

Parish Newsletter

3rd March 2019 ✠ Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time ✠ Year C



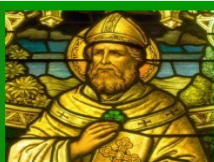
PLEASE JOIN US FOR

LIFE IN THE EUCHARIST

EVER WONDERED WHAT MASS IS ALL ABOUT?

JOIN US FOR A FIVE WEEK PROGRAM DESIGNED TO HELP CATHOLICS LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ROLE AS ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE EUCHARIST

WHO IS IT FOR? All are welcome!
WHERE? St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre, Brackenstown
WHEN? Tuesdays of Lent
WHO IS GIVING THE COURSE? Members of the LITE Team, along with their Spiritual Director
DO I NEED TO BOOK? YES! Places are strictly limited so please call 8401188 or email niamh.morris@dublindiocese.ie to book your place



Brackenstown Parish Mass Times for St. Patrick's Day

Vigil Mass (Saturday): 6.30pm
Sunday March 17th: 9am & 10am

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, March 6th
Mass Times:
7.30am; 10am; 7.30pm
'Repent and believe the Good News'

Brackenstown Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 13-21 September 2019

Information Evening
Thursday 14th March 8:00pm
St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre
A representative from MAP Travel
will go through the details of the Pilgrimage
There will be a slide presentation of the places we will visit.

During Lent we journey with Jesus through the wilderness to Jerusalem. Would you like to go on a physical journey and visit all these places? Over recent weeks in the gospel we have heard about the wedding in Cana, Jesus in the synagogue in Nazareth, Jesus at the Sea of Galilee and on the Mount of Beatitudes. Over the first few Sundays in Lent we will hear about Jesus returning from River Jordan, being tempted in the wilderness, at the Temple of Jerusalem, and his Transfiguration on Mount Tabor. These are all real places in the Holy Land and it is amazing to visit them. Would you like to stand in the River Jordan or go in a boat across the Sea of Galilee? It's amazing how the gospels come alive when you visit these places and the memories stay vivid for a lifetime.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Deceased Members of the Reilly and Monaghan Families
9:00am: Altar List
11:00am: Thomas Reilly
12:30pm: Enda Rodgers
5:30pm: Kevin Harford

PRAY FOR

Elizabeth Carolan
 Gerry and Betsy Nolan;
 Nancy Heron;
 Eamonn Snr
 and Eamonn Jnr Madden;
 Henry & Patricia Garland;
 Baby Lily Garland

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Anne Keegan (Recently Deceased)
Tues: Holy Souls
Wed: **ASH WEDNESDAY**
 7.30am
 10am Marian Movement for Priests
 7.30pm Eileen McGuirk
Thur: John Joe Lynch and Pauline Gallagher
Fri: Maureen Walker
Sat: Michael Reid (month's Mind)

View our Parish Webcam via the Parish Website www.brackenstown-parish.com



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WHAT IS LENT?

It commemorates the **40 days** before the **Pas-**sion, **Death and Resurrection of Jesus**, based on: the **40 years** in which the Israeli wandered the desert and the **40 days** in which Jesus was tempted by Satan.

THE 3 PILLARS OF LENT



PRAYER

It helps us be close to Christ and in constant dialogue with Him, joining Him in his sacrifice in the Cross.



FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Both are practiced on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. Abstinence is practiced **every Friday** during Lent.



ALMSGIVING

Giving what we have helps us to understand Christ's generosity in the Cross.

LENT FEAST DAYS

PALM SUNDAY ▶ Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem

HOLY THURSDAY ▶ Last Supper and Passover

GOOD FRIDAY ▶ Jesus' death on the Cross

EASTER SUNDAY ▶ Jesus has resurrected!

WHEN DOES LENT BEGIN?



Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday**, where we remember our mortality and need for repentance.

FASTING



ONE MEAL A DAY



MANDATORY FROM 18 TO 59 YEARS OLD

ABSTINENCE



NO MEAT (ONLY FISH)



MANDATORY FROM 14 YEARS OLD

"Make our hearts like yours" (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus)



IDEAS FOR LENT

*Don't use 'single use plastics' *Unplug from your phone and other devices for an hour each day *Make a commitment to fast from insensitive, cruel comments about others. *Pray for somebody each day *Throw Away 40 things for 40 days *Don't buy anything online *Pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday *No eating after dinner *Say something nice to a family member every day *Read the Gospel of Mark (the shortest Gospel!) during Lent *Make your bed every day *Make an effort to spend quality time with friends/family

LENTEN WORKSHOPS FOR MINISTRIES

During Lent, there will be workshops for different ministry groups in the Parish. Each of these gatherings is an opportunity to reflect on our ministry and we can best serve the Lord through serving His people. You will receive further information from your group leader in the next few weeks, but here are the dates for your diary

FUNERAL MINISTRY TEAM

Tuesday, March 12th

7.30pm

Facilitated by Bryan Nolan

MUSIC MINISTRY

(CHOIR LEADERS & MEMBERS)

