



Parish Newsletter

29th July 2018 ✘ 17th Sunday ✘ Year B

Papal Visit 25th & 26th August 2018 - Changes to Mass Schedule

On the weekend of the 25th and 26th August there will be a different Mass Schedule to facilitate those attending the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park and also to provide a gathering for those unable to attend.

On Saturday 25th the Vigil Mass will be a 6:30pm. On Sunday 26th there will be only one morning Mass at 9:00am. There will be no 11:00am, 12:30pm or 5:30pm Masses. In the afternoon we invite people to gather in the Church at 2:30pm to watch the Mass being broadcast from the Phoenix Park. Holy Communion will be distributed during this gathering and it fulfills your Sunday obligation. **There will be no 5:30pm Mass.**

WMOF PARISH MASSES

As part of World Meeting of Families 2018, we as a parish are celebrating a Mass for each area of our parish in St. Cronan's Church. Each home will receive an invite, which you are asked to bring to the Mass with the names of loved ones you would like remembered. You are invited to attend your Parish Mass on:

30th July at 7:30pm

Applewood, Thornleigh, Thornleigh Apts, Jugback, Castleview & Ashton Broc

TIME REQUIRED TO ARRIVE AT AND LEAVE THE PAPAL MASS AT THE PHOENIX PARK



Do you know someone who wants to become a Catholic?

Last Easter we welcomed three adults into our Church at the Vigil. It was a wonderful moment in their lives and also in the life of our Parish. The journey to Baptism for an adult is one of coming to listen to God calling them through reflection on God's word, coming to understand our Catholic faith and experiencing the Parish community gathered for worship. Each year we begin this journey in September, but the length of the time that each individual spends preparing is down to them and the team who accompany them. Through participation in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process, each person is brought at their own pace through the various stages of the liturgical calendar until they discern they are ready for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you are reading this and either for yourself or someone you know would like to find out more about becoming a member of our faith community then please contact Fr. Paul on pauljthornton@gmail.com or 087 7404729 to arrange a meeting.



Praying with God's Word

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

17th Sunday:

First Reading: 2nd Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 144; Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6; Gospel: John 6:1-15

18th Sunday:

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Psalm 77; Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17,20-24; Gospel: John 6:24-35



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

- 6:30pm:** Andrea Fitzgerald (A)
- 9:00am:** Altar List of the Dead
- 11:00am:** Harry Hanratty (A)
- 12:30pm:** Carlie Fitzgerald (nee Flynn) (7th A)
- 5:30pm:** Sean McCartan (A)

PRAY FOR

- Richard & Seamus Colgan (A)
- Andrea Fitzgerald (A)
- John Hallissey (31st A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

- Mon:** Special Intention
- Tues:** Patrick Lally (A)
- Wed:** Pauline Nulty (A)
Pray for: Diana Ukuta
- Thurs:** John Jennings (Rem)
- Fri:** Kathleen & William McDonnell (Bday R)
- Sat:** Colin Green (A)

Holyday Mass: Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am & 7:30pm

Confession: Saturday 10:30am-11:00am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm & After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday

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

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CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

28/29 July
Lourdes
Pilgrimage

4/5 August
VDP Collection

Please take this Newsletter home

Church Refurbishment

Earlier in the year when we gave an account of the Parish finances we also pointed towards the next project that needs to be undertaken which is the redecoration and refurbishment of the Church.

It is over 10 years since the Church was painted and as you look around you can see that it is now time to attend to this. We also need to replace the benches and Altar Furniture as well as other works around the Church.

The plan has been split into two phases the first of which we hope to complete by Christmas this year and the second by Christmas 2019.

Phase One: repainting the Church, Pastoral Centre and Sacristy. Upgrade the Altar, Ambo, Chair and ancillary sanctuary furniture. Carpet the Sanctuary. New noticeboards for the porches and literature racks inside the Church. Put proper opening mechanisms on the Church windows. Attend to the Church roof. New signage outside the Church and Pastoral Centre. Refurbishment of the Sacristy. We are currently seeking quotes for the above works.

Phase Two: replace the Church seating and carpet the Church.

We welcome your feedback, as it is on your behalf these works are being carried out. You can email brackenstownparish@gmail.com or place your comments in the suggestion box in the main porch or talk to Fr. Paul or Paddy O'Byrne (Finance Committee).

It is only with your support that we can continue to upgrade the Church and we are very grateful for your generosity and commitment. The picture gives us a good idea of what is proposed. Our beautiful Crucifix, though not in the picture will be staying in place. We really look forward to hearing your comments.

