

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



13th September 2015

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm Laoise Duff (B'day Rem & A)
9:00am Altar List of the Dead
11:00am Annie & Dick Coscoran (A)
12:30pm Eda & Zara Cafolla (A)
5:30pm Elizabeth McKittrick (A)

PRAY FOR

Baby Sophie Lyons (MM)
Baby Maughan (MM)
George Mulligan (RD)
John Byrne (RD)
Tony O'Reilly (A)
Michael Smith (A)
Colm Prew (4th A)
Cecilia Maguire (A)
Brendan Farrell (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

Mon: Kay Ryan (A)
Tues: Carrie Brosnan (A)
Wed: Christina Gleeson (2nd A)
Thurs: Norah McHale (A)
Fri: Michael Byrne (2nd A)
Sat: Mary Carroll (MM)

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 last Sunday of the month from 4 - 5 pm



FAMILY OFFERING

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

July Standing Order €3,791
Outdoor Collection €770.99
Annuals/Half Yearly €0.00

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. If you would like to contribute to the above collections, please contact the Parish Office.

ADORERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Adorers are urgently needed for the hours of 1:00pm – 3:00pm on Fridays here in St. Cronan's Church. Jesus would welcome you and greatly reward you.

LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary urgently needs new members to continue its apostolate – over 18's – Wednesdays 7:30pm in Sacristy; and Tuesdays 10:30am in Sister's House; Junior members Fridays, 5:00pm in Sacristy. Come and see, you'll be most welcome.

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

This week's meeting is on Monday 14/09/15, at 7.30-8.30 pm in the Pastoral Centre. We will be reviewing St John's Gospel, Ch. 8-14. The coming week's readings are Ch. 15-21, which concludes John's Gospel. Study notes will be available on the night and also from the rack in the church porch. All welcome.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Coach from St. Cronan's Church, Sunday 27th September. Fare €18. Please book early. More information from Legion of Mary (main porch after Sunday morning Masses).

ST. CRONAN'S YOUTH CHOIR

Who sing at the 12:30 Mass are looking for new members. They will be returning to practice on Tuesdays at 6:00pm in the Church.

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUND

The following are weekly totals:
Buy-A-Brick Appeal €18,538.28
Pastoral Centre Donations; € 25,566
Parish Centre Appeal TOTAL €44,104.28
Many thanks to all who have kindly contributed

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE

Now that the centre is open it would be great to extend our hospitality to more than one morning a week. To do this we need two volunteers each morning to make the tea/coffee, set out the goodies, serve the refreshments and tidy up afterwards. If you are willing to give a hand then please leave your name in the office or email brackenstownarish@gmail.com. The mornings that the hospitality has been available have been really good, so please help us to offer this on more mornings.

The Parish Pastoral Council is looking at the plans for the official opening and will be asking for help in the planning and celebration of the event. Our Buy-A-Brick is going very well and we have around €7,000.00 still to raise. This will pay for the furnishing and equipment for the kitchen.
Fr. Paul

Go on - Be Part Of History in the Making!

MSZE SWIETA W JEZYKU POLSKIM

Msze Swieta w Jezyku Polskim dzisiaj, Niedziele 13 Wrzesien o godz 18:45. (Spowiedz 18:15 – 18:40).

CHOIR NOTICE

The Adult Choir are back leading the singing for 11am Mass this Sunday and rehearsals begin again on **Tuesday at 8.00pm**. New members most welcome. No need to be able to read music, you just need to do a simple scale test to see which part your voice suits. Phone Aileen at 0872356226 or come over after Mass.



BAPTISMS

The next dates for Baptisms are in **OCTOBER**. Please check our website for details. The next Preparation Meeting is:
1st OCTOBER 2015

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER MEETING

A Medjugorje Prayer meeting will take place **next Monday, 14th September at 8:00pm in Sister's House** (opposite Church) – Rosary, Adoration, Chaplet. Come and join us for Prayer, you are most welcome.

PATHWAYS-FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Pathways is a two-year one night a week course for adults who wish to explore their faith. It runs from mid-September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy? The cost is €400 for the coming academic year. Booking is now open. The programme begins this year in Clonliffe College on Thursday the 24th September 2015 (7:00pm – 9:30pm).

For more information please visit our webpage: www.evangelisation.ie or phone 01 8379253 Ext 251 or email us at : pathways@dublindiocese.ie or write to Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, Director, Pathways Programme, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3. D03 02E7.

EMMAUS CENTRE

Muintearas Críostaí Irish Prayer Meeting at Emmaus, Lissenhall, Swords. Every Thursday evening from 7.30 to 9.30 pm. Further information from Br Dan Healy at 01-8700050

On 18 September - 6.30pm - 8.30pm – EMMAUS are celebrating Culture Night

This is a FREE Event and all are welcome, to book a FREE SEAT just call Emmaus on 01-8700050 or Book on-line at www.emmauscentre.ie.

CHURCH GATE & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The upcoming Church Gate Collections are:
12/13 Sept – St. Vincent de Paul
SPECIAL COLLECTION REPLACING SHARE:
19/20 Sept – Crosscare Homeless Services

AFRICAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

The African Chaplaincy of the Archdiocese of Dublin invites you to join them for a Harvest Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 20th September at 12:30pm in the National Show Centre, Cloghran. All are very welcome!