Wednesday, March 20th

7.30pm – 9.30pm

Facilitated by Giovanna & Ephrem Feeley

MINISTERS OF THE WORD (READERS)

Wednesday, March 27th

7.30pm – 9.30pm

Facilitated by Fr. Paddy Boyle

FINANCE COMMITTEE, COLLECTORS, HOSPITALITY, COUNTERS, SAFEGUARDING

Wednesday, April 3rd

7.30pm – 9.30pm

Facilitated by Mr. Garry Kehoe

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Wednesday, April 10th

7.30pm – 9.30pm

Facilitated by Fr. Damien McNeice

The Parkinson's Group Meeting takes place this Tuesday, March 5th from 10.30am—12 noon in the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome

WATCH THIS SPACE!!!

A NEW PARISH APP WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD FROM APPSTORE/GOOGLE PLAY. MORE DETAILS NEXT WEEK

BAKE SALE

CAKE SALE

IN AID OF
SWORDS MANOR U11'S

SUNDAY 10TH MARCH
PASTORAL CENTRE,
BRACKENSTOWN CHURCH

STARTING AFTER 10AM MASS

ALSO ON SALE ON THE DAY,
TICKETS FOR MOTHERS DAY
HAMPER & FLOWERS

TROCAIRE

Working for a Just World

Trocaire Boxes are available from the back of the Church. This year's Lenten Campaign highlights the different ways land is stolen from vulnerable people - by corporate land grabs, by war or simply because they are women. Lent 2019 asks people in Ireland to show their love by supporting people in the world's poorest countries who are often defenceless against these attacks.

Prayer by text



To register to receive Prayer by Text for Lent, please fill in one of the forms at the back of the Church or contact the Parish Office 01 8401188.

Faithfest for Teenagers Join us on Friday 8 March for Faithfest from 6.00-9.30pm. in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3. Faithfest aims to create spaces where teenagers have an experience of a peer community, explore faith, and encounter an experience of welcoming, belonging, discipleship, worship and prayer in a creative and fun atmosphere. All welcome. Contact - Office for Evangelisation e-mail evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie

This weekend, we mark the Month's Mind of Michael Reid who passed away suddenly on February 5th. Mick is sadly missed by his wife Linda and family, and his many friends and colleagues in BASE

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES



PILGRIMAGES ABROAD
LAUREN DUFFY TRAVEL

19 - 24 SEPTEMBER 2019

Accompanied by a Spiritual Director

€759
per person
sharing

FULLY ESCORTED

- Fully escorted pilgrimage to Lourdes
- Direct, return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- Accommodation in Hotel Padoue
- Full board | Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner served
- Price will be inclusive of airport taxes and insurance



Deposit €200 per person. Single room supplement €180. All cheques to be made payable to Pilgrimages Abroad

FOR FURTHER DETAILS:

Susan Keane

01 840 7100 / 085 847 1539



Next Parent Meeting is
MARCH 7th
Next dates for Baptisms:
MARCH 9th

Please note one Month's Notice to be given & a copy of baby's Birth Cert is required when booking a Baptism.

Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for this Sunday & the following Sunday:

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sir 27:4-7; Responsorial Psalm: 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58; Gospel: Lk 6:39-45

First Sunday of Lent:

First Reading: Dt 26:4-10; Psalm: 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Second Reading: Rom 10:8-13 Gospel: Lk 4:1-13



FAMILY OFFERING

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

January Standing Order €4,009.

Family Offering: €835.04

Annals/Half Yearly - n/a

All of the above contributions are recorded for the tax rebate.

Collections at the weekend Masses

1st Collection €1178.40 (Tax €295.97)

Share Collection €1140.00 (Tax €215.00)



MEDITATION AND RELAXATION

BRACKENSTOWN PASTORAL CENTRE

STARTING: FRIDAYS 8TH MARCH 2019 ;
10.45AM TO 11.45AM;
COST: €5.00

'AN HOUR OF STILLNESS CALM AND PEACE'

FACILITATORS: ANN CULLEN DENISE KIELY
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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 1 hour with me? We encourage new people to come & join us.

Prayer meeting

Prayer Meeting on Tuesday next 5th March, from 8pm— 9pm in Sister's House, 29 Brackenstown Village (opposite school). This Prayer Group promotes devotion to Servant of God, Frank Duff, Founder of Legion of Mary. Everybody most welcome.

The Rosary

Praying for a special intention? Praying for peace? The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in the homes of the Parish at the recent Candlelight Procession. If you would like to pray the rosary and have the rosary statue in your home for a week, or get more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.

Religious Goods

Confirmation Cards, medals, souvenirs etc. available from Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.

Helpers

New Helpers needed to deliver the "Alive!" Catholic paper. If you could give 20 - 30 minutes a month you could do great work to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Enquire at Legion of Mary table in the main porch after Sat. Evening or Sun. Morning Masses or leave your contact number with Louise in the Parish Office.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

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