

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

PARISH NEWSLETTER

28th May 2017 ✠ Ascension Sunday ✠ Year A

Parish Retreat 2017

Living Church

28th May 2017 -

4th June 2017

(Pentecost Sunday)

St. Cronan's Church

40 YEARS

LIVING FAITH



Please Join Us for Our
ANNUAL BLESSING OF CHILDREN,
BABIES & EXPECTANT PARENTS
DURING THE 12:30PM MASS

Sunday 28th May at 12:30pm

Refreshments afterwards in Pastoral Centre

The Baptism Team
St. Cronan's Church
Brackentown Parish



**Thursday 1st June Mass with Anointing of the Sick
at 1:15pm – Fr. Liam Murtagh**

Tea/Coffee and sandwiches afterwards in the Pastoral Centre

If you need to be picked up for the Mass, the Order of Malta are providing transport to and from the Church

Contact Louise in the Parish Office 01-8401188



MONDAY 29 th	TUESDAY 30 th	WEDNESDAY 31 st	THURSDAY 1 st	FRIDAY 2 nd
7:30am Mass	7:30am Mass	7:30am Mass	7:30am Mass	7:30am Mass
9:20am Morning Prayer	9:20am Morning Prayer	9:20am Morning Prayer	9:20am Morning Prayer	9:20am Morning Prayer
9.40am Rosary	9.40am Rosary	9.40am Rosary	9.40am Rosary	9.40am Rosary
10:00am Mass with Miraculous Medal Novena	10:00am Mass	10:00am Mass	10:00am Mass	10:00am Mass
11:30am - 2pm Schools Programme	11am - 2pm Schools Programme	11am - 2pm Schools Programme	1:15pm Mass with Anointing of Sick	11am - 2pm Schools Programme
7:30pm Prayer Service with Talk "Living Faith when God calls" Dcn. John Taaffe	7:30pm Prayer Service with Talk "Living Church Caring for Life" Dr. Deirdre Gleeson	7:30pm Prayer Service with Talk "Living Faith Handed on in Trust" Mgr. Dan O'Connor	7:30pm Prayer Service with Talk "Living Church as Family" Ms. Kate Liffey	7:30pm Prayer Service with Talk "Living Church in a Changing World" Fr. Eoin McCrystal
8:30pm Tea/Coffee in Pastoral Centre	8:30pm Tea/Coffee in Pastoral Centre	8:30pm Tea/Coffee in Pastoral Centre	8:30pm Tea/Coffee in Pastoral Centre	8:30pm Tea/Coffee in Pastoral Centre
9:00pm Night Prayer	9:00pm Night Prayer	9:00pm Night Prayer	9:00pm Night Prayer	9:00pm Night Prayer
SUNDAY 4th	12:30pm Pentecost Sunday Mass with Blessing & Dedication of Statue of St. Cronan by Bishop Raymond Field (NB: No 11:00am Mass on this Sunday)			



Rev. John Taaffe grew up in Glasmore Park, Brackentown and is now a Permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Armagh working in the Parish of Ardee Co. Louth.



Kate Liffey grew up in Rivervalley and Pinewood Park, Brackentown. She is a mother to three children. She began her career as an R.E. Teacher then worked for many years with Trócaire. She currently works for the Irish Bishops Conference.



Dr. Deirdre Gleeson grew up in St. Columba's Rise, Brackentown and studied Medicine in Trinity College Dublin. She specializes in Occupational Health and Natural Family Planning. In 2011 she founded the Medwise Calcutta Project to help street children.



Fr. Eoin McCrystal was ordained to the Priesthood in 1990 and his first appointment was to Brackentown. He is currently the Parish Priest of Lusk Parish and has been involved for many years with Young Christian Workers.



Mons. Dan O'Connor was appointed to Swords in 1975 as Priest-Teacher in St. Finian's Community College. This was his first appointment as a Priest. He has worked for many years in the Education Office of the Dublin Diocese where he is now Episcopal Vicar.



Bishop Raymond Field is the Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin with responsibility for the Deaneries of Fingal North, Maynooth and Blanchardstown. He has recently been appointed as Diocesan Delegate for the World Meeting of Families, Dublin 2018.

