



PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th March 2017 ✠ 3rd Sunday of Lent ✠ Year A



**“Joy of Bells” initiative Sunday 19 March**

At the recent Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference Bishops invited all parishes to support “Joy of Bells” initiative by Maria Jansson, the Church of Ireland Dean of Waterford Cathedral, and former President of Ireland Mary McAleese.

The “Joy of Bells” initiative is about showing solidarity and respect for migrants and refugees, and parishes are asked to ring church bells on **Sunday 19 March** so that, in ringing, they proclaim our Christian witness and proclamation of faith, trust, love, reconciliation and joy and that every migrant is welcome!

*“Facing the tragedy of tens of thousands of refugees — fleeing death by war and famine, and journeying towards the hope of life — the Gospel calls, asking of us to be close to the smallest and forsaken. To give them a concrete hope,” he said. “And not just to tell them: ‘Have courage, be patient!’” Pope Francis*

The bells in St. Cronan’s will be rung from 10:50 - 11:00 and from 11:50 - 12:00 today.



This week's

Prayer by text

If you only knew what God is offering you would have been the one to ask and he would have given you living water.

**THURSDAYS FOR**

**Trócaire**

For Lent the proceeds from the Thursday Morning cuppa after Mass in the Pastoral Centre will be for Trócaire.

There will also be an Easter Egg Raffle and tickets are available every morning. Come in and support us on Thursdays.

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Paddy Barrett (B'day Rem)  
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead  
11:00pm: David Ralph (A)  
12:30pm: Alice Farrell (A)  
5:30pm: Billy & Dolores Edwards (A)

PRAY FOR

Bp. Eamonn Casey (RD)  
Ray Fitzgerald (A)  
Joseph Foley (RD)

MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Tom McArdle (A)  
Tues: William & Mai Nolan (A)  
Wed: Thanksgiving Mass for those who supported the family of the late Alexander Fitzsimons  
Thurs: Breda Dempsey (A)  
Fri: Thanksgiving Mass  
Pray for: Bartle Savage (A)  
Sat: Special Intention

**Please take this Newsletter home**



**Archbishop Eamon Martin pays tribute to Bishop Eamonn Casey RIP**

Following the death this afternoon of Bishop Eamonn Casey, Bishop Emeritus of Galway and Kilmacduagh, Archbishop Eamon Martin issued the following statement:

"It is with great sadness that I learned today of the death of Bishop Eamonn Casey. I wish to sincerely acknowledge the contribution of Bishop Casey to the work of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference over twenty-three years during his time as Bishop of Kerry and as Bishop of Galway.

"Bishop Casey was a long-serving member of the standing committee of the Bishops' Conference and, in 1973, was one of the founder members of its overseas development agency Trócaire. Bishop Casey's inspirational leadership of Trócaire pioneered a very significant pastoral outreach from this country towards the most vulnerable people in the developing world, while at the same time he energetically raised awareness of overseas development issues at home in Ireland. Bishop Casey led Trócaire as its chairman until his resignation in 1992. Bishop Casey also contributed to the planning of the successful 1979 apostolic pilgrimage to Ireland of Pope Saint John Paul II. Both as priest and bishop, Bishop Casey's ministry on behalf of Irish emigrants is well known and was of immense significance in particular to the Irish in Britain."

"At this sad time for Bishop Casey's family, and for the dioceses of Kerry and Galway, I invite the faithful to pray for the repose of Bishop Casey's soul.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam".

**Good Friday Stations of the Cross and Easter Sunday Celebration of the Resurrection**

We are looking for children to take part in acting out the Stations of the Cross at 12:00noon on Good Friday and the Resurrection on Easter Sunday at 12:30 Mass.

If your child would like to be involved please fill in the pink form at the back of the Church or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com.

There will be practices in Holy Week and the person designated as contact on the form will be the one whom we will be in touch with.



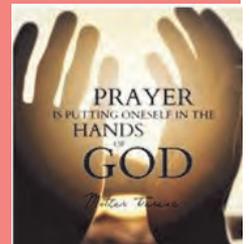
**Planning Holy Week and Easter**

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 8:00pm in the Pastoral Centre there will be a meeting to plan Holy Week and Easter. We are looking for those who co-ordinate and participate in ministries especially hospitality, stewarding, sacristans, music and liturgy.

All are welcome.

**Week of Prayer for the Parish**

From the 26<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April we invite the whole Parish to take some time out to pray. While some will be taking part in the Guided Prayer, there will be prayer times led by the various Prayer Groups in the Church. During that week we will have the Lenten Prayer Stations around the Church. There will be more details next week.



