



Parish Newsletter

6th January 2019 ✠ Feast of the Epiphany ✠ Year c



THE ALICE LEAHY TRUST

The Alice Leahy was founded in 1975, and works in premises provided at a nominal rent by the Iveagh Trust.

TRUST is a non-political, non-denominational voluntary body & provides medical and related services for people who are homeless. Between 30 and 40 men and women call to the Trust each morning, the majority of whom are sleeping out (age 18 to 85). New people are seen daily and there are often people calling who were housed, settled & become homeless again.

Washing facilities are available and each month, in excess of 500 outfits of clothing are given to people who are homeless as part of our total health service. Members of the public, Rotary and church groups donate the clothes and shoes.

“For a short time I was a homeless person. I emphasise the word “person” for in many people’s eyes that is what you cease to be, even to some of those who should know better (the ones who daily attend seminars and meetings, discuss case histories etc). They speak only of the homeless. The homeless what? Cat, dog, mouse! Jesus will you look at me. I am a person.”

Many people who are homeless are already disempowered because of the problems they have which made them homeless in the first place. In many cases, they may be reticent where authority is concerned and fearful that they may not get a bed in a hostel if they are seen to complain. Someone who is homeless has little or no power in making decisions about their care. For people who operate in the mainstream, it is possible to exercise the power of choice, to take your money elsewhere or to voice a complaint which will have an effect. A major part of the Trust’s work is in the field of advocacy or promoting more awareness of the outsiders amongst us, and the creation of their web site and the Transition Year Project and Essay Competition grew directly out of that commitment. This is a relatively small agency but through our work they have gained valuable insights and using their experience try in different ways to bring that into the wider community and seek to effect change.

For the past number of years, the people of Brackenstown Parish have been extremely generous to the Alice Leahy Trust by donating gifts after Christmas. These gifts are most appreciated and a huge help to the work of the Trust.

On behalf of those we work with, thank you for your continued support.

Alice Leahy

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany which is also known as Little Christmas or Nollaig na mBan (Women's Christmas) in Ireland. The 6th of January is the last of the twelve days, the traditional marker for the end of Christmas. In the Eastern Church, Christmas is celebrated on this day. In the western church it is known as the day on which the three wise men arrived at the manger where Jesus in his swaddling clothes was waiting patiently for them with Joseph and Mary.

Nollaig na mBan is a particularly Irish, mainly rural tradition that is still held strongly in Cork and Kerry. It is experiencing a revival lately, as the day is being used to celebrate all the great things for which we have women to thank. Traditionally, people would take down the decorations and eat up any leftover food from the holidays.

Women would gather together before a blazing fire in the parlour and men would be banned from the room. Sisters, mothers, daughters, aunts and friends would spend the day together drinking tea and eating fancy biscuits, swapping stories and bantering.

This ancient tradition is rich part of our cultural tradition and is a chance for each of us to thank God for the women in our lives.



Confession: Saturday 10:30am-11:30am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm & After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS		PRAY FOR	10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK	
6:30pm:	Deceased Members of Hanrahan Family	Nora Corcoran (8th A) Joseph Lacey (50th A) Myles Kenny (A)	Mon:	Lawrence & Ann Maughan (A)
9:00am:	Altar List of the Dead		Tues:	Michael Hoare (7th A)
11:00am:	Catherine Mallin (5th A)		Wed:	Carmel Taylor (A)
12:30pm:	Christina Walsh (A)		Thur:	Josephine Murphy (A)
5:30pm:	Thomas Lawless (A)		Fri:	James & Winifred Kirwan (A)
			Sat:	Teresa Fitzgerald (MM)

St. Cronan's Parish Pastoral Centre

There is a Management Committee who oversee the maintenance, contracts and general running of the Parish Centre. Below is a list of what takes place and who you can contact for more information. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as well as the 3rd Sunday of the month we have tea/coffee after Mass. It's a great time to meet people and if you haven't come in, make it a New Years resolution!

