

# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

## Parish Newsletter

16th July 2017 ✠ 15th Sunday ✠ Year A



### With Gratitude for his Ministry

It was great to see so many people at the 12:30 Mass last Sunday to give thanks for the ministry of Fr. Joseph over the last five years. The representatives of the Indian Community who shared the prayerful reflection 'Arathi' after the consecration, the beautiful music led by our two choirs, the highlights being the Irish blessing 'May the Road Rise to Meet You' from the 12:30pm Choir and the final hymn to Our Lady of Knock from the 11:00am Choir made it a very special and moving celebration.

It's hard to believe that five years have passed since myself and Maureen met him off the plane. Since then he has made an impact on people through his kindness, gentleness and thoughtfulness in all that he did. As well as celebrating the Eucharist, Confessions and Baptism he looked after the First Friday calls in Glasmole, did the weekly Mass in Tara Winthrop, accompanied many groups to Knock, worked with the Indian community and gave insightful presentations to the Patrician group.

The way that he lived his faith, and understanding of the love of God in his life, came across in his preaching and in the way he made time for people. He adapted very well to the often cold climate and amassed a colourful collection of hats, scarves and gloves. He will be missed by the sacristans who were always at ease when he was celebrating Mass as he arrived in plenty of time, unlike myself! And by the staff in Kettles particularly Bernie whose chicken curry softened his taste buds so much that he found the curry at home way too hot!!

As we wish him every blessing as he returns to his community in Kerala we pray that the Lord who brought him to us for these five years will continue to be with him in all that he does and in the communities that he serves. We pray for his family and the community of the Little Flower as they are blessed in his return. May our prayers and good wishes for him reflect the words of St. Paul "I am continually thanking God about you, for the grace of God which you have been given in Christ Jesus; in him you have been richly endowed in every kind of utterance and knowledge; so firmly has witness in Christ taken root in you. You can rely on God, who has called you to be partners with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord." 1 Cor. 1:4-9

Finally to thank everyone who made Sunday so special in the Liturgy and in the Hospitality afterwards. I know that Fr. Joseph was very moved by the occasion and the words of appreciation that you shared with him.

Fr. Paul



## MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm:** Frances Boshell (2nd A)  
**9:00am:** Altar List of the Dead  
**11:00am:** Rose, Jack & Dermot O'Connell (A)  
**12:30pm:** Vera & Tom Kane (A)  
**5:30pm:** Andrew, Mary, Andrew Jnr, Bernard & Kathleen Cawley (A)

## PRAY FOR

Patricia Russell (A)  
Gerry Bates (A)  
Dcsd Members of Russell & McKenna families  
Geraldine McNamara (3rd A)  
Mary Ryan (1st A)  
Mgr Dermot Clarke (RD)

## MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Nan & Mattie Clarke (A)  
**Tues:** Harry Sheridan (RD)  
**Wed:** Roger Keane (25th A)  
**Thurs:** Joseph & Patrick White (A)  
**Fri:** Service of the Word  
**Sat:** Eamonn Snr & Eamonn Jnr Madden (A)

# Please take this Newsletter home



# Trócaire SPECIAL COLLECTION

Working for a just world.

At the June Bishop's Conference we heard directly from Éamonn Meehan from Trócaire of the appalling situation facing the people of East Africa, which has now reached a critical stage.

There are severe food shortages in South Sudan, Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia brought about by drought and conflict. Over half the population of Somalia (6.2 million people) is experiencing food shortages and malnutrition. There have also been major outbreaks of cholera across the country. South Sudan is on the brink of famine, with drought and conflict affecting millions. Millions of people in south-eastern Ethiopia and northern Kenya are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. On behalf of Irish Catholics, Trócaire is doing all it possible can - currently helping over 150,000 people across the region with emergency food, water and sanitation.

The need is enormous and the Bishops' Conference is responding by launching an emergency Church Appeal throughout Ireland to take place on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017.**

I have no doubt that the parishioners of the Archdiocese of Dublin will support this appeal with compassion and generosity. Can I ask you to please remember in your prayers the staff and partners of Trócaire on the frontline in East Africa, responding to this humanitarian crisis with dedication, courage and selflessness.

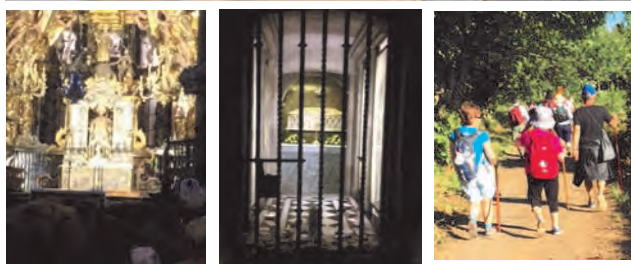
Yours very sincerely,  
+Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE ON THE CAMINO TO SANTIAGO

22 people from the parish walked in the footsteps of St James on the Camino from Sarria to Santiago in northern Spain.

The group completed an average of 26km each day whilst enjoying the beautiful scenery, wonderful sunshine and excellent company! A great sense of community and a spirit of support grew over the week despite the blisters! Each day ended with the celebration of Mass where the prayers we carried were remembered.

A great time was had by all and everyone is looking forward to the next time we do the Camino!!!



