

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✕ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH



PARISH NEWSLETTER

12th March 2017 ✕ 2nd Sunday of Lent ✕ Year A



CONGRATULATIONS

to Zanda and Charlotte who were presented to Archbishop Martin at the Rite of Election in the Pro Cathedral last Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers as they make their journey through Lent towards Baptism at the Easter Vigil.



Over the next few weeks there will be a series of faith talks which will be an input, discussion over coffee and prayer on the following Thursday evenings at 7:30pm in the Pastoral Centre.

23rd March – Understanding the Church;

30th March – The Creed;

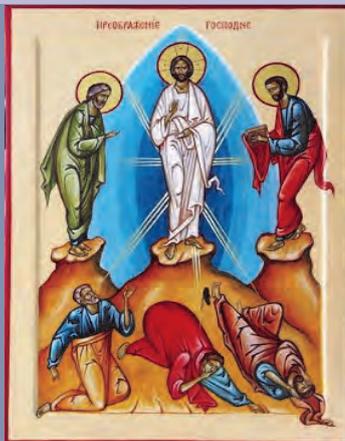
6th April – The Meaning of the Easter Triduum



This week's
Prayer by text



"This is my Son, the Beloved;
he enjoys my favour.
Listen to him."



THURSDAYS FOR Trócaire

For Lent the proceeds from the Thursday Morning cuppa after Mass in the Pastoral Centre will be for Trócaire. There will also be an Easter Egg Raffle and tickets are available every morning. Come in and support us on Thursdays.

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Marie Ralph (A)
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
11:00pm: Alphonsus Skelton (A)
12:30pm: Nora Corcoran (A)
5:30pm: Maureen Smyth (RD)

PRAY FOR

Ambrose Dunne (A)
Eileen Sheridan (A)
Tom McArdle (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Special Intention
Tues: Dcsd Members of O'Reilly & Delaney Families
Wed: Maolisa & Bobby McCourt (B'day Rem)
Thurs 10am: Eileen Clancy (A)
Thurs 7:30pm: Frank McGranaghan (RD)
Fri 9am: Betty Daly (24th A)
Fri 10am: Frank Hopkins (A)
Pray for: Frances Halligan (A)
Sat: June O'Hare (MM)

Please take this Newsletter home

Faith For Life

An Adult Faith Development course for those who are searching or seeking to deepen the connection between their faith and daily life

Nurturing the call received in Baptism... Deepening the connection between Faith and Life.

The course runs over 4 weekends in 2017:

- 1-2 April: NOTICING
- 20-21 May: GOD SPEAKS
- 16-17 September: IN THE WORLD
- 4-5 November: LIVING FAITH

in St Peter & Paul Parochial House
Dublin Street
Balbriggan

Cost: €200

More details & application form available from Office for Evangelisation & Ecumenism 01 837 3732

FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM OUR PASTORAL WORKER PETER SINEY

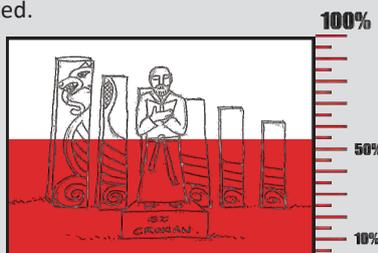
Saturdays:
9.30am - 5.00pm
Sundays:
9.30am - 1.30pm

ST CRONAN'S STATUE

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. Donation envelopes are available at the back of Church. So far we have raised €2,890 of 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.



Good Friday Stations of the Cross and Easter Sunday Celebration of the Resurrection

We are looking for children to take part in acting out the Stations of the Cross at 12:00noon on Good Friday and the Resurrection on Easter Sunday at 12:30 Mass.

If your child would like to be involved please fill in the pink form at the back of the Church or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com. There will be practices in Holy Week and the person designated as contact on the form will be the one whom we will be in touch with.



Planning Holy Week and Easter

On Wednesday 22nd March at 8:00pm in the Pastoral Centre there will be a meeting to plan Holy Week and Easter. We are looking for those who co-ordinate and participate in ministries especially hospitality, stewarding, sacristans, music and liturgy. All are welcome.

Week of Guided Prayer

Thank you to Ethna, Mary, Alison and Declan who shared with us their experience of the Week of Guided Prayer. There has been a great response to their invitation to take part. All the forms will be handed over to the organizing team and they will be in touch to give each participant more details. The closing date for forms to be sent in is Sunday 12th March and there is a box at the back of the Church.



Week of Prayer for the Parish

From the 26th March to 1st April we invite the whole Parish to take some time out to pray. While some will be taking part in the Guided Prayer, there will be prayer times led by the various Prayer Groups in the Church. During that week we will have the Lenten Prayer Stations around the Church. There will be more details next week.

