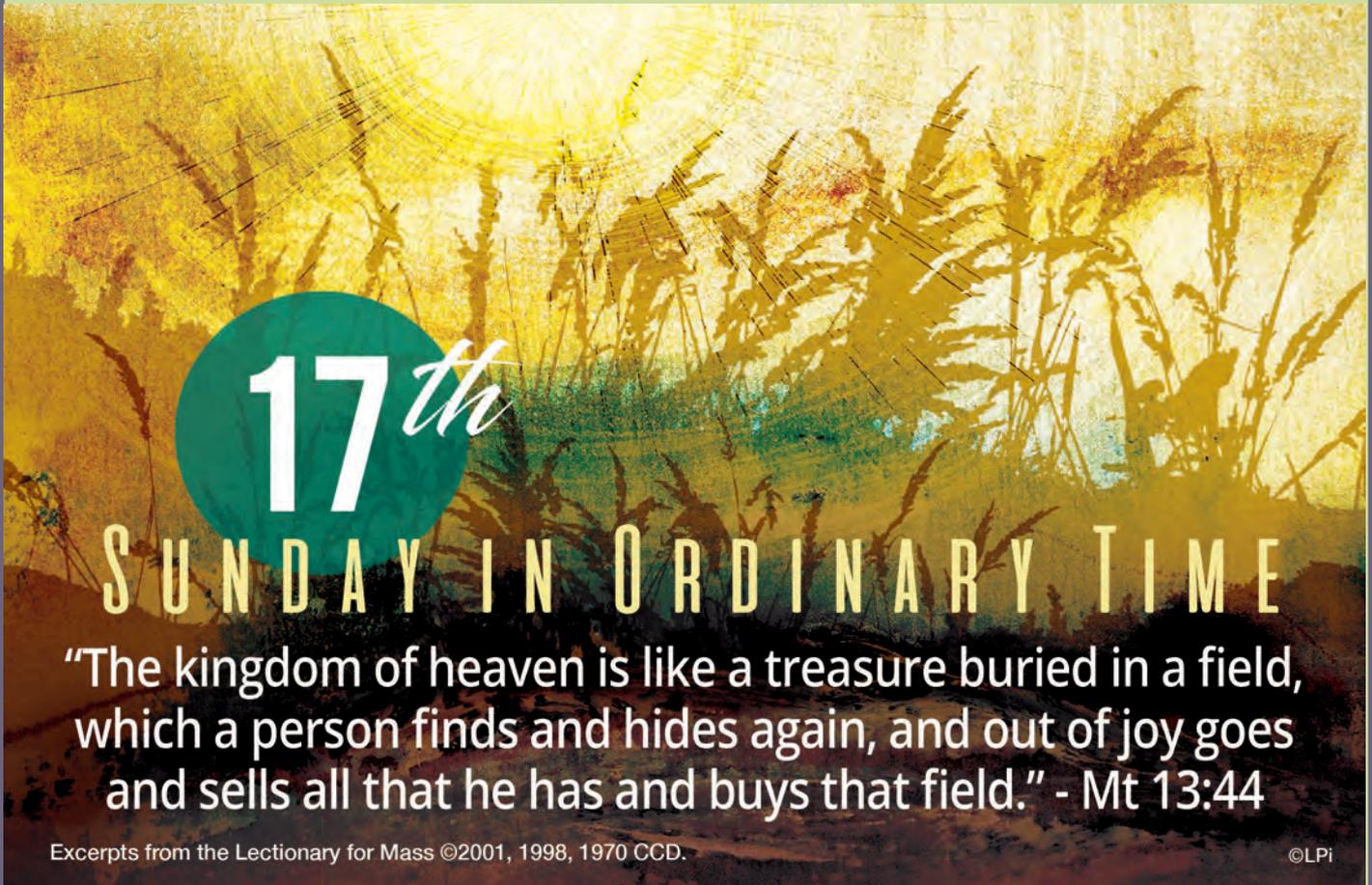




Parish Newsletter

30th July 2017 ✕ 17th Sunday ✕ Year A



17th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

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MASS TIMES

Next Friday is the First Friday. There will be Mass at 10:00am.
NO 6:30pm Mass on the following Saturdays:

- 5th August;
- 12th August
- 19th August
- 6th August

Please note there is a 6:30pm Mass on Saturday evening in St. Colmcille's and St. Finian's Churches.



