

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

Parish Newsletter

16th February 2020

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Congratulations!

Congratulations and blessings to Declan Colgan who was admitted to the Ministry of Acolyte (see page 2) on Saturday night last in Blanchardstown Parish by Archbishop Martin. This is another step on his journey towards Permanent Diaconate.



MAKE THIS LENT MORE MEANINGFUL!

Ash Wednesday 26th February

Carmelite Sisters Monastery, Seapark, Malahide
From 10am—4:30pm

To Book: Contact Sally 087 6226620

Cost €35 Bring Packed Lunch



ACCORD
DUBLIN
Catholic Marriage Care Service

The ANNUAL COLLECTION of
ACCORD Dublin, the
Diocesan Agency for

Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses this weekend.

The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

- Marriage Preparation courses
- Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships.
- A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support.

Please give as generously as you can.

"RISE - TAKE YOUR MAT AND WALK!"

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

2020 from Zimbabwe

Service takes place on

FRIDAY, 6TH MARCH 2020 @ 7:30 P.M.

**IN ST. FINIAN'S CHURCH,
RIVER VALLEY**



PARKINSON'S GROUP

Exercise Class with Sielbleu

at 12 noon on Tuesday 18th February

In St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre

Tea & coffee available from 10:30am. *All Welcome!*

**WE WISH THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF
ST. CRONAN'S SENIOR NATIONAL
SCHOOL EVERY BLESSING AS THEY
CONTINUE TO WALK WITH THE LORD
AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION THIS WEEK**



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm:	John McGuirk (15A)
9:00am:	Altar List of the Dead and Intentions of Parish
11:00am:	Sr. Marie Therese (RD)
12:30pm:	Kathleen Kearns (A)
5:30pm:	Eugene Marron (A)

PRAY FOR

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon:	Eileen Boles (RD)
Tues:	Christopher McGuirk (BR)
Wed:	Daniel Maughan (16A)
Thur:	Marian Movement for Priests
Fri:	Sophia Fox (RD)
Sat:	Special Intention

Acolyte and Permanent Diaconate

The role of an Acolyte is to assist the Priest or Deacon with their Liturgical duties. It is a role more associated with Altar Servers these days, but in the preparation for Priesthood and the Permanent Diaconate it serves to highlight the liturgical ministry.

Declan Colgan is in his final stages of preparation for the Permanent Diaconate. The role of a Permanent Deacon is a distinct ministry of service, exercised with the Bishop and Priests of the Diocese. There are three main aspects of the ministry *Altar, Word and Service*. At the **Altar** they assist the Priest, bring communion to the sick, celebrate Baptism, celebrate Marriages and look after the Funeral Rites. In the **Word** they proclaim the Gospel, deliver the Homily and help in the formation of readers. To **Serve** they visit the sick, housebound, those in prison, participate in the pastoral outreach in a Parish. In the coming weeks you will see Declan take on liturgical roles. He will be wearing an alb as he assists at the Altar and distributes Holy Communion. He will lead prayer and discussion sessions and take a more active part in the ministry of the Parish. Keep him in your prayers as he continues his formation. *Fr. Paul*

2020 Envelope Boxes

The new boxes of Family Offering Parish Envelopes will be available to be collected at the back of the Church after all Masses on the weekend of 22nd/23rd of February. Your support for the Family Offering is greatly appreciated. The Parish depends on the voluntary contributions of parishioners for the running and development of the Parish.

The new envelope boxes for the First and Second collections at Mass will also be available to be collected at the back of the church after all Masses on the weekend of 22nd/23rd February. There are substantial potential benefits for the Parish if the donor uses these envelopes for the collections at Mass and is an income taxpayer. Last year the Parish received a CHY income tax refund of over €43,698. Our previous highest tax refund had been €34,214 in 2010. You can request a box of envelopes or a standing order form for the Family Offering to support the running of the Parish by contacting the Parish office Tel 8401188, or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com. There are also forms available on the tables at the back of the church. Completed forms can be placed in the white post boxes in the Church or returned to the Parish office. The Parish depends on the voluntary contributions of parishioners for the running and development of the Parish. Thank you to all who support the Parish so generously.

Paddy O'Byrne, Finance Committee

New Sanctuary Furniture

So far €11,605.00 has been donated to our fundraising appeal, this includes a donation to cover the cost of the Ambo from the Bible Study Group and a gift from the Marie Reparatrice Sisters to cover the cost of the Sanctuary Lamp. If you wish to make a donation there are envelopes at the display at the Main Door.



**ST FINIAN'S PARISH PRESENTS
UPSTAIRS IN PEACOCKS PUB ON
21ST FEBRUARY AT 8PM ALL WELCOME**

Dates for your Diary in 2020

Confirmation	5th March	GSBB
Lent Retreat	17th—21st March	
Confirmation	25th April	ETNS
First Holy Communion	9th May (10:00 & 12:00)	St. Cronan's
First Holy Communion	16th May (10:00)	GSBB
First Holy Communion	16th May (12:00)	ETNS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on the last Sunday of every month from 4pm—5pm. Can you stay 1 hour with me?

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

We encourage new people to come & join us.

GROTTO ROSARY

The Legion of Mary would like to thank all who recited the rosary for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Tuesday 11th February, especially in such inclement weather.

THE FIRST DAY OF LENT 2020

Why does Lent start on Ash Wednesday? What is your "40 day Plan?" The next **Patrician Meeting**, will focus on our attitudes to the season of Lent and it's values. Why not come along on **Thursday, 20th February at 8pm** in Parish Pastoral Centre. Spiritual Director will attend. Everybody most welcome.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation souvenirs, necklets, cards, rosary beads etc., as well as other religious items & books, available main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.

PRAYING THE ROSARY

Honour the Mother of God this year with the Rosary. Let us help you get started by having the Rosary Statue in your home. Just leave your contact details with a member of the Legion of Mary in the main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass and suitable arrangements will be made for you.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR OUR LADY?

Legion of Mary needs new members to help Our Lady bring Jesus to more people. Meetings are held in the new location—"Crosscare" room at priest's house, on Tuesdays at 10:30am, Wednesdays at 7:30pm and 4:45pm on Fridays for Junior members in Parish Pastoral Centre. Why not come along and see what you can do!

HELPERS

Glasmore Park, Park View, Ormond, Swords Manor, and other areas of the parish, - New Helpers needed to deliver the "Alive!" Catholic paper. If you could give **20-30 minutes a month** you could do great work to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Enquire at Legion of Mary table in the main porch after Sat. Evening or Sun morning Masses or leave your contact number with Louise in the Parish Office.



'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.

December Standing Order: €3,719

Family Offering €718.59

1st Collection €1377.69 (Tax €328.72)

Share Collection €1125.69 (Tax €212.75)

**praying with
God's Word**



**2nd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

1st Reading: Sir 15:15-20

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 2:6-10

Gospel: Mt 5:17-37

"NCBI Needs You!" NCBI have been lucky in securing a Bag Pack in Dunnes Stores, Pavilions on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th February, 2020, from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

If you, family members or friends can help us over the two days we would love to hear from you. We have 12 checkouts to cover and need a large number of volunteers over the two days. We would normally ask a min of 2 hours commitment from each person on the day. If you can help, please contact Angela at 01 8307033 Monday to Thursday 8am—4pm or angela.levins@ncbi.ie. Your support would be greatly appreciated."

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

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