

Second Sunday of Lent



1st March 2015

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm Emilio Selvi (1st A)
9.00am Altar List of the Dead
11.00am Eileen McGuiirk (A)
12.30pm Sarah Green (A)
5.30pm Margaret, Anthony & Christy O'Brien(A)

PRAY FOR

Marie Vaughan (RD)
William Delaney (A)
Kevin Harford (A)
Jim Dunne (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK 7:30am & 10.00 AM

Mon 7:30am: Special Intention
10am: Anne Farren (3rd A)
Tues 7:30am: Philomena Coyle (RD)
10am: John & Hannah Conroy & dcsd family members
Wed 7:30am: Tom Somers (RD)
10am: Special Intention
Pray for: Bridget Callaghan (A)
Thurs 7:30am: Mathew, Agnes & Mary Ryan (Rem)
10am: Patrick Gleeson (A)
Fri 7:30am: John O'Dwyer (RD)
10am: Ambrose Dunne (A)
Sat: Owen Battersby (MM)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Times of Adoration are:
Mon: 10.30 am – 11.30 am
Wed: 6.00 pm – 11.00 pm
Fri: 10.30am – 5.45 pm
Sat: 10.30am – 11.30am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on each Sunday of Lent from 4 - 5 pm.

PARISH RETREAT

HOW DO WE ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR CHURCH?
PARISH RETREAT: WEDNESDAY 7:30PM FR. JOHN HARRIS

POLISH MASS

Msze Swieta w Jeryku Polskim w Niedziele 8 Marzec o godz 18:45. (Spowiedz 18:15 – 18:40).

BAPTISMS

There will be no Baptisms during Lent. The next dates for Baptisms are in May. Please check our website for details.

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

FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund. The January standing order figure is €3,475.00. The Weekly Outdoor collection for last week amounted to €800.17. The Family Offering Envelope 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.

PARISH RETREAT

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:
THURSDAY 1:10PM
FR. TOM O'CONNOR FROM
ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL
HEALING FOR ALL IN A
TIME OF SICKNESS
TRANSPORT IS AVAILABLE
CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE**

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Parish Finance Committee members & helpers will be manning our annual finance table at the back of the church at all Masses next weekend, 28th Feb/1st March.

(1) If you would like a standing order form or box of parish envelopes please leave your contact details
(2) If you have any queries regarding the new CHY3 tax relief procedure please ask. The forms now cover a five year period, so if you completed a form last year that will include this year and the next three years.
(3) If you received a CHY3 form and have yet to return it to the parish, you may do so next weekend.

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

LITTLE STEPS DRAMA THERAPY

The Little Steps Drama Therapy group are holding:

**Cake Sale & Bric-a-Brac
Sunday 8th March
in B.A.S.E.**

After all Sunday morning Masses. We are trying to raise much needed funds. All welcome.

FAMILY MASS TEAM

Any children who would like to participate in the Good Friday Stations of the Cross drama and/or a short re-enactment of the Gospel on Easter Sunday, please give their names to the Family Mass team after 12.30 Mass or email the parish office at brackenstownparish@gmail.com.

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 get more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Sunday morning Masses.

LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary urgently needs new members to continue its apostolate – over 18's – Wednesdays 7:30pm in Sacristy; and Tuesdays 10:30am in Sister's House; Junior Members Fridays 5:00pm in Sacristy. Come and see - you'll be most welcome.

PARISH RETREAT

**HOPE IN A TIME OF CRISIS:
THURSDAY 7:30PM
MRS. ELMA WALSH MOTHER OF THE
INSPIRATIONAL KERRY TEENAGER
DONAL WALSH**

LECTURE IN GARDINER ST.

MONDAY MARCH 2nd at 7.30pm
Pope Francis: The great Reformer with AUSTEN IVEREIGH, Author of *Pope Francis: The Great Reformer*. Lecture in Saint Francis Xavier's Church, Gardiner Street. 7.30 PM.
Admission - donation. Join us also for a cuppa after the talk.

YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth Choir are looking for singers and musicians to aid them in their presentation of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 8pm. If you are aged 12-18 and would like to get involved, please contact Sarah 086 0687650 or Andrea 086 805 9030.

PARISH RETREAT

**RECONCILIATION AND PEACE
FRIDAY 7:30PM TAIZE PRAYER AND
CONFESSION**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council monthly meeting took place on 19th February. Amongst items discussed were preparations for the parish retreat, a document from Archbishop Martin in relation to the forthcoming synod on the family, an update on the parish centre and the parish website. We also reviewed the commissioning Mass for the new parish pastoral council and the parish social which followed. We would like to thank all who contributed to the success of both events, in particular, those who provided the entertainment on the evening and to Rita and the team for the excellent hospitality on the evening. Next meeting on Thursday 26th March.

