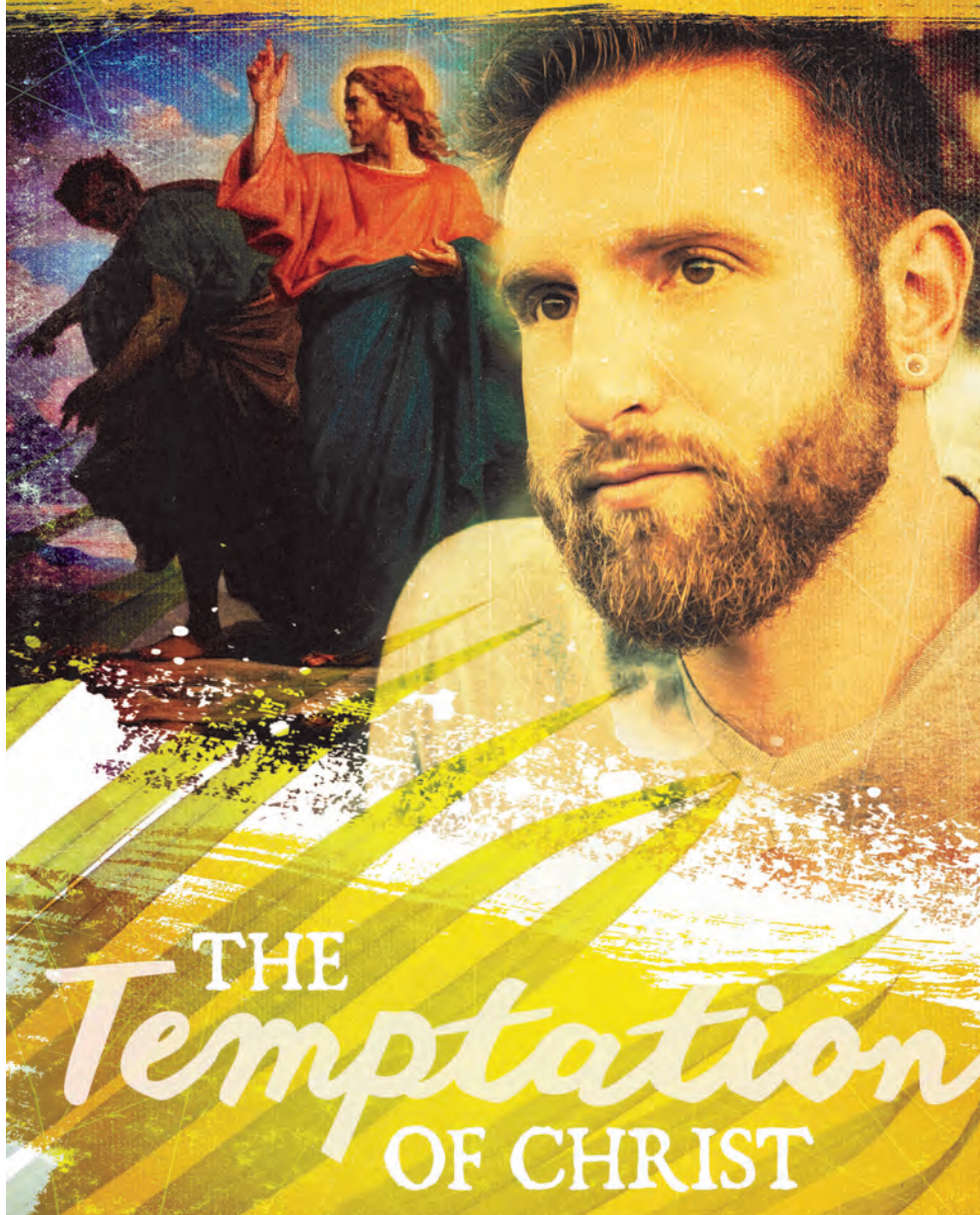




CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN BRACKENSTOWN PARISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

14th February 2016 — Year C

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



REFLECT ON THE WORD OF GOD...