Please take this Newsletter home

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

We have been very fortunate that we have not had to reduce our schedule up to now, whereas the other two Parishes have lost a number of Masses. But given that I do not know when the Priest from Fr. Joseph's community will be arriving I have put the following to the Parish Pastoral Council as a way of maintaining as much as possible and of ensuring that there is daily prayer in the Church. This is the maximum change that I am proposing and if circumstances change then we can revisit it on a month by month basis.

For July, August and September (with the exception of First Fridays) there will be a Service of the Word led by a trained team of Parishioners at 10:00am on Friday mornings, this will lead into the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6:00pm.

For the month of August there will be no 6:30pm Mass on a Saturday evening. There is 6:30pm Mass available on Saturdays in both Swords and Rivervalley. The 6:30pm Mass will resume on Saturday 2nd of September.

For the month of September there will be no 5:30pm Mass on Sunday evening from the 3rd of September. There is a 6:30pm Mass available in Swords on Sunday Evening. The 5:30pm Mass will resume on Sunday 8th October.

Feast of the Assumption 15th August. There will be no vigil Mass for the Feastday as there is a Vigil Mass at 7:30pm in Swords and Rivervalley. There will be Mass at 10:00am and 7:30pm.

The dates for Baptisms in August have also changed and the new dates are available on the Parish Website.

It is with regret that these changes come into effect and in making them we have tried to minimize the impact of lack of services available here by making choices where there are alternatives in Swords or Rivervalley. As we come closer to the changes coming into effect we will let you know the exact details.

Fr. Paul

Come and Pray: The Annual Gathering of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will take place in Clonliffe Church at **8.00 p.m.** on Monday 29 May 2017. Let us know if you intend to be there by contacting Grainne on 01 8087554 or litsec@dublindiocese.ie Bring a cushion if you wish.



ARE YOU OR A LOVED ONE COPING WITH DEMENTIA / ALZHEIMERS?

Brackenstown Forget Me Not Café - Brackenstown Parish Centre

Next Café: Tuesday 30th May from 7pm until 9pm

Phone 0894986007 or www.brackenstownforgetmenotcafe.com

The Sunshine Fund would like to thank most sincerely the congregation of this parish for their generous contribution of €1,415 on Palm Sunday. We rely heavily on the funds generated through this collection and your support is greatly appreciated.

CEMETERY MASSES / PRAYERS in MAY & JUNE

Sunday 28th May	3:00pm	Glasnevin Cemetery	Remembrance
Sunday 11th June	3:00pm	St Fintan's, Sutton	Mass
Sunday 18th June	12 noon	Fingal	Mass
Sunday 18th June	1:45pm	Malahide	Prayers
Sunday 25th June	3:00pm	Whitestown, Rush	Prayers
Sunday 25th June	4:00pm	Swords Cemetery	Mass

BRACKENSTOWN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Accompanied by a Spiritual Director
Fr. Kevin O'Connor
22nd - 27th Sept 2017

Further details:
Susan Keane
8407100 or
085 8471589

ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 2017 4TH - 11TH JUNE

This year's Ecumenical Bible Week includes 23 events with 25 presenters over 14 days in Dublin and Arklow.

Three of these events will take place in St. Colmcille's Church, Chapel Lane, Swords. Please see posters and leaflets in Church for more details.

Free Events in St. Colmcille's Church:

June 6 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

The Bible and your 'Other' - Faith beyond Frontiers

Jools Hamilton

June 7 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Christianity - A Beautiful Insanity!!

Frank Brown

June 8 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Listening to Hear
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Swords Parishes Pilgrimage Walk

We will have our annual pilgrimage walk on **Saturday 10th June at 2:00pm**

The route will proceed as follows:

St. Finian's Church River Valley at 2:00pm

St. Colmcille's Church

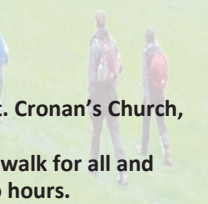
St. Colmcille's Well

St. Columba's Church

St Cronan's Well

And will conclude in St. Cronan's Church, Brackenstown

This is a very pleasant walk for all and should take about two hours.



