

## Palm Sunday



29<sup>th</sup> March 2015

### MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm** Oliver Rafferty (4<sup>th</sup> A)

**9.00am** Altar List of the Dead and intention of all Parishioners

**11.00am** Alphonsus & Sharon Skelton, Christine McKitterick (A)

**12.30pm** Derek Moore (2<sup>nd</sup> A)

**5.30pm** Lily Crosbie (3<sup>rd</sup> A)

### PRAY FOR

Paddy Power (2<sup>nd</sup> A)

Peter Mc Kitterick (A)

Decd. Members of Fitzpatrick and Duffy families

Michael Murphy (A)

Caroline Kelleher (R/D)

Brendan O'Reilly (R/D)

### MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

**Mon:** Bridget Callaghan (A)

Pray for Michael Murphy

**Tues:** Special Intention

**Wed:** Special Intention

**Thurs:** No Mass

**Fri:** No Mass (Morning Prayer)

**Sat:** No Mass (Morning Prayer)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Mon:** 10.30 am – 11.30 am

**Wed:** 6.00 pm – 11.00 pm

**Fri:** No Adoration **Sat:** No Adoration  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on each Sunday of Lent from 4 - 5 pm.

### LENTEN BIBLE CHALLENGE

Monday 30/03/15, 7.30-8.30 pm in the Parish Meeting Room; a review & discussion on the final chapters of St. Mark's Gospel, chapters 14 to 16, which teach the meaning of Christ's Crucifixion & Resurrection. All welcome. The second module of our New Testament Scripture Study will begin on 14/04/15. We will be reading Luke's Gospel & the Acts of the Apostles over seven weeks. You are invited to register your interest by emailing [brackenstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com) or by phone; tel. 8401188

### PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUND

The total raised for the Parish Pastoral Centre Fund Raising Appeal is to date €11,475.00. Many thanks to all who have kindly contributed.

### FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund. The February standing order figure is €3,050.00. The Weekly Outdoor collection for last week amounted to €1,080.00 and three annuals/half yearly contributions totaling €950.00. 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.

### CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

The following are Church Gate Collections for March/April:

28/29 March – VDP Advocate

4/5 April – No Collection

11/12 April – CASA

18/19 April – Share Appeal

25/26 April – Dublin Seminarians

### FAITH DEVELOPMENT

**"Spread the Joy of the Gospel with Confidence"** is the title of the Patrician Meeting on **Thursday next, 26<sup>th</sup> March at 8:00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.** What is the best way to spread the Gospel locally?

Why not come to the meeting and hear some points of view? Everybody most welcome. Spiritual Director will speak on the subject.

### SWORDS PARISH GROUPING

**Swords Parish Grouping Holiday 2015**  
**Monday 29 June – Saturday 4 July**  
**Splendours of Poland**  
**based in Krakow**

Cost: €725.00 per person sharing

Booking and further details at

Parish Office Tel: (01) 8407277

This holiday is organised by: MAP Travel

### 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.

### NOW WE ARE GOING UP TO JERUSALEM

Is a book of reflections on the Passion, Resurrection and Reign of Christ by Fr. Owen Wynne SCJ. It is available from the Legion of Mary in the Main Porch after Mass. €2.00.

### 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](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com).

### EASTER DUES

The Easter Dues Offering envelopes have been delivered with the Easter Card. Together with the First Collection at Mass these contributions are to support Fr. Paul and Fr. Joseph, other

priests in the Diocese and those who are sick and retired.

We thank those who have returned their offerings and we are very grateful for your commitment and support.

Envelopes can be put in the pouches at Mass, the white letter boxes at the doors of the Church or handed into the office.

### "NOW WE ARE GOING"

**"Now We Are Going Up To Jerusalem"** is a book of reflections on the Passion, Resurrection and Reign of Christ by Fr. Owen Wynne SCJ (Sacred Heart Fathers, Inchicore). It is available from Legion of Mary in main porch after Mass.

### LEGION OF MARY

**Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony** will take place on Saturday next, 28<sup>th</sup> March at 3:00pm in St. Sylvester's Church, Malahide. Auxiliary members are especially invited.

### SOCIAL DANCING

For the over 55's every Sunday Night from 9:30pm - 12:00midnight in Fingallians GAA Club.

All are welcome.

### POLISH COMMUNITY

Blogoslawienstwo pokarmow: Wiekla Sobota o godz. 15:00. Spowiedz po swieceniu pokarmow.

Zapraszamy Wszystkich!

### 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.

## **EASTER TRIDUUM – THE HIGHPOINT OF THE CHURCH YEAR cont'd**

**The Easter Vigil:** The foundation of this celebration is the Liturgy of the Word, in which we retell the stories of God who saves his people, creating light in the darkness, bringing freedom to those who are enslaved, bringing hope to the faint-hearted, bringing new life out of death. This is the story of our lives too. We can enter more deeply into the celebration by listening to God speaking to us through the scriptures and by singing the responses, so that God's word may enter more deeply into our hearts.