**PARISH DIARY**

DATE	EVENT
<b>MARCH 2017</b>	
21st MAR	GSBB First Confessions @ 7pm
22nd MAR	ETNS First Confessions @ 7pm
23rd MAR	The Creed - Parish Centre @ 7:30pm
23rd MAR	Monthly Patrician Meeting
26 - 31 MAR	Week of Guided Prayer
<b>APRIL 2017</b>	
9TH APR	PALM SUNDAY
10 - 15 APR	HOLY WEEK
10 APR	RECONCILIATION SERVICE - RIVERVALLEY 7:30PM
11 APR	RECONCILIATION SERVICE - BRACKENSTOWN 7:30PM
13 APR	HOLY THURSDAY- MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER@ 7:30PM
14 APR	GOOD FRIDAY
15 APR	EASTER VIGIL 9PM
16 APR	EASTER SUNDAY

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE



Ireland has been personally chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families in August 2018. In order to be able to invite families and individuals from every part of the world to this amazing event, national Sunday collections will take place. On the weekend of 1st/2nd April, the SHARE (2nd) collection will be replaced by this collection - your generosity is appreciated. For more information go to [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

THERE ARE A SMALL NUMBER OF FAMILY OFFERING BOXES FOR DELIVERY/COLLECTION. IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CALL TO THE PARISH OFFICE, WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL... AREAS STILL TO BE DELIVERED ARE: ABBEYVALE, BRACKENSTOWN VILLAGE, RATHBEALE ROAD AND BROADMEADOWS. ANY HELP WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

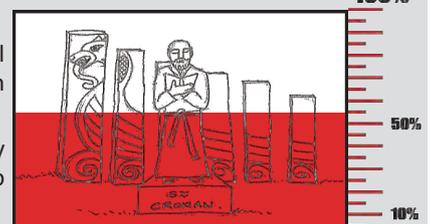


**ST CRONAN'S STATUE**

2017 marks 40 years since our Church was opened. The Parish has commissioned a significant piece of artwork to mark the occasion and to honour our patron, St Cronan. Donation envelopes are available at the back of Church. So far we have raised €2,890 of the €5,302 cost **100%** of the project.

All donations of €20 or more will receive a St Cronan Statue donation certificate.

Thank you to all who already support the Parish finances so generously, it is much appreciated.





On Friday 10th March the residents of Glasmore Park opened their Golden Jubilee Celebrations with a Mass to remember all those who have died since 1967. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Brian McKittrick and Rev. John Taaffe who is a permanent Deacon in St. Peter's Church in Drogheda, both of whom grew up in Glasmore.

There was a great crowd and a lovely atmosphere on the night and a lovely spirit of friendship which is characteristic of Glasmore through the years. One of the lovely moments during the Mass was the presentation of a plaque from the Residents Association in St. Cronan's Estate which was blessed and will be put up in Glasmore later in the year. Below are some photos of the night. There will be more events through the year

which we will advertise in the newsletter and which the Residents Association will let people know about.



## FAITH DEVELOPMENT

The monthly Patrician Meeting takes place this week! "Is Repentance Your Joyful Choice?" is the title of the Discussion on Thursday next 23rd March at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. Does sorrow bring joy? Can you have forgiveness without repenting? *This discussion is open to everyone.* Spiritual Director will speak on the subject.

## LEGION OF MARY

The **Acies Ceremony** (annual Consecration of Our Lady) will take place in the Church of Sts. Peter & Paul, **Balbriggan on Saturday next, 25th March at 2:30pm.** All Auxiliary members are especially invited. The support of the prayers of our Auxiliary Members is vital to our apostolate and we thank you for your continued prayers.

## 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 during Lent from 4pm–5pm with the exception of Sunday 12th March. Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer books, beads, souvenirs, gifts as well as Confirmation gifts etc. available in main porch, after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

## FAMILY OFFERING

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

January Standing Order € 4,158  
Outdoor Collection €739.39  
Annuals/Half Yearly €300.00

## BINGO

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



Over the next few weeks there will be a series of faith talks which will be an input, discussion over coffee and prayer on the following Thursday evenings at 7:30pm in the Pastoral Centre. We apologise that the session on the 9th March was cancelled. This was due to a number of circumstances that went against having a meeting on the night. The next three will definitely go ahead.

- 23<sup>rd</sup> March – The Our Father
- 30<sup>th</sup> March – The Creed
- 6<sup>th</sup> April – The Meaning of the Easter Triduum



### Next dates for Baptisms:

22nd April 12:30 pm and 23rd April 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 Meeting is Thursday 6th April at 8:00pm in St. Cronan's

## 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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089 4614226 – peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie  
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Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,  
Fr. Joseph Njanackal, C.S.T., C.C.  
Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker  
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## CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

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