LENTEN BIBLE CHALLENGE

We will be meeting this week on Tuesday 03/03/15, at 7.30-8.30 pm in the Parish Meeting Room for a review & discussion on Matthew's Gospel, chapters 18 to 23. The reading plan for next week is Matthew, chapters 24 to 28, weekly reading guide available on Tuesday night. All welcome, please come along.

NOVENA IN RIVER VALLEY

A Novena of Grace gives us an opportunity to make Lent count. Fr Kevin O'Rourke SJ and Fr Ciary Quirke SJ will join us here in St. Finian's Church, Rivervalley from this Wednesday 4th March until Thursday 12th March to help us in our Lenten journey. They will celebrate Mass each weekday of the Novena at 10am and 7.30pm. The weekend Masses are at the usual times.

LENT– WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' ? PART TWO

How did week one go? Give yourself a rating between 1 and 10. At the beginning we start out with great plans and it is good that when we find the going getting tougher that we can see the strength of where we began.

	Good deed	Prayer	Fast (Give up some...)
WEEK ONE			

As you begin the second week of Lent which of the three areas would you like to give more importance to? If your giving up something and doing a good deed are going well then maybe to do something extra in prayer. Take a day this week to be aware of the people around you, at home, work, school. Then think about the people you meet on the bus, serving you in the shop, passing you in the street. Say a prayer for them that their day will be blessed. If someone is sharp with you, or treats you with indifference, instead of giving out about them either in your head or to someone else, say a prayer for them.

	Good deed	Prayer	Fast (Give up some...)
WEEK TWO			

See how you get on this week. Always remember that the journey of a single mile starts with the first step...but after that the second and the third are equally important. Lent is a spiritual journey about challenging our everyday attitudes and practices and trying to make them more Christ-like. Good luck!

GRANDPARENTS ARE IMPORTANT
PARISH RETREAT: TUESDAY 7:30PM EANNA JOHNSON
OF THE CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

FOCUS ON TROCAIRE

Sebeya, the community with whom we shall journey with this Lenten season, is located in the Tigray region of northern Ethiopia. It has an alternatively hot and mild climate, with a population of over 10,000 people. Trócaire has worked in this region since the famine of 1984 and today continues to work in partnership with the Adigrat Diocesan Catholic Secretariat (ADCS).

Sebeya is just 5km from the Eritrean border and was badly affected by the war between Ethiopia and Eritrea between 1998 – 2000. Men from the village fought in the war, many were killed and many families fled. A military presence remains in the area with checkpoints still in operation. The war with Eritrea has ended, but Sebeya is battling for its land once more, this time against the weather and the devastating impacts of climate change. But Sebeya wasn't always this dry. People there remember a time when the mountain tops were green and covered in vegetation. They're puzzled about why the rain has stopped.

What people there don't know is that they are experiencing the effects of climate change, the cause of which lies much closer to us in the global north. Greenhouse gas emissions from rich nations thousands of miles away have altered their rainfall patterns irreversibly: a dramatic and drastic change in which they have had no hand, act or part. What's more, it's a problem that they have had no hand, act or part in. The people of Sebeya live a simple life: no car, no electricity, no meat, relying on malnourished cows that can't produce milk and existing on a diet that these days consists only of wheat.

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THE LENTEN CANDLES

A very powerful liturgy that used to be a regular part of Holy Week was Tenebrae. The name means 'shadows' or 'darkness'. As the ceremony continued and people reflected on the last words of Jesus, the candles were extinguished until the last one is put out to wait for the new light of Easter.

Through the season of Lent we will be extinguishing a candle each week at the beginning of Mass as we reflect on the seven last phrases. The first two reflections are:

First Sunday of Lent:

'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.' Jesus Said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.' (Lk 23:34)

Silence

As we extinguish this light, we recognise the many injustices in our world and the pain and suffering which they cause to others in our world. **Candle is extinguished**

Prayer: Heavenly Father, your Son laid down his life for us and taught us the ultimate act of love which is forgiveness. Even on the Cross and in his suffering, his thoughts were focused on others. Each week we will witness how we slip further into darkness when we fail to love our brothers and sisters in need like Christ did. Open our hearts to trust in the Lord and his steadfast loving mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Sunday of Lent:

'I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Jesus spoke to the thief on the Cross saying 'I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in Paradise.' (Lk 23:43).

Silence

As we extinguish this light, we reflect on the irreversible harm we are causing the earth and its eco-systems. **Candle is extinguished**

Prayer: Heavenly Father, creator of the heavens and the earth, we call to mind the environment around us. The trees, the animals, the birds in the air, the oxygen we breathe and the water we drink. Help us to remember that we are mere parts of this creation and not owners of it. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As we go through Lent together we acknowledge the darkness within us and ask Jesus to be our light, our hope and our joy.

PARISH RETREAT BEGINS TODAY!

3:00PM BLESSING OF CHILDREN, BABIES AND EXPECTANT PARENTS

TOMORROW EVENING: 7:30PM ARCHBISHOP DIARMUID MARTIN
THE SYNOD ON THE FAMILY: A NEW DIRECTION?