To help in this we are offering the *Prayer by Text*. You can register for this in the Parish Centre this morning, putting your details in the suggestion box in the Main Porch or leaving them in the Parish Office or emailing brackenstownparish@gmail.com.

You can also follow us on facebook "brackenstownparish" or on Twitter "cronanparish". There will be three gatherings to reflect on the word during the season of Lent.



LENT

"Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days."

Our Lenten Journey begins. As Jesus was led by the Spirit, so are we. Where can we find a wilderness? What temptations lead us astray? Where do we want to be at the end of Lent?

TRÓCAIRE
Working for a Just World

Trócaire Boxes are available at the doors of the Church. If you have not received one through school please take one. We will be updating you on the 2016 campaign during Lent.

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm Kevin Canavan (RD)

9:00am Altar List of the Dead

11:00am Bridget & James Maginn, Maisie & Sammy Ellison and d'csd members of Barker Family

12:30pm Stephen O'Rourke (1st A)

5:30pm Barbara McGuirk (3rd A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK AT 10AM

Mon: Anne, Tom & Philomena O'Leary (A)

Tues: Mary Bohan (A) & Maureen Traynor (Rem)

Wed: James, Florence, Pat, Frank & Chris Cantwell (A)

Thurs: Mary Murphy, Bridie, Philip & John Hackett (A)

Fri: Daniel Maughan (12th A)

Sat: Bridget O'Neill (MM)

Please take this Newsletter home with you

PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
FEBRUARY		
16 th	Sacrament of Confirmation Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe	11:00am Church
20 th – 28 th	Parish Retreat Led by the Capuchin Retreat Team	7:30am; 10:00am 12:00noon; 7:30pm
27 th	Do This In Memory	6:30pm
28 th	Do This In Memory	12:30pm
29 th	First Confession St. Cronan's JNS	7:00pm Church
MARCH		
1 st	First Confession St. Cronan's JNS	7:00pm Church
2 nd	First Confession Swords and Thornleigh	7:00pm Church
3 rd	First Confession Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe	7:00pm Church
19 th	Do This In Memory	6:30pm
20 th	Do This In Memory	12:30pm
21 st	Reconciliation Service Swords	7:30pm
22 nd	Reconciliation Service Rivervalley	7:30pm
THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE		

MSZE SWIETA

Msze Swieta w Jezyku Polskim dzisiaj, Niedziele 14 Luty o godz 18:45. (Spowiedz 18:15 – 18:40).

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

"Is Religion opposed to Science?" is the title of the Patrician Meeting on **Thursday next, 18th February at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre.** Does science lead you to God? *This discussion is open to everyone.* Spiritual Director will speak on the subject.



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 during Lent. Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

FAMILY OFFERING

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

Jan Standing Order €3,857
Outdoor Collection €712.25
Annuals/Half Yearly €130.00

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUNDRAISING

The following are weekly totals:

Buy-A-Brick Appeal €20,758
Pastoral Centre Donations; €26,586
Parish Centre Appeal Total €47,164.28

The Certificates for all who contributed are now ready to be collected at the Parish Office. Many thanks to all who have kindly contributed.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

Spread the Good News this Year! Volunteers needed to deliver the free Catholic Paper "Alive!" in Glasmore Park, Ashton, Castlevue, Ormond and other parts of the Parish. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after weekend Masses or leave your name and phone no. with Louise in Parish Office.



EASTER FLORAL DEMONSTRATION

Friday, 18th March at 7:30pm
In Parish Centre

Another presentation by Maura Worthington, this time for Easter. So come along and get some ideas for your Easter floral arrangements. Proceeds go towards the Parish Centre.



2016 BRACKENSTOWN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Accompanied by a Spiritual Director
 22nd–27th September 2016
 Hotel Padoue—€729 per person sharing
 incl. Airport Taxes & Free Insurance
 Deposit €200 per person—
 Single Room Supplement €175
 Contact Susan Keane
 01 8407100 / 085 847 1539

Make-A-Wish Ireland Annual Wish Day – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Make-A-Wish® Ireland has one simple aim – we grant the wishes of children aged between 3 and 17 years living with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy and create extraordinary memories for them and their families.

