

33rd Sunday Ordinary Time
15th November 2015

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm Kevin Donnelly, Jack May, Pat & John Hughes (A)

9:00am Altar List of the Dead

11:00am Michael Rothwell Jnr. (A)

12:30pm Bridget D'Arcy (A)

5:30pm Tom & Ita McArdle (A)

PRAY FOR

Mary Xavier (RD)

Stephen O'Gorman (3rd A)

Liam Nolan (A)

Jeremiah (Jerry) O'Rourke (1st A)

Betty & Paddy Warren (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

Mon: George & Kathleen Kerr (A)

Tues: William & Julia Jackson (A)

Wed: Bernie Kerr (A)

Thurs: Margaret Doyle (A) & Dcsd Family Members

Fri: Maurice Ferris, Dick Maguire, Maurice Conway, Josie Shields, Howard, Kerr & Malloy Dcsd Family Members

Sat: Dcsd Members of Legion of Mary

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 on the last Sunday of the month from 4 - 5 pm.

Adorers are urgently needed for the hours of 1:00pm – 3:00pm on Fridays here in St. Cronan's Church. Jesus would welcome you and greatly reward you.



PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUND

The following are weekly totals:

Buy-A-Brick Appeal € 19,718.28

Pastoral Centre Donations; €25,776

Parish Centre Appeal Total €45,494.28

Many thanks to all who have kindly contributed.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DRAMA

Rehearsals have started for a delightful Christmas Pageant Drama Project "Pastorale" to be held on Sunday 6th December at 3:00pm in Brackenstown Church. We welcome children of all ages and the dates of rehearsals are as follows: Friday 27th Nov @ 6:30pm; Saturday 28th Nov @ 1pm; Friday 4th Dec @ 6:30pm; Saturday 5th Dec @ 1pm; Sunday 6th Dec @ 2:30pm, before performance & have time to change.

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

You are welcome to join us on Monday evening, 16/11/15, at 7.30-8.30 pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre for Scripture Study of St Paul's letters to the Galatians & the Ephesians. The reading plan for the coming week covers St Paul's letters to Philipians and Thessalonians (Northern Greece), & Colossians (Western Turkey). The weekly reading guide is available on Monday night and on the rack in the church porch.

FAMILY OFFERING

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

October Standing Order €3,543

Outdoor Collection €759.77

Annuals/Half Yearly €0.00

The Family Offering Envelope/Standing Order Collection is the ONLY one which supports the daily running costs of the Parish and the upkeep of the Church. Thank you for your commitment to this collection. If you would like to contribute to the above collections, please contact the Parish Office.

THE ROSARY

The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in homes of the parish at the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to pray the rosary and **have the statue in your home for a week**, or to get more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Sunday morning Masses.

SWORDS SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Senior Citizens Club are holding an arts and crafts fair and lots more on Friday 27th November from 10:30am to 4:30pm. All are welcome.

PARISH YOUTH CLUB

Parish Youth Club: The Urban Disciples... Calling all young people 13yrs+ to join us in a fun gathering.. Friday 20th Nov. 6.30pm-8pm.. Dec ide what you want from your church.. Have a voice and also help in the preparing of our liturgy and song for 5.30pm Sunday 22nd November.... Contact Sarah 086 0687650 for more information.

ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS

Do you have a drink problem? We can help. Saoirse AA Group meet every Wednesday at 8pm in BASE, Brackenstown Rd. Ph: 087 6206788.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

"Is there Mercy for Everyone?" is the title of the Patrician Meeting on **Thursday next, 19th November at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre**. Is Mercy easy to obtain? How and when can you find it? *Everybody most welcome*. Spiritual Director will speak on the subject.

CHURCH GATE & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The upcoming Church Gate Collections are:

14 15/Nov –Cuan Mhuire Rehabilitation Centre
St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parishioners of Brackenstown for their support. €1,099.37 was the amount raised.

SERVANT OF GOD FRANK DUFF

Anniversary Mass Saturday next, 21st November at 3pm in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Marlboro St. Principal Celebrant Most Rev. Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin.

DIVINE MERCY CANDLE SETS

Replacement candles for these sets available from Legion of Mary in main porch.

THANK YOU

The Stacey Family would like to say a "Big Thank You" to everyone who supported their recent Coffee Morning for St. Francis Hospice, Raheny. €820 was raised and has been acknowledged by them. Thanks also to those who donated prizes for the raffle.

ENCHIRIADIS TREIS CHOIR

Handel's Messiah with soloists Mary Callan Clarke, Andrew Gavin & Tristan Caldwell — Sunday 29th November, St. Anne's Church, Portmarnock at 8:00pm. Tickets €10.00. For bookings phone 085 747 6818 or email ench3chair@gmail.com or through any choir member.

BAPTISMS

The next dates for Baptisms are in **NOVEMBER**. Please check our website for details. The next Preparation Meeting is: **3rd DECEMBER 2015**

If you would like to be a part of the Baptism Ministry here in St. Cronan's, please contact the Parish Office.