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Over the past couple of weeks some significant maintenance has taken place. The seats received some long overdue attention to strengthen and repair them. They have been realigned and secured to the floor. This work cost €4,000.00.

Two handrails were installed at either side of the Sanctuary which came from a suggestion placed in the box in the Main Porch. To install these cost €1,000.00.

The new presiders chair was a gift from a retired Bishop who gave us the contents of his Oratory. During the week Christie washed the lampshaeds and removed cobwebs from the skylight over the Altar.

If you have suggestions for improvements to the Church and grounds, please put them in the Suggestion Box in the Main Porch.

COFFEE MORNING

With Raffle In aid of
ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE
STACEY'S, 18 ELMWOOD PARK
THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
10:30am – 1:00pm

CROSSCARE COLLECTION

CROSSCARE – Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin – **Annual Collection for Community & Homeless Services will be at all Masses NEXT weekend (19th/20th Sept). It will replace the normal SHARE Collection.**

Inspired by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, Crosscare has: A **VISION** of a society where all people have the opportunity to fulfil their potential; A **MISSION** to provide innovation and relevant services to those most in need.

VERY IMPORTANT MINISTRY

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.

STRESSED? MAYBE THIS WOULD HELP

All of us suffer from stress of one kind or another. Perhaps you may be interested in 'A Practical Course for a Common Problem' – **STRESS CONTROL** given by Dr. Mark Harrold, Clinical Psychologist. Held in Carnegie Court Hotel, Main St., Swords on Tuesday 15th September for 6 weeks, 8pm – 10pm. 'This course is potentially life changing, definitely life enhancing – course participants. All Welcome, No Charge, Nominal Fee for Materials.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Patrician Meeting: Thursday 17th September at 8:00pm in the Parish Centre. Topic: Why do we go to Church? All Welcome.

Parishioner Survey: During all the Masses on the weekend of the 26th/27th September the Parish Pastoral Council will distribute questionnaires to Parishioners to be filled out during Mass. This is to gather peoples thoughts and opinions and help them in their work this year.

Forty Hours Adoration

October Rosary Procession

Harvest Thanksgiving

Mass for Deceased Parishioners

WORLD YOUTH DAY

World Youth Day will be held in Krakow, Poland July 25 – 31, 2016. It is a gathering of young people from all around the world to celebrate their faith together with Pope Francis. It is a great experience for young people and gives a real experience of the joy and relevance of our faith.

There will be a group travelling from Dublin and as a Parish we are inviting any young person who is interested in going to please talk to Fr. Paul or look at the information on the Parish Website.

The age group is from 16 to 26. There will be preparation and information over the months ahead. It is a great event. Please think about being a part of it. **If you are interested please email Fr. Paul by 12th September Email: paulithornton@gmail.com**

OTHER NOTICES

Concert of Choral Music featuring the Boeing Employees Choir from Seattle Washington, in Christchurch Cathedral Dublin Monday 14th September 1:15pm. Admission free.

NightFever Dublin- Saturday 19th September - St. Teresa's Church, Clarendon Street Dublin 2, (6pm-11pm) Come and join us to light a candle, write a petition and spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration and also an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

National Eucharistic Congress – Knock Shrine Co. Mayo: 26th/27th September 2015. Including Masses, talks, prayer, concert workshops - with particular focus on Marriage and the Family as well as the Year of Consecrated Life and the upcoming Jubilee of Mercy. It's free of charge and there'll also be a dedicated youth programme and children's programme. For more details check out: <http://nec2015.ie/>

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13th September 2015

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ANNIVERSARIES



Over the summer a number of Parishioners have celebrated some very significant anniversaries of marriage, some 60 years, 50 years and 25 years. Listening to them telling the stories of their lives together is a lovely witness to the determination that St. Paul speaks of in a reading often used at weddings where he says "Be ambitious for the higher things and I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them."

To have achieved these milestones in their lives together is a commitment to finding the very best in one another, to celebrating those moments in life when God has blessed them and to know God's presence with them in times of difficulty and doubt. It is a testament of two people working together to make the vows of marriage work so that for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, all is faced and worked out in mutual understanding and love. The following is a lovely reflection on the Art of Marriage which these couples continue to practice everyday...

Happiness in marriage is not something that just happens. A good marriage must be created. In the art of marriage the *little things* are the *big things*...It is never being too old to hold hands. It is remembering to say "I love you" at least once a day. It is never going to sleep angry. It is at no time taking the other for granted. The courtship should not end with the honeymoon, it should continue through all the years. It is having a mutual sense of values and common objectives.

It is standing together facing the world. It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family. It is doing things for each other, not in the attitude of duty or sacrifice, but in the spirit of joy. It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.

It is not looking for perfection in each other. It is cultivating flexibility, patience, understanding and a sense of humour. It is having the capacity to forgive and forget. It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow.

It is finding room for the things of the spirit.

It is a common search for the good and the beautiful.

It is establishing a relationship in which the independence is equal, dependence is mutual and the obligation is reciprocal.

It is not only marrying the right partner, it is *being* the right partner.

It is discovering what marriage can be, at its best.

To those celebrating their wedding anniversaries may we offer you our congratulations and pray that your years together may continue to be filled with life and love.

If you are celebrating a wedding anniversary and would like a blessing please contact Fr. Paul or Fr. Joseph.

