

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter



19<sup>th</sup> April 2015

### MASS INTENTIONS

- 6:30pm** Enda Rogers (A)  
**9.00am** Altar List of the Dead and Intention of all Parishioners  
**11.00am** Kathleen & James Smith (A)  
**12.30pm** Patrick Crosbie (6<sup>th</sup> A)  
**5.30pm** Thomas & Annie Valentine (A)

### PRAY FOR

- Andrew Doyle (MM)  
Eugene Hayes (MM)  
Scaria Jose (RD)  
Sean Molloy & Dcsd Family Members  
William & Bridget Hughes & Dcsd Family Members  
Peter McQuillan (A)  
Martina Harley (A)

### MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

- Mon:** Dcsd Members of Fitzpatrick & Duffy Families  
**Tues:** Marie Dillon (A)  
**Wed:** Mary & Lawrence Long (A)  
**Thurs:** Patrick & Nuala Connolly (A)  
**Fri:** Joe & Bridie McDonnell (A)  
**Sat:** Kathleen Naidoo (MM)

### 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 the month from 4 - 5 pm.

### PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUND

The total raised for the Parish Pastoral Centre Fund Raising Appeal is to date €16,515.00. Many thanks to all who have kindly contributed.

### FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund. The March standing order figure is €3,794.00. The Weekly Outdoor collection for last week amounted to €660.11 and annuals/half yearly contributions totaling €550.00. The Family Offering Envelope/Standing Order Collection is the ONLY one which supports the daily running costs of the Parish and the upkeep of the Church. Thank you for your commitment to this collection.

### BAPTISMS

**The next dates for Baptisms are in May. Please check our website for details.**

If you would like to be a part of the Baptism Ministry here in St. Cronan's, please contact any of the Priests in the Parish, a member of the Baptism Team or the Parish Office.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**First Holy Communion** medals, beads, prayer books, cards etc. available main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. Also **Divine Mercy** replacement candles for devotional sets available main porch today.

### EASTER DUES

The Easter Dues Offering envelopes have been delivered with the Easter Card. Together with the First Collection at Mass these contributions are to support Fr. Paul and Fr. Joseph, other priests in the Diocese and those who are sick and retired.

We thank those who have returned their offerings and we are very grateful for your commitment and support.

Envelopes can be put in the pouches at Mass, the white letter boxes at the doors of the Church or handed into the office.

### SWORDS PARISH GROUPING

**Swords Parish Grouping Holiday 2015**  
**Monday 29 June – Saturday 4 July**  
**Splendours of Poland**  
**based in Krakow**

Cost: €725.00 per person sharing  
Booking and further details at  
Parish Office Tel: (01) 8407277

This holiday is organised by: MAP Travel

### ENCHIRIADIS TREIS

Malahide based choir, Enchiriadis Treis, with St Georges's Singers, Belfast, are delighted to return to St Anne's Church, Portmarnock on Sat, May 23rd at 8PM to perform Beethoven's Mass in C Major. from Karl Jenkin's - The Armed Man. Price of tickets €15. For bookings contact: Phone: 085 8498442 Email: Ench3chair@gmail.com  
[www.enchiriadisbeethoven.eventbrite.com](http://www.enchiriadisbeethoven.eventbrite.com)

### CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

The following are Church Gate Collections for March/April:

18/19 April – Share Appeal  
25/26 April – Dublin Seminarians

### NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE STUDY

Why not join us here in St Cronan's for a seven week Scripture study of St. Luke's Gospel & the Acts of the Apostles? The reading plan will run from Tuesday 14/04/15 and end on 02/06/15. There will be weekly meetings, mostly on Mondays, at 7.30-8.30 pm to review and discuss the previous week's reading. You will be provided with a reading guide for the following week. Please phone 8401188 or email [brackenstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com). All welcome

### PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK FOR IRELAND

We invite everyone to come and unite in prayer for protection of the sanctity of marriage, families and human life and for our country.

**Date:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
**Time:** 9:00am at Star Pub

For further information and bookings contact:  
Nora – 8404247 or Mary – 8403295

*"Let us not underestimate the power of so many people united in prayer". Pope Francis.*

### ALONE RECRUITMENT

ALONE are currently recruiting Befriending Volunteers across Dublin. If you are interested in visiting an isolated older person in your area please come along to our Information Session on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30 in The Central Hotel, Exchequer Street, Dublin 2. Please confirm your attendance by email: [enquiries@alone.ie](mailto:enquiries@alone.ie) or call 01679 1302.

### FAITH DEVELOPMENT

**"Why Choose Marriage?"** is the title of the Patrician Meeting on **Thursday next, 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 8:00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.** Is marriage a sacrament or a legal contract? Why not come to the meeting and hear some points of view? Everybody most welcome. Spiritual Director will speak on the subject.