Catholic Grandparents Association 1st Annual Retreat/Conference 26th & 27th April 2017



Helping our Children and Grandchildren to know, love and serve God in these highly secularised times. Venue - Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village Dublin 24. Day only and overnight attendance options available. Inspiring talks, lively discussion with speakers including Fr. Benny McHale. Contact Connie at 098 4877 or catholicgrandparents@gmail.com

St. Patrick's Day Mass Times



In response to people's request to change the Mass Times on St. Patrick's Day this year we are trying a new schedule:

The Mass Times will be:

Vigil Mass (16th) 7:30pm (Junior Choir)

On 17th March

9:00am (congregational singing)

10:00am (Adult Choir)

No evening Mass

FAMILY OFFERING BOXES ARE READY FOR DELIVERY/ COLLECTION. IF YOU CAN HELP WITH DELIVERING THE BOXES, OR IF YOU CAN CALL TO THE CHURCH AND COLLECT YOUR BOX WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL... AREAS STILL TO BE DELIVERED ARE: ABBEYVALE, BEAWICK, SWORDS MANOR, BRACKENSTOWN VILLAGE, PARKVIEW, ST. CRONAN'S AND GLASMORE. ANY HELP WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED.



Loreto College Swords Parents' Association presents

St. Patrick's Eve Pub Quiz

Date: 16th March, 2017

Venue: Peacock's Function Room
River Valley, Swords at 8pm
€10 per person - 4 to a table



PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
MARCH 2017	
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
26 - 31 MAR	Week of Guided Prayer

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

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When the past arises;
 erupting from the earth,
 unbidden and unwelcomed
 by a people
 who do not want to be reminded
 how they,
 families,
 villages,
 churches,
 states,
 ancestors
 all, treated those
 who did not fit the narrow categories
 of then agreed propriety,
 built walls to hide disgrace,
 sent on journeys to keep good names,
 shackled by chains made of whispers
 forged to bind behavior and shrink lives;
 then, only then,
 we take refuge in passing present lenses
 over past views;
 then, only then
 we know what we must do:
 there must be shock, (How could it happen!)
 there must be anger (It should not have happened!)
 there must be pain (I am sick that it happened!)
 there must be tears, (I weep for those it happened to!)
 and so there is remembrance (of a kind)
 that seeks the freedom of blame,
 so allowing us to forget, all of us,
 the guilt of daily passing walls behind which
 we, as a people,
 know our feared forgotten blessings
 are buried still,
 contained safely within the storied silence of nods,
 raised eyebrows, shrugs, shrouding
 lost chapters of familial stories,
 lives lived taut and tense with scar tissue
 over wounds weeping still for words of comfort and healing,
 holding and naming, that would birth blessing if freed.
 While they, the heralds of healing,
 their innocence, never lost, live on
 always in Divine Love's eternal embrace. *Br Richard OFM Cap*



CAN YOU HELP?

If you could give **20-30 minutes per month**, you could do a lot to spread the Good News. Help needed to deliver the free Catholic Paper "Alive!" in a number of areas of the parish....e.g. **Knocksedan, Glasmore Park, Ashton, Castleview etc.** Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after weekend Masses or leave your name & phone no. with Louise in parish office.

CHRISTIAN READING

A selection of Booklets including Lent with Matt Talbot, Sacred Heart Messenger, St. Martin Magazine, Children's Books and Catholic Newspapers available from bookrack on back wall of Church.

THE ROSARY

Prayer is of vital importance in our lives. We pray in praise, petition, thanksgiving. Our Lady asks us to pray the Rosary. Why not make a new start? Having the Statue of Our Lady in your home for a week should help you to take the first step. Just leave your name & contact details with a member of Legion of Mary 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 every Sunday of during Lent from 4pm—5pm with the exception of Sunday 12th March. Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer books, beads, souvenirs, gifts as well as Confirmation gifts etc. available in main porch, after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

FAMILY OFFERING

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

January Standing Order € 4,158
Outdoor Collection €739.39
Annuaals/Half Yearly €300.00

BINGO

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

2017 BRACKENSTOWN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Accompanied by a Spiritual Director
22nd - 27th September 2017

Further details: **Susan Keane 8407100 or 085 8471539**



Next dates for Baptisms:

22nd April 12:30 pm and 23rd April 1:45 pm

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 6th April at 8:00pm in St. Cronan's

PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times:

Sunday: 6:30pm (Sat. Vigil); 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

Weekday Mass:

Monday to Saturday 10:00am

Holyday Mass:

Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am

Confession:

Saturday 10:30am to 11:00am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,
Fr. Joseph Njanackal, C.S.T., C.C.
Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker
Louise Donnelly, Secretary

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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