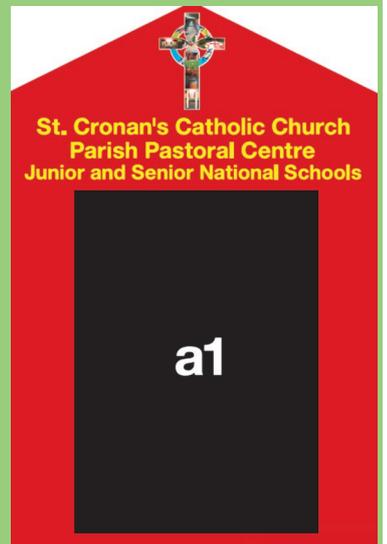
We have already had very good feedback about the new Sanctuary furniture and the other works that are going to happen over the next few months. Over the next while we are going to experiment with placing the Ambo and Chair in different locations on the Sanctuary and as each thing is placed in a different location an explanation will be given. We are also going to try out what it would be like to have the Baptismal Font inside the Main Door and again an explanation will be given.



The sign for the Parish Centre

Church Refurbishment Further Information

Outside the Church we will be long overdue new signage. In listening to suggestions from people, the current sign on the Brackenstown Road cannot be read when you are driving. There will be two new roadside signs set at an angle so you can read it from both directions. They will have A1 snap frames which will contain a poster highlighting events in the Church, Liturgical Seasons etc. so that we can let people know about events and seasons in the Parish.



New noticeboards will be placed to the left of the Main Door so that people can read the notices when the Church is closed or when they are passing through the grounds. The advantage of moving the Notice Boards outside the porch is that when the Church is closed or when parents are collecting their children from school they can read what is going on in the Church and Parish.

The front porch will have no noticeboards as the current ones get affected by the wind when the doors are open. With the repainting, and reducing the amount of things in the Porch, it should be a more welcoming entrance to our Church. In the next couple of weeks we will share the suggested plan for the Sacristy. Again we welcome suggestions and comments about the refurbishment and all decisions to make changes will be explained clearly.

OPEN MEETING TÉARNAIGE

2nd Wednesday of each month 8pm -
9:30pm in Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin Airport
Contact: 086 734 7353



The next Parent Meeting is Thursday 2nd August

Next dates for Baptisms:
Saturday 11th Aug 12:30pm
Sunday 19th Aug at 1:45pm



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

Brackenstown Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019
 We are planning a Holy Land Pilgrimage
 The approx. dates are 26th Oct – 3rd Nov '19
 Agent will be MAP Travel
 Names are being taken through the Parish Office



Faith 'n' Fun

Bible stories, Crafts & loads more!



FREE - to all aged 6-11 yrs

THURSDAY

2nd & 9th August 2018

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre
 Brackenstown Road, Swords

Organised by Legion of Mary,
 Registration forms available
 St. Cronan's church main porch,
 Parish Office - Phone no. 8401188

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - SICK PILGRIMS SECTION

Every year the Dublin Diocese includes approximately **170 sick pilgrims** in its annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine in Lourdes. You are invited to help in this great work by your prayers and by your donations. When you contribute to help send a sick pilgrim to Lourdes you are invited to put your name on the sheet of Associate Members of the Pilgrimage. The sheets of names are taken to Lourdes with the Pilgrimage and placed at the Grotto during the Pilgrimage. Mass is offered for all Associate Members during the Pilgrimage. You are invited to donate as generously as you can on **this weekend 28th/29th July**.



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 the last Sunday of every month from 4pm–5pm. Can you stay 1 hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

FAITH 'N' FUN

"Faith 'n' Fun" for children aged 6 - 11 on Thursdays 2nd & 9th August, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in St. Cronan's Parish Pastoral Centre. Registration Forms and information from Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. There is no charge.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY

Invitation to Parents and Guardians to bring your children together in prayer!

- ⇒ When? **Saturday 4th August at 4.00pm**
- ⇒ Where? **St Cronan's Church**
- ⇒ Other Questions? Contact a member of the Legion of Mary in Main Porch after weekend Masses or phone Parish Office: 01 8401188.

Looking forward to seeing 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.

June Standing Order €3,187.00

Outdoor Collection €806.00

Annals/Half Yearly €620.00

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

COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

First Collection €1,366.82 (€385.08 recorded for tax rebate)

SHARE Collection €1,127.00 (€274.43 recorded for tax rebate)



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



Saturday
4th August at 4:00pm
 and the First Saturday
 of each month
 from March - August '18

St. Cronan's Church, Brackenstown

A wonderful opportunity for parents and guardians of the parish to bring their children together in prayer!

For more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary, St. Cronan's Church Main Porch after weekend Masses

Parish Office Phone No. 01 8401188



GDPR - A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), is being introduced on 25 May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.