YSBMW CONFIRMATION

We ask all parents of young people to be Confirmed in 2016 to return their Volunteer Forms to train as leaders in the You Shall Be My Witness Programme.

We also invite any parishioners who would be interested in helping with the YSBMW Programme to contact the Parish Office.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

All Ministers of the Word are invited to an Evening of Reflection on Thursday 19th November 2015 from 7:30pm to 9:30pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre.

IRISH CANCER SOCIETY SHOP

Irish Cancer Society shop now open On Dublin road Swords, Mon to Saturday 10am to 5pm. All items of saleable goods gratefully appreciated.

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

A Parent & Toddler Group are starting on Thursday 26th November at 10:45am in the Parish Centre. All are welcome. Any unwanted toys, crafts etc. greatly received. Please leave them into the Parish Office. Many thanks.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

We need more Altar Servers! Boys and Girls aged between 9 and 14 are invited to take part in this important ministry. Parents/Guardians can pick up a registration form in the Sacristy/Parish Office. There will be a training session after at 2:50pm on Thursday 26th November in the Church. The registration form can be emailed to you by contacting brack-enstownparish@gmail.com

PARISH OFFICE MOVING TO PARISH CENTRE

It is hoped that on Monday 23rd November the Parish Office will be located in it's new location in the Pastoral Centre.

ASTHMA SOCIETY FUNDRAISER

The Asthmas Society would like to thank all who supported the recent Coffee Morning held in BASE. The amount raised was €550.00. We especially thank Marian & all in BASE.

B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge – not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn.

Next residential weekend will be held **13th – 15th November** in All Hallows, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 For further information please contact 0877379 086 or email: bedublin@gmail.com www.beginningexperience.ie

ETERNAL CITY, ROME – YEAR OF MERCY

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Monday 26 Sept – Saturday 1st Oct 2016

This tour begins with a direct flight from Dublin to Rome. Enjoy 5 nights in the Eternal City during which time you will see many of the main places of religious and historical interest including The Vatican & Sistine Chapel, the Major Basilicas, the Holy Stairs, Colosseum, Forum, Capitol Hill, Pantheon and of course the Trevi Fountain. Price: €695.00 per person sharing B & B. Details on Church noticeboard or from Parish Office.

ANCHOR PROGRAMME

Are you aged between 16 and 30? Thinking of going to World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow? Or just want to explore your faith a little more with other young people? Well then Anchor is for you!! The Anchor Programme is an initiative of the Archdiocese of Dublin and will run in Brackentown on the following dates:



- Friday 13th of November 2015. 6pm - 8pm
- Saturday 14th of November. 10am - 5pm (Includes a pilgrimage to Glendalough)
- Sunday 15th of November 2015. 9.30am - 2pm (includes 12.30pm Mass).

For further information or to sign up, contact Fr Paul, Br Martin or the Parish Office.
Don't miss out!!!

33rd Sunday Ordinary Time – 8th November 2015

PRAYING TOGETHER IN ADVENT

The Parish Pastoral Council are inviting those involved in ministry in the Parish and anyone who would like to participate to reflect daily on the word of God through Advent. A phrase from the Gospel of the Sunday will be the reflection in the Homily and put up on a poster at the back of the Church. During the week the phrase will be texted each day to those participating to invite them to pause and reflect for a moment.

You will be able to share your reflections during Br. Martin's Franciscan Prayer on the first three Tuesdays of Advent and the last Monday.

If you want to take part leave your name and mobile number on the cards provided at the suggestion box in the Main Porch.

FRANCISCAN PRAYER: MOTIVATIONS, METHODS AND MEANING

The course / programme will run over the four weeks of Advent. Can I suggest Tuesday evenings from 7 - 8.30pm with hospitality after.

Programme Content:

Week 1 (Tues 01 December): Francis and the Franciscan Image of God

In this session you will be introduced to St Francis of Assisi, to how he prayed, what he prayed and why he prayed. Central to all of this is how Francis saw God; his image of God. We will explore how we see God impacts on how we view ourselves, others and all of creation.

Week 2 (Tues 08 December): Francis and the Blessed Virgin Mary

Francis had a very deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin and the Franciscan Order is dedicated to her to this day. She is the model for us of humility, courage and compassion. She held a special place in Francis' prayer, life and ministry because she was the one who enabled the 'Word to become flesh and dwell among us' by means of her 'yes' to God. We will read and pray over Francis' beautiful *Salutation to the Blessed Virgin Mary*. A fitting way to mark her feast day.

Week 3 (Tues 15 December) : St Clare: Gazing at God

St Clare of Assisi was the co-founder of the Franciscan Order and co-inspiration for our spirituality. Clare was a contemplative and so as we approach the stillness of the Holy Night we will spend some time in the company of Clare and discover how she encountered God through silence, stillness and solitude.

Week 4 (Mon 21 December): Francis at Greccio: The story of the first crib.

We have a crib at Christmastime thanks to St Francis of Assisi. In this, our final week, we travel to hill town of Greccio with Francis and encounter the crib for the very first time. Why did he do it? Why do we do it? Let's find out!!