Group	Description	Meeting Time	Contact
Cuidiu	Support for mums and toddlers breastfeeding	Mondays 10:30am	Elaine 01 8401188
Scoil Rince Bríde	Irish Dancing classes for children	Mondays 1:30pm	Andrea 086 8059030
Scripture Study	Learning about the history and meaning of God's word	Mondays 7:30pm	Paddy 01 8401188
St. Vincent de Paul	Supporting individuals and families	Every 2nd Monday 7:30pm	01 8550022
Swords Manor F.C.	Committee Meeting	Mondays 8:00pm	Phillis 086 8068746
Parish Finance Committee	Managing and planning the Parish finances	Mondays monthly 9:00pm	01 8401188
Fingal North Deanery	Deanery Meeting	1st Monday of the Month	01 8401188
Parkinson's Support Group	Information and support for people with Parkinson's and their families.	2nd Tuesday of the month 10:30am	Noel 01 8405351
Parish Centre Management Committee	Managing and planning the Parish Centre	1st Tuesday of the month	01 8401188
HSE Breastfeeding	Support for new mums starting breastfeeding	Wednesdays 11:30am	Suzanne 01 8092200
Order of Malta Swords Unit	Teaching First Aid and providing cover at events	Wednesdays 8:00 – 10:00pm	Terry 086 3116559
Cuidiú	Support for mums and toddlers breastfeeding	Thursday 10:00am	Síle 01 8401188
Chatterbabies	Parent & baby group	Thursday 12 noon	Katya 01 8401188
Patrician Meeting (Legion of Mary)	Presentation and discussion on a faith topic	Third Thursday 8:00 – 10:00pm	Joseph 087 2600352
Designer Minds	Children's Science Workshop	Thursdays 4:30pm	Donal 01 8401188
Baptism Preparation	Preparing families for the Sacrament of Baptism	First Thursday 8:00pm	01 8401188
Taizé Prayer	Reflective Prayer in the style of the monks of Taizé	Third Friday of the month 7:30 – 8:30pm	01 8401188
African Chaplaincy	Youth and faith activities for young people	Last Friday of the month 7:30pm	Maryanne 087 2228569
North Swords Youth Club	Activities for young people 9 – 14 years	1 st and 2 nd Fridays of the month	Nuala 085 7487973
Support for Children with Autism	Individual support for children	Sundays 9:00am to 2:00pm	Olive 086 8869446
Bingo	Social event	Sundays 7:30pm	Frankie 01 8401188
Other groups that meet by arrangement			
Family Mass Group	Prepares liturgies for the 12:30pm Mass		01 8401188
Parish Pastoral Council	Leadership and planning in the Parish	Monthly	Willie 01 8401188
Communion and Confirmation Groups	Preparing the Do This In Memory and Come Follow Me Programmes	Monthly	01 8401188
Rathbeale Residents Assoc.	Meetings and social activities		Bridie 01 8401188
Disco Divas	Children's Parties		Nikki 01 8401188
Polish Community	Gathering after Mass		01 8401188
Swords First Responders	CPR Training		01 8401188
Hospitality Group	Meeting	Monthly	01 8401188
Floral Demonstration	Flower Arranging for Special Events		01 8401188
Parish Pastoral Council	Training Days		01 8401188
Diocesan Trainings	Safeguarding/Accounts Trainings		01 8401188
Éigse Cholmcille	Prayer		01 8401188
CASA	Support for people with disabilities		01 8401188



We Wish All Our Parishioners Every Blessing for 2019



All Welcome to the
next meeting in

St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre
Tuesday 8th January 11am - 12pm
Tea & coffee available from 10:30am

Brackenstown Pilgrimage Holy Land 2019

The dates are 13th - 21st September 2019

Cost €1, 850.00 per person

Deposit of €250 required
by the end of February

Agent will be MAP Travel.

Bookings through the Parish Office



Next Parent Meeting is
Thursday 7TH FEBRUARY
Next dates for Baptisms:

Sunday 10th February 11am & 12:30pm Masses
Saturday 23rd February at 12:30pm

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:

The Epiphany of The Lord

First Reading: Is 60:1-6; Psalm Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

The Baptism of The Lord

First Reading: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm: 28:1-4, 9-10;

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



The Hospitality Group returns this Tuesday after
the Christmas break. You are welcome to join us for
a cuppa in the Pastoral Centre on Tuesdays,
Wednesdays and Thursdays after the 10am Mass



FAMILY OFFERING & COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the
parish through the Parish Family Offering fund. As the Christmas
newsletters have been pre-printed, we will publish the amounts of
the Christmas Collections in mid-January.

The next Parish Bulletin will be published on the weekend of
12/13 January. Any notices for inclusion should be emailed to the
Parish Office by the evening of Monday, 7th January.

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
for Advent from 4pm-5pm. Can you stay 1 hour with me?
We encourage new people to come & join us.

CALENDARS

Church Art Calendars for 2019 are available from Legion
of Mary members in main porch after weekend Masses.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

Could you give 20-30 minutes per month to help spread
the Good News? Helpers needed to deliver the free
Catholic Paper "Alive!" in a number of areas of the
parish... Information from Legion of Mary members in
main porch after week-end Masses or leave your name &
phone number with Louise in Parish Office.

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 the Legion of Mary in main porch after
Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses and
arrangements will be made to suit you



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

Archdiocese of Dublin  The Emmaus Centre, Swords - Co. Dublin
www.emmauscentre.ie

"Let it be done unto me according to your word." Luke 1:38



Calling all Youth and Young adults aged 16-29!

dare to
say
yes

WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA IN DUBLIN 2019

Creating the best parts of World Youth Day
here in Dublin for those who can't go. It will
be a celebration of faith, we'll live stream the
Pope's talks and Homilies, we'll have music,
workshops, drama, food, fun & fellowship.

SAVE THE DATE:

• FROM 5 PM JANUARY 26TH • TO 5 PM JANUARY 27TH •
(Bring your sleeping bags!)



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