### THE ROSARY

The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in homes of the parish at the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to pray the rosary and have the statue in your home for a week, or get more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Sunday morning Masses.

### MAKE IT A MILLION FUNDRAISER

Please support the 'Make it a Million' fundraiser Concert & Raffle for Mary's Meals ([www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie)) on 24<sup>th</sup> April in the Hogan Suite, Croke Park at 19:30, doors open 18:30. Free parking. Concert Ticket: €15. Raffle Tickets: €5 each or 6 for €20. Excellent prizes including 2 trips to Medjugorje. Contact Aoife Martin on Tel: 085-1797278 or Mary Martin on Tel: 086-3814737.

### ORDER OF MALTA

The Swords Unit of the Order of Malta Ambulance Corps would like to thank the parishioners most sincerely for their generosity of the recent Church Gate Collection. The amount collected was €484.00.

### SAOIRSE AA GROUP

Alcohol problem? You are not alone. AA Meeting every Wednesday at 8:00pm in BASE, Brackenstown Road, Swords. Ph: 087 6206788 anytime.

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## OUR LINKS WITH ST. MEL'S CATHEDRAL

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Many of you will have seen the RTE documentary about the destruction by fire and subsequent restoration of St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford. A special Mass for its re-dedication was written by Dr. John O'Keeffe, Director of Sacred Music in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

A workshop for choirs took place in Longford last Saturday to launch this new "Mass of St. Mel." Our Parish Choir travelled up for the occasion.

At the annual Church Music Summer School in Maynooth in 2011, Dr. O'Keeffe issued a challenge to choir directors. This was to get their congregations singing his newly composed Apostles' Creed, the first completed part of his St. Mel's Mass.

Brackenstown took up the challenge. Dr. O'Keeffe's intention was to make this Mass fully congregational-friendly, as, before he went ahead with the rest of the composition, he wanted to make sure it would work.

We are very proud to say that Dr. O'Keeffe publicly announced that he would never have completed his Mass except for the successful execution of the pilot scheme in Brackenstown. We had sent him a recording of our congregation singing the Creed and sent an account of how we introduced it at our 11.00am Mass on Sundays. Fr. Paul was particularly helpful in encouraging the congregation through the initial stages of learning.

We are also proud to report that we piloted the Gloria as well and we were invited to talk to the assembled choirs about the best way to get the congregation involved.

We look forward to introducing the rest of the Mass parts to our wonderful congregation here in St. Cronan's.

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## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

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Next Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> the Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated this day as World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Our parish will join with the universal church to ask for God's blessings that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocation.

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## MARRIAGE REFERENDUM 2015

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An International Conference On Protecting And Nourishing The Family.

**Venue:** Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9.

**Date:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April Session 9:30am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm; Registration from 8:30am. Lunch can be purchased in the cafeteria.

**To Register:** [info@mothersandfathersmatter.org](mailto:info@mothersandfathersmatter.org)

Please pre-register – admission fee €10.

Speakers include Prof. Ray Kinsella, Patrick Treacy SC, Bruce Arnold, Prof. Helen Alvare & Patrice Andre

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## SHARE SUNDAY

Dear Friends,

Recent years have seen great changes in the Archdiocese of Dublin. In many ways these have been difficult years, but these difficulties should not cloud the remarkable change for good that is taking place in the Archdiocese.

Parishes and parish groupings have never before been so active. There is a real sense of working together for mission between priest and people, lay and religious. There is a real interest among many in developing a personal adult faith in Jesus Christ as a lifelong process.

The population of the Archdiocese of Dublin is increasing and will continue to increase in the years to come. Our process of change and renewal will have to take on new momentum. If we want the children of the future to be able to experience the joy of the Gospel then we will have to invest in fresh forms of faith education, based in new ways in our parishes.

Today I am writing to you about the Share collection which has been taking place at each Sunday Mass now for generations. The progress of renewal that we have made right across the diocese over these years could not have taken place without Share and I thank you sincerely for your ready generosity.

In the future we will need new forms of sharing and solidarity to provide services which can resource individual parishes and especially poorer parishes to carry out their functions. In addition to the upkeep and repair of Churches in poorer areas, Share supports the central administration of the Archdiocese as it provides vital support in areas such as training in evangelization, financial management, human relations, information technology, child safeguarding and support for our schools. All this depends on Share and I appeal to your continued generosity.

With prayerful good wishes,

Diarmuid Martin,  
Archbishop of Dublin.

## A Prayer for Guidance for Young People

*Loving Father, I know you love me and have great plans for me,  
Help me to walk in your love every day.*

*Show me and all your people your way and help us to listen to you  
I pray for all those you are calling to be priests, religious sisters and brothers.  
May they respond in love to your call.*

*Please make my heart always ready to do what you want.  
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen*