

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th February 2017 ✠ 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ Year A

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: John McGuirk (12th A)
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
11:00pm: June Daly (30th A)
12:30pm: Mary Ryan (A)
5:30pm: Eugene Marron (A)

PRAY FOR

Margaret Keogh (RD)
Margaret Morandeira (A)

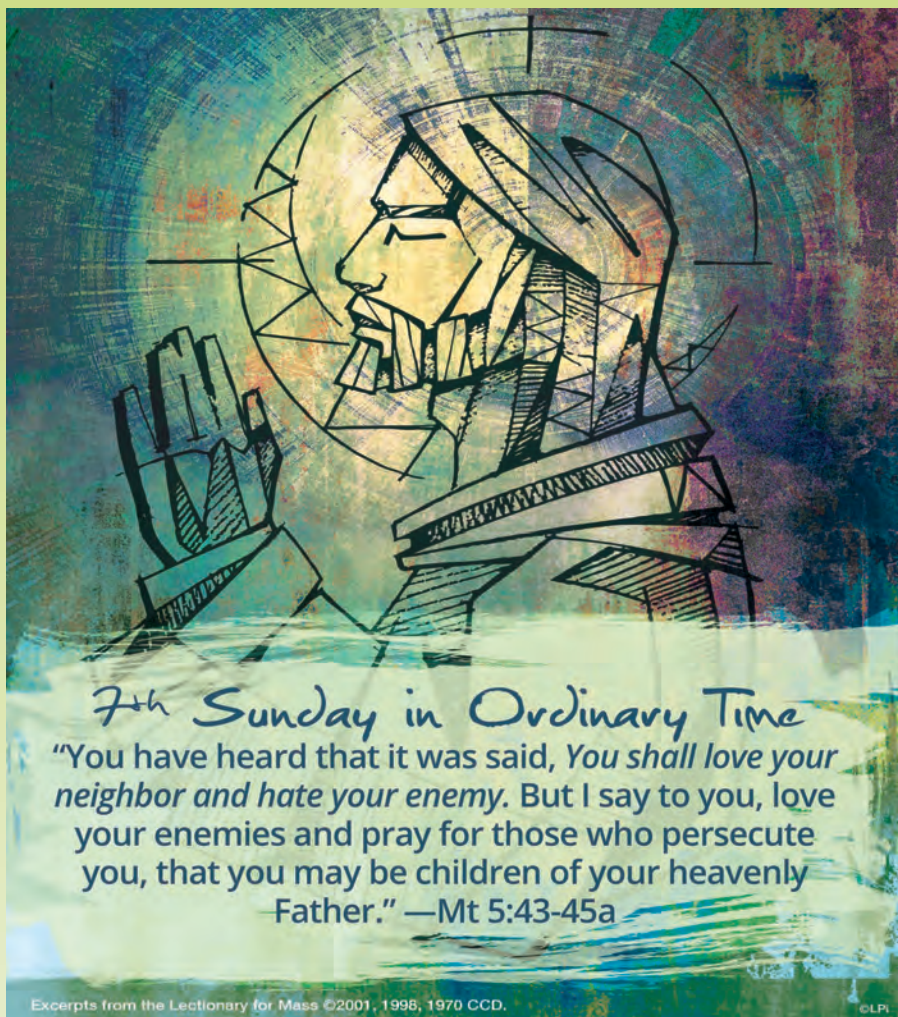
MASSSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Daniel Maughan (13th A)
Tues: Molly Hamilton (RD)
Wed: Vera Kane (RD)
Thurs: Ann Cummins (A)
Fri: Marie Vaughan (2nd A)
Sat: Edward Brum (4th A)



On the 11th December 1977 our Church was blessed, dedicated and formally opened for worship. Over those 40 years many people have prayed here, celebrated Sacraments and marked the passing of loved ones. Some work has been done on three ways to mark this anniversary, on the 4th June Bishop Raymond Field will celebrate the 12:30pm Mass. We have commissioned a statue of St. Cronan which will be blessed that day. The Pastoral Council have set the dates of the 28th May to the 2nd June as our Parish Retreat.

On TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY at 8:00PM there is an **Open Meeting** in the Pastoral Centre to which you are invited to discuss ideas to mark the 40th Anniversary and to look at what shape the Parish Retreat will take. Please come along and share your ideas. **ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND.**



Week of Guided Prayer 26th - 31st March



This is a way of making a directed retreat in the midst of our busy day. The retreat is for everyone and the structure is simple.

