

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

Parish Newsletter

1st March 2020 First Sunday of Lent Year A

Parish Lenten Retreat

Wednesday, March 18th—Sunday, March 21st

"Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (Luke 7:50)

Wednesday

- 9am Morning Prayer of the Church
- 9.15am Recitation of the Rosary
- 10am Daily Mass
- 7.30pm Prayer Service and Reflection—*"Healing Through The Eucharist"* with Gerard Hanley, Retreat Team in Emmaus Centre
- 9pm Night Prayer of the Church

Thursday

- 9am Morning Prayer of the Church
- 9.15am Recitation of the Rosary
- 10am Daily Mass
- 7.30pm Prayer Service and Reflection—*"Healing Through Forgiveness"* with Sally Hyland, well-known retreat giver
- 9pm Night Prayer of the Church

Friday

- 9am Morning Prayer of the Church
- 9.15am Recitation of the Rosary
- 10am Daily Mass
- 7.30pm Taizé Prayer Around the Cross led by Parish Taizé Group
- 9pm Night Prayer of the Church
- 11pm All-Night Prayer Vigil in front of the Blessed Sacrament


Saturday

- 9am Morning Prayer of the Church
- 9.15am Recitation of the Rosary
- 10am Daily Mass
- 10.30am Service of Reconciliation led by Fr. Bryan Shortall (Cap)

Sunday

Mass Times as Normal

- 2.30pm Mass with Anointing of the Sick
 - 7pm Evening Prayer of the Church and Close of Retreat
- The Parish Lenten Retreat is a wonderful opportunity for us to pause as a Parish and reflect on the great gift of God's healing in our lives. We will have further details on the Guest Speakers in next week's Newsletter. We do hope that you will be able to join us at some stage that week.*

Prayer by text 
"Do not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God"

Under GDPR legislation we cannot keep the phone numbers of those who took part in the "Prayer by Text" last year. If you wish to partake, please fill in your details on the yellow forms in the notice boards in the Church porch and put them into the white letterboxes at the back of the Church.

Archdiocese of Dublin

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE 2020

A Pilgrimage of Hope, Healing and Reflection



Saturday April 25th 2020

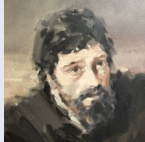
Time: 11.00am – 4.30pm

Full programme of workshops

Special welcome for sick and elderly pilgrims

The Parish are running a bus to Knock on Saturday 25th April.

If you are interested in coming, please contact the Parish Office. Cost is €16.00 per person.



Novena of Grace through the intercession of St. Francis Xavier will be prayed at all Masses from 4th—12th March

Prayer leaflets are available in the information stands

Trocaire Boxes are available at the doors of the Church

Please take one for your family. At the end of Lent you can bring them back in Holy Week. This year's campaign focuses on the work being done in Kenya and Honduras. You can find out more at www.trocaire.org.



We are now able to accept credit/debit cards in the Parish Office. We are also in the process of having an electronic payment facility on the Parish Website.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

- 6:30pm: Elizabeth Carolan (5A)
- 9:00am: Altar List of the Dead and Intentions of Parish
- 11:00am: Kevin & Sheila Maguire and Alice & Jim Crothers (A)
- 12:30pm: Margaret & John Murtagh (A)
- 5:30pm: Kevin Harford (A)

PRAY FOR

- Deirdre Walsh (1A)
- Bernadette Gorry (A)
- Patricia, John & John Jnr. Keane (A)
- Josephine Carty (A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

- Mon: Richard & Eva Kearns (A)
- Tues: Mairead McDermott (RD)
- Wed: Marian Movement for Priests
- Pray For: Colin Green (BR)
- Thur: Catherine White (R)
- Fri: Thanksgiving Mass
- Sat:

Confirmation for Gaelscoil Bhrian Boromhe will take place on Thursday 5th March at 11:00am. We ask that you remember the boys and girls in your prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The morning Mass will be at 9:00am and the carpark will be closed from 8:45am to 3:00pm.

NOTES FROM THE PPC

A social event to thank all parish volunteers will be held in the pastoral centre on Friday May 22nd. One of the initiatives arising from our recent parish assembly is the community choir. They meet every Wednesday in the pastoral centre at 7pm. New voices are always welcome. Faithfest, an event for teenagers, will be held on Friday March 13th from 6pm-9.30pm in Clonliffe. Details are on the parish website.