ST CRONAN'S STATUE UPDATE

The statue of St Cronan will be dedicated and blessed by Bishop Field on Pentecost Sunday 4th June. So far we have raised €4,685 of the €5,302 cost of the project. We now only need to raise €617. Can you help? Donation envelopes are available at the back of Church. All donations of €20 or more will receive a St Cronan Statue donation certificate.

Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated.



NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

In mid-June we hope to begin the information and discernment meeting. It will be at the end of this time that we will try to form a new Pastoral Council. Please keep saying the Prayer for Discernment that the Holy Spirit will guide this process.

**All Loving and Gracious God,
You know my inmost thoughts
and You are familiar
with all my ways.
You have blessed me
with many gifts and talents.
Give me a share of Your wisdom, show
me Your truth, and reveal to me the
secrets of my own heart.
May I have the courage to look
honestly and deeply
at the reality of my life,
so that I can faithfully follow You.
Help me to see in myself
what You see,
and give me
the courage to uncover
both my strengths & weaknesses,
to know and follow
Your will for me
each and every day of my life.
Bless Your Church
with generous hearts,
eager to serve Your people
and to spread Your Word. Amen.**

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Edward & Elizabeth Farrell (A)

9:00am: Altar List of the Dead

11:00pm: Gerard Brennan (20th A)

12:30pm: Darren Stafford (2nd A)

5:30pm: Angie O'Keeffe (4th A)

PRAY FOR

Charlie O'Sullivan (A)

Barney Smyth (A)

Fintan Cooney (21st A)

Mon 7:30am:

10:00 am:

Tues 7:30am:

10:00 am:

Wed 7:30am:

10:00 am:

Thurs 7:30am:

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Fri 7:30am:

10:00 am:

Sat 7:30am:

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Special Intention

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D'scd Members of Colgan & Pentony Families

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D'scd Members of Connolly & Buckley Families

Special Intention

Aisling Skelton (A)

Special Intention

Jack & Nuala Ahearn, Desmond & Maureen Murphy

& Paddy Corrigan (A)

Special Intention

Christopher Farren (MM)

MASSSES NEXT WEEK

Celebrating First Holy Communion



PARKINSON'S ASSOCIATION

The next meeting in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre
on Tuesday 6th June from 11am - 1pm
Tea & coffee available from 10:30am. All Welcome



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
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Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm



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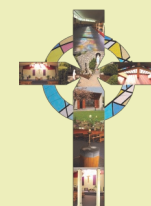
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EASY EVANGELISATION!

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...eg Ormond, Knocksedan, Ashton, Castlevue etc. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after weekend Masses or leave your name & phone no. with Louise in Parish Office.



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 one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Prayer Books, beads, medals, gifts, cards, as well as Confirmation gifts etc. available in main porch, after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.

THE ROSARY - MAKE A NEW BEGINNING!

Many people have forgotten how to say the rosary and would like a little help. It is simple... arrange to have the Rosary Statue in your home for a week and you will get that help. Prayer is of vital importance in our lives. At Fatima Our Lady asked us to pray the Rosary. Why not make a new start? Just leave your name & 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.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

FAMILY OFFERING

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

April Standing Order €4,400

Outdoor Collection €658.36

Annals/Half Yearly €0.00

The Pro Life Campaign, will be holding a public information meeting on Tuesday, 30th May, in Carnegie Court Hotel, North Street, Swords, at 8pm. The aim of the meeting is to inform people about the current situation as regards the 8th Amendment - Ireland's 'Right to Life' amendment and to encourage more people to become informed and get involved to defend it, as it is a true milestone for equality and authentic human rights. For more information, visit www.prolifecampaign.ie or tel: (01) 662 9275.

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



Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for this week and next:

Ascension of the Lord: First Reading Acts of the Apostles (Acts) 1:1-11; 2nd Reading Ephesians (Eph) 1:17-23; Gospel Matthew (Mt.) 28:16-20

Pentecost Sunday: First Reading Acts of the Apostles (Acts) 2:1-11, 2nd Reading 1st Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; Gospel John (Jn.) 20:19-23



The next Parent Meeting is Thursday 1st June



Next dates for Baptisms:
Saturday 10th June 12:30 pm
Sunday 11th June 1:45 pm
Saturday 24th June 12:30 pm
Sunday 25th June 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.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

27/28 May
No Collection

3/4 June
St. Vincent de
Paul Monthly