MASS INTENTIONS

- 6:30pm: Richard & Seamus Colgan (A)
- 9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
- 11:00am: Andrea Fitzgerald (3rd A)
- 12:30pm: Michael Fields (13th A)
- 5:30pm: Ollie & Jem Gregan (A)

PRAY FOR

- Maureen Macken (MM)
- Phil Ryan (MM)
- Baby Sophie (2nd A)
- Phelim & John Kelly (62nd A)
- Evelyn O'Reilly (A)
- Dermot Byrne (RD)

MASSES NEXT WEEK

- Mon: Joseph & Patrick White (A)
- Tues: Cyril O'Neill (RD)
- Pray for: Diana Ukuta (A)
- Wed: Special Intention
- Thurs: Cyril O'Neill (RD)
- Fri: Special Intention
- Sat: May & Jack Hughes (A)
- Pray for: Johnny, Kathleen, Michael & Darren O'Sullivan & Dcsd Family Members

Please take this Newsletter home



Bring All the Family!
21st August 2017
One Year to
World Meeting of Families
2018

Archdiocese of Dublin invite you and all your family to come along to the launch of the one-year programme of preparation for World Meeting of Families 2018, which will take place at the Knock Shrine on Monday 21st August 2017, the Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady. This day of celebration will include the celebration of the Eucharist, workshops and faith and fun activities for all the family. The *WMOF2018 Icon* will be presented at Mass in the Basilica at 3pm and then begin its journey around the Dioceses of Ireland.



Faith 'n' Fun

Bible stories, Crafts
& loads more!



FREE - to all aged 6-11 yrs

Thursday 27th July 2017,
 3rd & 10th August 2017
 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

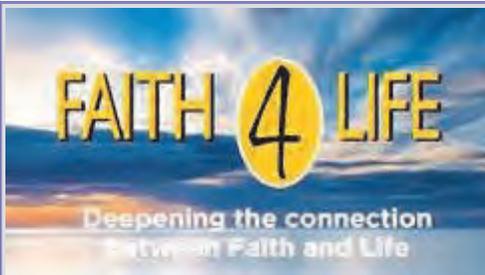
St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre
 Brackenstown Road, Swords

Organised by Legion of Mary.
 Registration forms available
 St. Cronan's church main porch,
 Sunday, 23rd July, 2017
 Parish Office - Phone no. 8401188

NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

As we journey towards forming a new Parish Pastoral Council, we invite you to pray for its success with this Prayer of Discernment.

**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.**



Faith4Life is a new course designed to help you to discover more energising and empowering ways to live out your faith in the reality of today's world: through relationships, family, home, parish, work and the events of daily life. It aims to help you to be more active, open, faithful, confident, trusting and willing to work for change.

Faith for Life takes place over four weekends in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Rd, Dublin 3.

- Called to Become (21st/22nd October)**
- Church in and for the World (2nd/3rd December)**
- Centered on the Word of God (20th/21st January)**
- Living Faithfully (3rd/4th March)**

The course will benefit everyone who wants to make a deeper connection between faith and life.

Further details and application forms are available by emailing Rosemary Lavelle rlavelle@abhouse.org or evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie or by telephone 8373732 ext 247/239.