Willie Curtis (PPC Chair)

PAYMENTS BY CARD

We are delighted to announce that we have partnered with Payzone Ireland to provide all parishes with a facility to accept card payments from their website. This partnership is a big step forward in combating the decline in Mass collections and we would urge all parishes to get involved. This new facility will allow our parishioners to contribute both on an adhoc basis or on a fixed automated payment schedule. Parishes will also have the added benefit of being able to use their websites to take payments for other events or fundraising activities. As the use of cash declines in society the Church needs to embrace new technologies, and this is our first step to that end. We have worked closely with Payzone to develop a solution to meet our collective needs and have negotiated the most favourable rates on the market. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

DONATE

**"RISE - TAKE YOUR MAT AND WALK!"
WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

2020 from Zimbabwe

Service takes place on

**FRIDAY, 6TH MARCH 2020 @ 7:30 P.M.
IN ST. FINIAN'S CHURCH, RIVER VALLEY**

SIGN OF PEACE

The sign of peace is an important moment in the Mass to express our solidarity, community and being brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. The gesture of shaking hands with our neighbour is common practice in our society. However there may be circumstances where this is not as straightforward for some people eg: arthritis, skin conditions or injury. Also in this flu season some people feel vulnerable to infection and avoid shaking hands with others.

It is common practice here for people to use another form of the sign of peace like a nod or bow to their neighbour or a simple smile. This is respected by those around them and should you prefer to adopt one of these gestures when the Priest says "Let us offer one another a sign of peace," this is a way to express the peace of Christ.

At each of our doors we also provide anti-bacterial hand wash for you to use entering and leaving the Church. Our Ministers of the Eucharist also use a hand wash before distributing Holy Communion and if they have a cold or flu they get someone else to cover them.

The Dublin Diocese is in contact with the Public Health Office of the Department of Health and follows the advice that is provided.

**Introduction to Christian Meditation in the Emmaus Centre, Swords on Saturday 21st March, 10am—4 pm
Cost €50 with three course lunch Ph 8700050**



The 5th 40 Days and 40 Nights of Perpetual Adoration Crusade for Faith and Life in Ireland, is starting with 10am Mass on Ash Wednesday, at the Radio Maria Ireland Station, on Ballymount Road, Dublin 22. It runs right through Lent until the Mass of the Last Supper, on Holy Thursday. All welcome! For more information or to participate, please phone or text Paula on Tel: 087-096 2278.

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

Spend One Hour.... **Tuesday 3rd March 8pm—9pm**, in Parish Pastoral Centre (St. Cronan's Church). This Prayer Meeting honours Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary. Everybody most welcome.

TAKE UP SOMETHING...

Why not take up something for Lent? Perhaps a visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament... when passing the Church or at Adoration Time... Maybe attend Holy Mass on the weekdays... Some extra prayer each day?... Why not say the rosary (you could book the Rosary Statue to help). Could you distribute some "Alive!" papers? The Legion of Mary would welcome you at their meetings. Just a few suggestions. Give them some thought and make Lent worthwhile!

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation souvenirs, necklets, cards, rosary beads etc., as well as other religious items & books, available main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.

PRAYING THE ROSARY

The rosary reminds us of the major events of the life of Jesus. The "Rosary Statue" could help us focus on some of these important times. If you would like to have the Statue in your home for a week please speak to member of Legion of Mary in Main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

New Sanctuary Furniture

So far €21,323.00 has been donated to our fundraising appeal, this includes a donation to cover the cost of the Ambo from the Bible Study Group and a gift from the Marie Reparatrice Sisters to cover the cost of the Sanctuary Lamp. If you wish to make a donation there are envelopes at the display at the Main Door.

FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund. We are now able to accept payments by credit/debit cards in the Parish Office. We will soon have an electronic payment facility on the Parish Website.

**December Standing Order: €3,719
Family Offering €715.88
First Collection €1315.35 (Tax €324.25)
Share Collection €1012.30 (Tax €219.50)**



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**1st Reading: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
2nd Reading: Rom 5:12-19
Gospel: Mt 4:1-11**

Dates for your Diary in 2020

Confirmation GSBB	5th March	GSBB
Lent Retreat	17th—21st March	
Confirmation	25th April	ETNS
First Holy Communion	9th May (10:00 & 12:00)	St. Cronan's
First Holy Communion	16th May (10:00)	GSBB
First Holy Communion	16th May (12:00)	ETNS

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