Volunteers are needed for WISH DAY, our annual fundraising day, on Friday 8th April 2016. There are a number of ways you could get involved and support us:

- * select a location nearby and volunteer to sell our badges there for the day
- * hold a coffee morning or bake sale in aid of Make-A-Wish
- * hold a Jersey Day or a similar themed day in aid of Make-A-Wish

Money raised on the day goes to continuing to grant wishes to our brave wish children.

If you can commit to the full day or even a few hours selling our badges, please visit www.makeawish.ie to register online. Alternatively contact Emma

Horgan emma@makeawish.ie or call 01 2052012 for more details. On behalf of everyone at Make-A-Wish; our wish children and their families, thank you for your support, we really do appreciate it.



ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION



The Parents & Friends Association of the CRC is a voluntary group of parents that helps to provide for the needs of the children who attend the CRC Clinic and School. Our main source of income is our annual Art Exhibition which will be held in the Central Remedial Clinic, Clontarf on:

Saturday 20th Feb 11am–6pm
Sunday 21st Feb 11am–5pm

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH RETREAT YOU TOO ARE WELCOME



led by the Capuchin Retreat Team

St. Cronan's Church 21st – 26th February 2016

Daily: 7:30am, 10:00am, 7:30pm, 12:00noon (daily) faith sharing.
Thursday (25th) 1:15pm Anointing of the Sick, Friday (26th) 7:30pm Reconciliation Service

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FAITH SHARING IN THE AFTERNOONS

"It is God's intention to give himself entirely to us. To get some understanding of what this means, think of a fire into which you put some wood. The fire wants to draw the wood into itself, but finds the wood unlike itself. A process begins that takes time. First the fire makes the wood warm, then it makes it hot, then the wood smokes and crackles on account of the action of the fire: then the hotter the wood gets, the more still and quiet it becomes; and the more peaceful it becomes the more like the fire it is, until it becomes all fire." (Meister Eckhart, O.P.)

Our journey with Jesus and his Spirit, Eckhart tells us, is like the process the fire works on the wood. I invite you to join a group of twenty parishioners who will trace some of the opportunities and challenges of our journey into maturing faith, in a series of five meetings, at twelve noon each day of the retreat. We will explore this journey by using five enduring images that Christians have cherished over the ages to help us all shape our awareness of our Christian vocation. These five images are: Child, Disciple, Steward, Prophet and Lover. Taken alone each one represents a central Christian conviction. Taken together they suggest the shape of our Christian journey into "becoming the fire".

**There will be a Prayer Wall in the Sacred Space
beside the statue of St. Francis to Post your petitions**

SPECIAL EVENTS DURING RETREAT



**Annual Blessing
of Children, Babies &
Expectant Parents**

Sunday 21st February
at 3pm

**Mass of Healing
with
Anointing of the Sick**

Thursday 25th February
At 1:15pm

Tea/Coffee and sandwiches
afterwards in the
Pastoral Centre

TRANSPORT

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



**ANOINTING
of the SICK**



**Sacrament of
Reconciliation**

Friday 26th February
7:30pm

**Young Adult Faith
Space**

Saturday 5th March
3:00—5:00pm

Meditation and
Mindfulness
For 16—25's

followed by Bar—b—que in
Pastoral Centre Garden



PARISH INFORMATION

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

20/21 February
CASA

27/28 February
No Collection

5/6 March
St. Vincent de Paul
Monthly Collection

Mass Times:

Weekday Mass:

Holyday Mass:

Confession:

**Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,
Fr. Joseph Njanackal, C.S.T., C.C.
Br. Martin Bennett, OFM Cap. Deacon
Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker
Louise Donnelly, Secretary**

Website: www.brackenstownparish.com

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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