It begins on Sunday evening with a group introduction to the format of the week; some explanation of Praying With Scripture; some time in prayer together; meeting your personal guide; a chance to ask any questions...and share some light refreshments together!!

Each day you are asked to spend time reflecting on a particular scripture passage, letting it speak to you in your present life situation, and then coming to the parish each day to talk about it with a trained Prayer Guide for half an hour.

These one-to-one sessions run from Monday to Friday at a time convenient to you. The week ends with everyone coming together to share their experiences. To take part please fill in and return the Guided Prayer leaflet, which you can get from the back of the Church or the Parish Office by Sunday 12th March. Cost: Offering by envelope...

Please take this Newsletter home

NOTE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Introduction of an envelope system for the 1st collection

Thank you to those who have returned First Collection envelope forms. If you intend to taking part in the scheme please return your form as soon as possible as the First Collection envelope books will be issued shortly. Normally cash placed in the First Collection does not qualify for Tax Relief as it cannot be traced back to the donor. Your participation in the scheme is only of added benefit to the Parish if you pay income tax. Information sheets on how this scheme works are available on the tables at the back of the church.

St Cronan Statue

St Cronan Statue for Church Grounds. 2017 marks 40 years since our Church was opened. The Parish has commissioned a significant piece of artwork to mark the occasion and to honour our patron, St Cronan. There will be donation envelopes available next weekend and we invite you to assist with the €5,302 cost of the project. All donations of €20 or more will receive a St Cronan Statue donation certificate. Thank you to all who already support the Parish finances so generously, it is much appreciated.



CHY3 Tax Refund Scheme

The Parish received €30,147 as a very welcome refund of PAYE tax paid by parishioners in 2015. CHY3 forms for 2016 have now been posted to parishioners who meet the qualifying criteria; we ask that parishioners please return these forms to the parish at your earliest convenience. We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those parishioners who help fund the running costs of the Parish through their Family Offering contributions.

Paddy O'Byrne, Parish Finance Committee



World Day of Prayer

This year the World Day of Prayer will take place in **St. Cronan's Church on Friday 3rd March at 7:30pm**. The theme this year is "Am I Being Unfair to You" and has been prepared by women of the Philippines.

Our local group, made up of representatives of the three Parishes are preparing our Prayer Service and as part of International Women's Day it is an important time to come together to pray.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Trócaire

This year's Lent Trócaire Boxes can be collected from the parish if you have not received one through the schools. When you donate to Trócaire you're not just giving. You're joining the fight for justice.



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Make-A-Wish Ireland Annual Wish Day – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Make-A-Wish® Ireland has one simple aim – we grant the wishes of children aged between 3 and 17 years living with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy and create extraordinary memories for them and their families.

Volunteer are needed for WISH DAY, our annual fundraising day, on Friday 31st March 2017.

There are a number of ways you could get involved and support us:

- * select a location nearby and volunteer to sell our badges there for the day
- * hold a coffee morning or bake sale in aid of Make-A-Wish
- * hold a Jersey Day or a similar themed day in aid of Make-A-Wish

Money raised on the day goes to continuing to grant wishes to our brave wish children.

If you can commit to the full day or even a few hours selling our bands, please visit www.makeawish.ie to register online at one of our collection points. Alternatively contact Emma Horgan emma@makeawish.ie or call 01 2052012 for more details

On behalf of everyone at Make-A-Wish; our wish children and their families, thank you for your support, we really do appreciate it.

St Cronan's JNS Open Day

St Cronan's JNS will be holding an Open Day on Saturday, 4 March 2017 from 10 am - 12 noon. This is an opportunity for prospective parents and children to visit the school and view the facilities and work of the school. All welcome.



We are looking for new Altar Servers!

We have a great tradition of Altar Servers here in St. Cronan's. We are looking to take on some more servers aged between 9 and 12 years old. They will serve at the Masses that they usually come to with their families.

There will be a meeting on Monday 27th February after school at 3:00pm in the Pastoral Centre. If your child would like to be an Altar Server please get a registration form from the Sacristy, Parish Office or on the Parish Website.

Ministers of Holy Communion

We are looking for people to share with us in this very important ministry. We hope to take on 12 new Ministers and to prepare them during Lent to be commissioned at the Mass on Holy Thursday where we will be inviting all Ministers of the Eucharist to renew their Ministry. If you would like to be a Minister of the Eucharist please call into the Sacristy, Parish Office or go to the Parish Website to get a form. Please return the forms by 1st March to the Sacristy or Parish Office.