## JULY MASS SCHEDULE



There will be a **Service of the Word** 10am on Friday Mornings leading into Adoration

Mass is available on Fridays in the following Churches:

St. Colmcille's: 8am & 10am

St. Finians: 10am

Our Lady, Queen of Heaven (Airport): 1pm



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## NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

*As we journey towards forming a new Parish Pastoral Council, we invite you to pray for its success with this Prayer of Discernment.*

**All Loving and Gracious God,  
You know my inmost thoughts  
and You are familiar  
with all my ways.  
You have blessed me  
with many gifts and talents.  
Give me a share of Your wisdom,  
show me Your truth, and reveal to  
me the secrets of my own heart.  
May I have the courage to look  
honestly and deeply  
at the reality of my life,  
so that I can faithfully follow You.  
Help me to see in myself  
what You see,  
and give me  
the courage to uncover  
both my strengths & weaknesses,  
to know and follow  
Your will for me  
each and every day of my life.  
Bless Your Church  
with generous hearts,  
eager to serve Your people  
and to spread Your Word. Amen.**

# CEMETERY MASSES / PRAYERS in JULY & AUGUST

Sunday 16th July	3:30pm	Donabate	Mass
Sunday 23rd July	4:00pm	Balbriggan	Mass
Sunday 6th August	4:00pm	Grallagh	Prayers
Tuesday 15th August	8:00pm	Garristown	Prayers
Tuesday 15th August	7:00pm	Ballyboughal	Prayers



## WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

We need a diverse mix of people with various skills and experiences to ensure the success of this event. Whatever your reasons or your focus, we know your skills and experience can help us and we would welcome your support in helping us create a successful, historic and joyous event.

To get involved you will need to meet the criteria and complete an online application form at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer).



## NORTH SWORDS SUMMER PROJECT 2017

**BRACKENSTOWN**

**8TH AUGUST - 12TH AUGUST**

Meeting Point for all events is

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# THANK YOU!



Thank you for the generous response to the clothing appeal.

Thanks also for your generosity in the recent Church gate collections:

30 April: €823.81, 14 May: €988.47, 4 June: €798.89, 9 July: €939.32

Many thanks for the kind donation of €3,217.87 from this year's Trocaire boxes.



The Parish has received an initial CHY tax refund of €20,887 for 2016. This represents approximately 70% of the total 2016 tax refund that we will receive this year. We have allocated this money towards essential maintenance work on the flat roof covering the sacristy/old parish office area. The refund also enables us to reconfigure the lay-out of the sacristy/old parish office area in order to make it more functional and better suited to our present needs. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this possible by your contributions to the Family Offering and by returning your CHY forms. Thank you also to the 83 households who are now using the new envelope system for their First Collection contributions. This will mean a larger tax refund for the Parish next year when we make the CHY claim for 2017. Thank you to all who support the Parish financially, it is very much appreciated.

*Paddy O'Byrne, Parish Finance Committee.*

## DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Each year approximately 170 sick pilgrims travel to Lourdes with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage. This is a very positive experience for them and their families. Many of these people could not do so except for the generosity of the parish communities. If you would like to contribute to the Sick Pilgrims' Section of the Pilgrimage you can do so this week-end **15th/16th July**. The sheets of names will be brought to Lourdes with the Pilgrimage and Mass will be offered there for the intentions of all who contribute.

## FAITH 'N' FUN

This year the "Faith 'n' Fun" project for children will be held on Thursdays 27th July and 3rd & 10th August from 2.00pm-3.30pm. Look out for more details on noticeboards.

## 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 every month from 4pm–5pm. Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

## THE ROSARY - MAKE A NEW BEGINNING!

Many people have forgotten how to say the rosary and would like a little help. It is simple... arrange to have the Rosary Statue in your home for a week and you will get that help. Prayer is of vital importance in our lives. At Fatima Our Lady asked us to pray the Rosary. Why not make a new start? Just leave your name & contact details with a member of Legion of Mary (in main porch) after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses and arrangements will be made to suit you.



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## FAMILY OFFERING

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

**May Standing Order €3,865**  
**Outdoor Collection €780.32**  
**Annals/Half Yearly €0**



## BINGO

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

## Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for this Sunday and next Sunday:

**15th Sunday Ordinary Time:** First Reading Isaiah (Is) 55:10-11; 2nd Reading Letter to Romans (Rm) 8:18-23; Gospel Matthew (Mt) 13:1-23

**16th Sunday Ordinary Time:** First Reading Wisdom (Wis) 12:13,16-19; 2nd Reading Romans (Rm) 8:26-27; Gospel Matthew (Mt) 13:24-43



The next Parent Meeting is **Thursday 3rd August**



**Next dates for Baptisms:**

**Saturday 5th August 12:30 pm**  
**Sunday 6th August 1:45pm**  
**Sunday 27th August 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.

## PARISH INFORMATION

**Mass Times:**

**Weekday Mass:**

**Holyday Mass:**

**Confession:**

**Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,**  
**Fr. Joseph Njanackal, C.S.T., C.C.**  
**Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker**  
**Louise Donnelly, Secretary**

Sunday: 6:30pm (Sat. Vigil); 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm  
Monday to Saturday 10:00am  
Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am  
Saturday 10:30am to 11:00am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm  
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