

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✕ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

PARISH NEWSLETTER

21st May 2017 ✕ 6th Sunday of Easter ✕ Year A

Parish Retreat 2017

Living Church

28th May 2017 -
4th June 2017
(Pentecost Sunday)

St. Cronan's Church



LIVING FAITH

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)			

Parish Clean-Up

to get ready for our Retreat

& Pentecost Celebration

Saturday 27th May at 11:30am

Saturday 3rd June at 11:30am

Please come & join us

Many hands make light work!



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
Brackenstown Parish

Please take this Newsletter home

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

As you are aware, Fr. Joseph concludes his ministry in Brackenstown on 9th July 2017. His Congregation wish to continue the links with Brackenstown and they have nominated a member of the community to come and serve here for two years. At present this rests with Archbishop Martin and it is only when he formally makes the appointment that he can apply for a visa etc.

Given the time that it takes to process each of these steps, there is a likelihood that we will have a reduced schedule over the summer months to allow for annual retreat and holiday time.

I have contacted the Capuchin Friars in Raheny and they are willing to cover some of the weekend Masses in the times in August and September that I will be away. The Priests in Swords and Rivervalley can cover some but not all the weekdays.

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

Old Angels Memory Garden:

This special Blessing of Remembrance organised by A Little Lifetime Foundation for the 28th May 2017 at 3.00pm is for all parents, family members and friends whose baby is buried in Glasnevin Cemetery, whether through miscarriage, stillbirth, cot death or a baby who died shortly after birth. We extend a warm invitation to families whose baby is buried in other cemeteries and hope that they will find some comfort in coming together to remember their baby in a special way. If you need any further information about our Service please do not hesitate to contact us on 01 8829030.

Fruits of the Spirit:

Prepare for Pentecost in the beautiful surroundings of the Chapel of the Monastery of St. Alphonsus on Monday 22 May at 8.00 p.m. when a prayer service on the *Fruits of the Spirit* will take place. Music will be led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group in this imaginative and reflective experience.

NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We have received a number of nominations for the new Parish Pastoral Council. According to the Constitution of the Pastoral Council we have to organize the membership of gender balance, mix of ages and ethnicity. As the nominations that we have received do not cover all of these the present Parish Pastoral Council has to look at encouraging others to come forward.

When this process is complete, we will begin the information and discernment meeting, probably in mid-June. 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.**



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

CEMETARY MASSES in JUNE

Sunday 11th	3.00pm	St Fintan's, Sutton	Mass
Sunday 18th	12 noon	Fingal	Mass
Sunday 18th	1.45pm	Malahide	Prayers
Sunday 25th	3.00pm	Whitestown, Rush	Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Bernie Maher (nee Fitzpatrick) (9th A)
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
11:00pm: Jackie & Peggy Kelly (A); Tommy Clune (R)
 & Dcsd members of Kelly & Clune Families
12:30pm: Charlie O'Sullivan (1st A)
5:30pm: Kathleen, Stephen & Patrick O'Brien (A)

PRAY FOR

MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Thomas Martin (RD)
Tues: D'csd Members of Gleeson & Hennessy Families
Wed: For those who sympathised with the family of the late Michael Ward Jnr.
Thurs: Annie Sweeney (RD)
Pray for: Seamus & Tom Mongan (B'day Rem)
Fri: James Nugent (A)
Sat: Special Intention

PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
MAY 2017	
28TH MAY - 4TH JUNE	PARISH RETREAT
JUNE 2017	
4TH - 11TH JUNE	ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK
10TH	SWORDS PARISHES PILGRIMAGE WALK
THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE	



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 €4,425 of the €5,302 cost of the project. We now only need to raise €877. 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.

You are invited to join in the Annual May Procession for Mary Our Mother which this year will be held on Monday 22nd May 2016

Assembly points are as follows:

Entrance to Glasmole Park (From Rathbeale Road)

Bottom of steps from Elmwood

Junction Brackenstown Road & St. Cronan's Avenue

Junction Brackenstown Road & Brackenstown Avenue (Top Rathbeale)

Please be at assembly point nearest you at 7:10pm.

Celebrant Fr. Paul Thornton Adm.

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. This will be an opportunity to pray, reflect and sing together as we give thanks for the grace of this important ministry. Music will be led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group. Let us know if you intend to be there by contacting Grainne at 01 8087554 or litsec@dublindiocese.ie. Bring a cushion if you wish.



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

Join us at the

Brackenstown Forget Me Not Café Brackenstown Parish Centre

for support and information on

the last Tuesday of each month from 7pm until 9pm

Next Café: Tuesday 30th May

Guest speaker: Prof C Donegan

(Consultant in medicine for the older person)

Enjoy refreshments and a chat - All Welcome - Admission Free

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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

Prayer is of vital importance in our lives. We pray in praise, petition, thanksgiving. At Fatima Our Lady asked 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.



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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 €712.72

Annals/Half Yearly €0.00

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:

6th Sunday of Easter: First Reading Acts of the Apostles (Acts) 8:5-8, 14-17; 2nd Reading 1st Letter of St. Peter (1Pet) 3:15-18; Gospel John (Jn.) 14:15-21

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



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.

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

After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday

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