One of the highlights of the Vigil is the moment when we will welcome two new members into the family of God. It is a moment when we too renew our own baptismal promises and are sprinkled with the Easter Water.

The climax of our vigil, and indeed the culmination of our three days of prayer and celebration, is the moment when the Lord Jesus gathers us around the table of the Eucharist, inviting us to taste and see the goodness of his life, poured out for us.

We begin the celebration with the lighting of the Easter Fire in honour of Jesus, the light of the world. Then the paschal candle is prepared. It is decorated with five grains of incense in memory of the wounds of Christ who died for us. The candle is then lit and carried in procession into the church; just as the pillar of fire on their Exodus journey from slavery to freedom, so we too follow the light of Christ, knowing that we do not walk in darkness. Then we listen to the Exsultet, the great song of praise and thanksgiving in honour of Christ, who broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave.

In this night we sing the Gloria during which bells are rung as joy fills the whole place. If you wish to bring a bell please do. Also remember to bring a bottle if you wish to take the Easter Water home with you.

**Easter Sunday:** we have arrived at the day of Resurrection, when the world welcomes its rebirth as the work of love God created. We rejoice in our new life. Today we will welcome four new members into our community of faith, two at the 11:00am Mass and two at the 12:30pm Mass. With them we will renew our baptismal promises and be washed with the Easter Water.

Having gone through the days of Lent, what new life, new way, new hope do we wish to take forward from this Easter Day.

### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE**

**RECONCILIATION SERVICES: Monday at 7:30pm in St. Colmcille's Church, Swords Village**

**Tuesday at 7:30pm in St. Cronan's Church, Brackenstown.**

**Others times for Confession: Good Friday after the Stations (Noon); after the Lord's Passion (3:00pm); Holy Saturday 10:30 – 12:30pm.**

**Holy Thursday: No morning Mass or prayer. Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm**

**Good Friday: Morning Prayer 10:00am; Stations of the Cross for Families 12:00 noon.**

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross 3:00pm.**

**The Way to Calvary at 8:00pm.**

**Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer 10:00am. Blessing of Baskets 3:00pm. Easter Vigil 9:00pm**

*Palm Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2015*

## **EASTER TRIDUUM – THE HIGHPOINT OF THE CHURCH YEAR**

We have come to the end of our Lenten Journey and now we enter into the ceremonies that give all other moments of the Church's year their meaning. The Easter Triduum brings us through the events of Jesus Passion, Death, and Resurrection, this journey of Friday, Saturday and Sunday are the overcoming death by Jesus, so that our relationship with the Father, lost in the Garden of Eden may be restored. Each ceremony we celebrate takes us step by step through God's extraordinary effort that we would return to him as beloved sons and daughters.

Holy Thursday, the Last Supper with the washing of feet and the departure to the Garden of Gethsemane is the gateway through which we enter in the Easter Triduum.

Good Friday is given over to the reading of the Lord's Passion. Out of this we venerate the wood of the Cross and enter into the time of mourning for the one who has given his life for us.

The Easter Vigil we listen to God's relationship with us from the first moments of Creation in the Book of Genesis, his leading the people in the Exodus, the cleansing waters of rebirth in the Prophet Isaiah, the living our new life in St. Paul and the Gospel which completes God's promise in the Resurrection.

The actions and symbols of this Holy Night through the fire and lighting of candles is the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, life over death. In the celebration of Baptism, we welcome the new life of Christ and the new of those welcomed into our community of faith.

Easter Sunday Morning, with the rising of the sun completes the Triduum as we cry out Alleluia, He is Risen.

**Holy Thursday:** While every Mass recalls in some way the Last Supper, this evening's Mass remembers the Last Supper in a particular way: this is the moment when Jesus gave us the gift of the Eucharist and the priesthood; he also gave us the teaching and example of humble love. As such this celebration touches a precious moment in the life of Jesus that is profound, mysterious yet intimate. Holy Thursday evening is the threshold of Good Friday, just as the Easter Vigil is the crossover into Easter Sunday, the moment of passing from fast to feast, from death to glory. The giving of Christ's body, handed over for us, and his blood, poured out for us, speak of his generosity unto death. The Last Supper and the Cross belong together.



**Good Friday:** The Church gathers this afternoon in a paradoxical celebration. We celebrate the cross, an instrument of torture and death, as a place of revelation where the love of God for humanity shines out in the death of Jesus. This paradox must be held in how we celebrate today. The cross of Christ lies at the heart of our faith, and anyone who wishes to follow the path of Christ will sooner or later encounter the cross. Today the cross is placed at the heart of the celebration where it is venerated as the Instrument of salvation. We kiss the wood of the cross, which has become the throne of the crucified one who passes through the reign of death, rises to life and sets us free. On this day we also pray for the needs of the Church and the world. As we venerate the wood of the Cross today, what burdens do we carry? How are we asking Jesus to take us and help us? As we venerate this wood we remember the love of God which carries us, as a parent holds their precious child.