St. Colmcille's Parish, Swords

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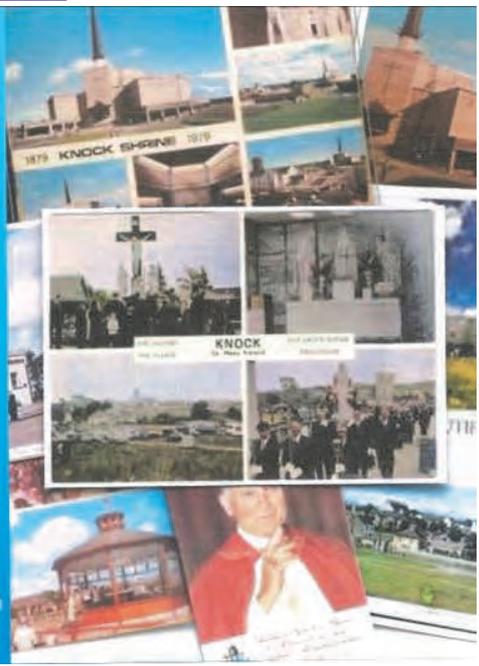
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12th August 2017
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Stopover for light breakfast/snack en-route.
 Evening meal/carvery available on return at Percy French Hotel, Strokestown



Parish Finance News

The Parish has received an initial CHY tax refund of €20,887 for 2016. This represents approximately 70% of the total 2016 tax refund that we will receive this year. We have allocated this money towards essential maintenance work on the flat roof covering the sacristy/old parish office area. The refund also enables us to reconfigure the lay-out of the sacristy/old parish office area in order to make it more functional and better suited to our present needs. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this possible by your contributions to the Family Offering and by returning your CHY forms. Thank you also to the 83 households who are now using the new envelope system for their First Collection contributions. This will mean a larger tax refund for the Parish next year when we make the CHY claim for 2017. Thank you to all who support the Parish financially, it is very much appreciated.

Paddy O'Byrne, Parish Finance Committee.

The total raised in the collection last weekend for the Trócaire Emergency Appeal was €8,462.00.

Over 24 million people are facing malnutrition and the threat of famine across South Sudan, Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia due to prolonged drought. Trócaire is currently reaching over 150,000 people across the East Africa region with emergency food, water, sanitation and healthcare. Your kind donations will go towards making a difference.

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EMERGENCY APPEAL

FAITH 'N' FUN- CONTINUES THIS WEEK!

The "Faith 'n' Fun" project for children continues on Thursdays 3rd and 10th August, from 2:00pm - 4:00pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. This project is **for children from 6 - 11 years old** and it is free. Look out for more details on notice boards.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

A huge "Thank You" to all who contributed to the collection on weekend 15-16 July. The total collected was €1,469.25. Each year approximately 170 sick pilgrims travel to Lourdes with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you would still like to contribute, please do so at Legion of Mary table in main porch after Saturday and Sunday Masses.

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.

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.

FATIMA

Fatima statues and shrines are amongst the items available at table in main porch each weekend. Why not take a look?



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

FAMILY OFFERING

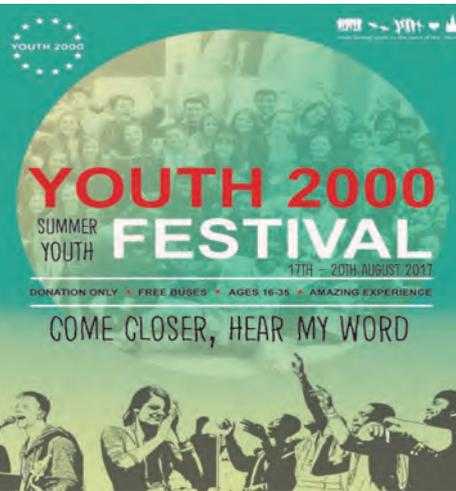
We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund.

May Standing Order €3,428
Outdoor Collection €722.70
Annuals/Half Yearly €450.00

BINGO



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



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The next Parent Meeting is Thursday 3rd August



Next dates for Baptisms:

Saturday 5th August 12:30 pm

Sunday 6th August 1:45pm

Sunday 27th August 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.

Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for this Sunday and next Sunday:

17th Sunday Ordinary Time: First Reading First Kings (1 Kgs) 3:5, 7-12; 2nd Reading Letter to Romans (Rm) 8:28-30; Gospel Matthew (Mt) 13:44-52

Transfiguration Of The Lord: First Reading Daniel (Dn) 7:9-10, 13-14; 2nd Reading 2 Peter (2 Pt) 1:16-19; Gospel Matthew (Mt) 17:1-9



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
Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm



CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

29/30 July
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5/6 August
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