year. The season of Lent gives us an opportunity of renewal and the celebration of Easter gives expression to the hope that it contains.

There are so many involved in the preparations and in the various ceremonies and events over this time. What struck me this year is the number of new people that were involved particularly our new Family Mass Team, six new Special Ministers of Holy Communion, seven new Altar Servers and our Funeral Ministry Team beginning. The Baptism team, Do This In Memory team and Come Follow Me Team help so many prepare for sacraments.



I would like to thank all who carry out their ministry with such great dedication, our Ministers of the Word, Special Ministers of Holy Communion, Ministries of Sacred Music in the two Choirs and Cantors, the Church carers ie: those who vacuum, clean, stock and empty shrines, dust, wash and clean, collect, count and bank the monies, pack and distribute the Easter timetables and organize the leaflets and booklets.

This year during the Week of Prayer, every day different people and groups led us in prayer, Peter provided the Prayer Stations around the Church and those who daily participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, pray the Rosary and the Chaplet were faithful in their commitment.

The Church is always so beautiful and well organized and for this we thank Maura for the flowers, our team of Sacristans, Christy who keeps everything going inside and out, and Dave who is always willing to lend him a hand.

In the background there are many people who meet to keep things going the Finance Committee, the Pastoral Centre Management Committee and the co-ordinators of the various ministry groups.

The Legion of Mary work away each day and particularly provide the welcome and goods at the main door.

The Parish Pastoral Council give exceptional leadership and they will be sorely missed as their term of office draws to a close.

Fr. Joseph over the years has given great service and support to so many people in his own quiet way and unfortunately he will soon return to his community in Kerala. His final day of ministry in the Parish will be the 9th July 2017, when we will celebrate his time with us.

Through the year he has been supporting all those involved in ministry in the Parish as well as bringing a very positive presence to all he does.

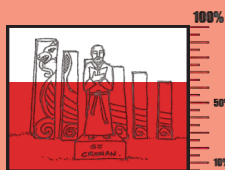
Finally I would like to thank Louise in the Office who does her work with great professionalism and care. Our office is very busy and the variety of enquiries and tasks that come through it are extraordinary. But Louise handles each of these and shows great kindness and understanding to all who call there. This year has seen the implementation of a new accounting system by the Diocese. It has taken a huge effort to get it established and I wish to thank Tony, Louise and Paddy for sticking with it and getting sorted out. We also thank one of our own who works for the Diocese, Jackie, for the support she has given them.

People often say that this is a busy Parish, and it is, but it only works because of the dedication of so many. To each and all I express my sincere thanks and appreciation of the way you live your ministry.

Fr. Paul

ST CRONAN'S STATUE UPDATE

The statue of St Cronan will be dedicated and blessed by Bishop Field on Pentecost Sunday 4 th June. Sculptor Seighean O Draoi has kindly sent some photos which show the completed background stone “wall”. The wall depicts a sea-raiders’ ship, St Cronan and all of his brother monks were martyred on a single night by a party of sea-raiders. The



annals mention two dates, AD 631 & 636. The image of a Christian martyr traditionally depicts the means by which the martyrdom occurred, hence the image of the sea-raiders' ship. The ruins of the Nunnery/Glasmore Abbey located in Lioscian estate are believed to indicate the original site of St Cronan's monastery. Donation envelopes are available at the back of Church. So far we have raised €3,375 of the €5,302 cost of the project. We still need to raise €1,927, can you help?. All donations of €20 or more will receive a St Cronan Statue donation certificate.

Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated.



Funeral Ministry Team

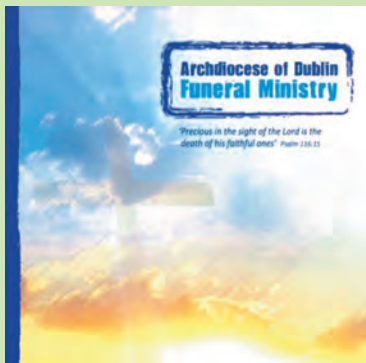
On this Second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate the Divine Mercy of God made real in Jesus Christ. In the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis called the whole Church to think again of what it means to know the mercy of God and to live that mercy in our lives. He instructed us that to be merciful is not an added extra but must be at the very centre of every action of a follower of Jesus. He set before us in a new way the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as a model and guide for us as individuals and as Christian communities.

One of the Corporal Works of Mercy is to bury the dead. When faced with the death of a loved one our whole world is turned upside down and in this time of vulnerability we need kindness and support. When St. Paul uses the analogy of the Church as a body and when one part of the body is hurt or weak then the whole body is affected, he is speaking of the Christian community and how when one member is in need the whole community is affected. When one of us is in need for any reason then the whole community should in some way be there to support them.

Today the Funeral Ministry Team begins its role as part of the response that we have as a community of faith to those who are bereaved.

The work of the team is to:

- Support families in their preparations for the Funeral
- To accompany them through the Mass or service
- To pray with and for them
- To be the caring face of the Parish



There are five Parishioners who have been trained and Garda Vetted for this ministry. They are Declan Colgan, John Punch, David O'Callaghan, Monica O'Reilly and Jean Stacey.

In their ministry they will accompany Fr. Paul to visit families. During the visit they will go through the readings, prayers, symbols and music for the funeral Mass/Service. They will pray together and let them know that they will be there on the day to guide them.

When the person who has died arrives in the Church, they will meet the family, show them to their seat, check that they have the readings and prayers, accompany the readers to the ambo and be on hand should the family need anything.

They will place the Christian symbols on the coffin and where there is a Reception at the Church in the evening or prayers in the house or funeral parlour, they will share these with the Priest.

As our team begins their ministry I ask you to pray for them, to encourage them and to support them as they go about their tasks. It is a very welcome ministry in the Parish as the care of those who have been bereaved takes time and sensitivity which I believe each member of the team brings with them. It is very fitting that the Funeral Ministry Teams begins on the day when we celebrate Divine Mercy, that though their work those who are bereaved may be helped to bury their dead with the support and compassion of their Parish.

Fr. Paul

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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 entrances, new flooring and general upgrade of maintenance in 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 Communion, 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.



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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 1st 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 1st 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:

Weekday Mass:

Holyday Mass:

Confession:

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

Sunday: 6:30pm (Sat. Vigil); 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm
Monday to Saturday 10:00am
Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am
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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