Brackenstown Bible Study 2017

Best wishes to the 40 participants who are taking part in this year's Scripture study course "The Story of Salvation". It had originally been intended to limit the class size to 35 but this has now been increased to 40 due to the high level of demand for places. The class is now completely full and cannot accommodate any further.



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

The next
Parent Meeting is
Thursday 2nd March
at 8:00pm in
St. Cronan's



Next dates for Baptisms:

11th March 12:30 pm
12th March 1:45 pm



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.



This year we will welcome Zanda and Charlotte into our Parish through Baptism at the Easter Vigil. Their journey to that moment has begun and we ask you to keep them in your prayers.

Over the next few weeks we are going to have a series of faith talks which will be an input, discussion over coffee and prayer on the following Thursday evenings in the Pastoral Centre. It is open to anyone who wishes to join us:

2nd March – The Teaching and Ministry of Jesus; 9th March – The Our Father;

23rd March – Understanding the Church; 30th March – The Creed; 6th April – The Meaning of the Easter Triduum

On the first Sunday of Lent 5th March, they will be presented to the Archbishop at the Rite of Election in the Pro Cathedral.

PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
FEBRUARY 2017	
21st FEB	Meeting to Plan 40 Year Celebrations
MARCH 2017	
1st MAR	Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins
2nd MAR	Teaching & Ministry of Jesus - Parish Centre @ 7:30pm
9th MAR	The Our Father - Parish Centre @ 7:30pm
13 - 15 MAR	St. Cronan's JNS First Confessions @ 7pm
21st MAR	GSBB First Confessions @ 7pm
22nd MAR	ETNS First Confessions @ 7pm
23rd MAR	The Creed - Parish Centre @ 7:30pm
27th MAR	Altar Servers Meeting - Parish Centre
26 - 31 MAR	Week of Guided Prayer
THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE	

School Bus Escort

Part-time Bus Escort required to accompany children with Special Needs being transported to and from school. Experience with children essential.

The successful applicant will require Garda Vetting before taking up the position. Applicants to:



Chairperson – Mr Ray Murphy
St Cronans Junior National School,
Brackenstown,
Swords,
Co. Dublin.



The Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the pupils from St. Cronan's SNS who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday & Friday. It was a beautiful and prayerful ceremony led by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. The music provided by the

School Choir added to the joy and vibrancy of the Mass.

To facilitate this the daily Mass on each day will be at 9:30am. There will be car park restrictions on both days. Please pray for the children who have received Confirmation and those who continue to prepare.

During the 12:30pm Mass this Sunday, 19th February Luca Santi will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep him in your prayers.



PREPARATION WALKS FOR THE CAMINO PILGRIMAGE

These walks are organised by those travelling with the Parish to the Camino in July. Everyone who wishes to join us are welcome. Please contact the Parish Office to be included in the texts.

The next walk is planned for Saturday 4th March.

Safeguarding Awareness Training

Over the past three weeks over 100 parishioners who exercise a ministry within the Parish have attend a Safeguarding Awareness Course run by Garry Kehoe of the Dublin Diocesan Safeguarding Service. All people who participate in Ministry and did not attend the Child Safeguarding Awareness Talk on 7th February must attend on **Tuesday 7th March at 7:30pm**. They are not being asked to be Garda Vetted but their attendance at the talk is required. All of these measures are to continue our best practice in caring for our children and vulnerable adults in the Parish. If you have any concerns about the way that children, young people or vulnerable adults are treated or have been treated in our Parish you can contact Andrew Fagan, the Diocesan Designated Person, on 01 8360314 or Tusla 01 8708000 or Swords Gardaí 01 6664700.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

The monthly Patrician Meeting takes place this week: "Why do We Suffer?" is the title of the Discussion on **Thursday next, 23rd February at 8:00pm** in Parish Pastoral Centre. Is suffering all negative? What is the Christian attitude to suffering? *This discussion is open to everyone.* Spiritual Director will speak on the subject.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Cards, gifts and souvenirs available in main porch, after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

THE ROSARY

Why not start the year with joy and peace? Book the "Rosary Statue" for a week and notice the difference praying the Rosary brings. It is simple....Just leave your 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.



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

GROTTO ROSARY

The Legion of Mary would like to thank all who recited the Rosary for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday 11th February, especially in such inclement weather.

FAMILY OFFERING

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

December Standing Order € 3,410
Outdoor Collection €845.00
Annals/Half Yearly €350.00

BINGO

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

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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
After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday
01 8401661 – 087 7404729 – pauljthornton@gmail.com
01 8408926 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com
089 4614226 – peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie
01 8401188 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com
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