

# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH



## PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th March 2017 ✠ 1st Sunday of Lent ✠ Year A

"We all know the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass but with the help of my prayer guide I started to find the presence of Jesus in both scripture and in people all around me. My prayer guide told me I would meet Jesus today in someone that I would encounter. Guided Prayer is for everyone. I sat in the church when I heard someone talking about it, thinking this is not for me, but I was wrong, it can change your life for the better, I know it did for me."

*Declan*

"I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It had a profound effect on the way I practice my faith and it has brought me many blessings and enriched my spiritual life ever since. I cannot recommend it highly enough especially for anyone at a turning point in their life or someone wanting to explore new ways of praying."

*Mary*

"I am an ordinary person, with an ordinary faith, working each day and caring for my family. This guided prayer week is for people like me and you, searching, wondering what it is all about, seeking to find the best way to live our lives. It offered me a chance to look at the scriptures differently and to find answers and direction about how God wants me to lead my life."

*Alison*

## Time for Yourself A Week of Guided Prayer



26th March ~ 1 April 2017

Some personal  
experiences of  
a Week of  
Guided Prayer

To take part, please fill in  
one of the forms and  
place in one of the  
white boxes at the back  
of the Church  
no later than 12th March.

"It was a chance meeting in the carpark where a friend asked was I doing the directed prayer? That was the beginning of an experience that changed me. My faith was very much a cultural faith, where I did my duty but through this week it changed, that my faith became about a relationship with God who loves me."

*Ethna*

### MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm:** Paula Maloney (1st A)  
**9:00am:** Altar List of the Dead  
**11:00pm:** Eileen McGuirk (6th A)  
**12:30pm:** John Keane (A)  
**5:30pm:** Marie & Michael Reynolds  
& D'csd Family Members (A)

### PRAY FOR

Thomas (Tommy) Reilly (RD)  
Reginald McGarry (RD)  
John Paul Fitzsimons (A)  
Nan Kane (A)  
Damien Byrne (A)

### MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** John Paul Fitzsimons (A) & Nan Kane (A)  
**Tues:** Special Intention  
**Wed:** Eileen Bird (1st A) & Ann Farren (5th A)  
**Thurs:** Tom & Angela Dormer (A)  
**Fri:** Fr. Oliver, James & Julia Kelleghan, Jim Keith & Mai Logan (A)  
**Sat:** Margaret Keogh (MM)

# Please take this Newsletter home

# Some ideas for Lent this year



## Trócaire



This year's Lenten Trócaire Boxes can be collected from the parish if you have not received one through the schools. When you donate to Trócaire you're not just giving. You're joining the fight for justice.



To register to receive Prayer by Text for Lent, please fill in one of the forms at the back of the Church or contact the parish office 01 8401188.



This year we will welcome Zanda and Charlotte into our Parish through Baptism at the Easter Vigil. Their journey to that moment has begun and we ask you to keep them in your prayers. Over the next few weeks we are going to have a series of faith talks which will be an input, discussion over coffee and prayer on the following Thursday evenings in the Pastoral Centre. It is open to anyone who wishes to join us:

- 9<sup>th</sup> March – The Our Father;
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Understanding the Church;
- 30<sup>th</sup> March – The Creed;
- 6<sup>th</sup> April – The Meaning of the Easter Triduum

On the first Sunday of Lent 5th March, they will be presented to the Archbishop at the Rite of Election in the Pro Cathedral.

## St. Patrick's Day Mass Times



In response to people's request to change the Mass Times on St. Patrick's Day this year we are trying a new schedule:

The Mass Times will be:

**Vigil Mass (16<sup>th</sup>) 7:30pm (Junior Choir)**

**On 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**9:00am (congregational singing)**

**10:00am (Adult Choir)**

**No evening Mass**

*As with any changes we appreciate your feedback.*

## Icon of Our Lady

A question was asked through the Suggestion Box in the Main Porch as to why the Icon of Our Lady was moved to the Pastoral Centre. Six years ago when the Pastoral Centre was being planned the writer of the Icon offered to create this Icon as a prayer for the successful completion and good use of the Pastoral Centre. At an Evening Prayer in March 2012 the Icon was placed in the Church until it could take its intended place at the entrance to the Pastoral Centre.

Geraldine who wrote the Icon of 'Mary, Mother of God' wrote to us saying "As you know, it has been a prayer to Our Lady Mother of God since we met before Christmas and I feel that it is a sacred thing I am giving to your Parish, with the prayer that Our Lady blesses you with success in receiving the funds you need. I know that anytime I had the original Icon, and now your one, in my home, I have been mightily blessed on a personal basis. So I am hoping that by you accepting this offering from me, that the blessings will continue to expand outwardly."

Our Pastoral Centre throughout its development has had a strong presence of prayer both with Icon and the placing of medals at the threshold in the foundation. Through the intercession of Our Lady, Mother of God, I hope that the Pastoral Centre will strengthen the bonds faith and friendship in our Parish.



FAMILY OFFERING BOXES ARE READY FOR DELIVERY/ COLLECTION. IF YOU CAN HELP WITH DELIVERING THE BOXES, OR IF YOU CAN CALL TO THE CHURCH AND COLLECT YOUR BOX WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL...

## SADIRSE AA GROUP Alcohol Problem? You're not alone

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Brackenstown Road  
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## Ministers of Holy Communion

We are looking for people to share with us in this very important ministry. We hope to take on 12 new Ministers and to prepare them during Lent to be commissioned at the Mass on Holy Thursday where we will be inviting all Ministers of the Eucharist to renew their Ministry. If you would like to be a Minister of the Eucharist please call into the Sacristy, Parish Office or go to the Parish Website to get a form. Please return the forms by 1<sup>st</sup> March to the Sacristy or Parish Office.



# PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
<b>MARCH 2017</b>	
9th MAR	The Our Father - Parish Centre @ 7:30pm
13 - 15 MAR	St. Cronan's JNS First Confessions @ 7pm
21st MAR	GSBB First Confessions @ 7pm
22nd MAR	ETNS First Confessions @ 7pm
23rd MAR	The Creed - Parish Centre @ 7:30pm
26 - 31 MAR	Week of Guided Prayer
THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE	

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**When?**  
**FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 6 - 9:30PM**

Archdiocese of Dublin

To Book: Email [faithfest@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:faithfest@dublindiocese.ie)

## PRAYER MEETING

Spend One Hour... **Tuesday next, 7th March 8pm - 9pm** in Sisters' Oratory, **29 Brackenstown Village**. This Prayer Meeting honours Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary. Everybody most welcome.

## CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

Catholic Newspapers and magazines, as well as a selection of booklets available from bookrack on back wall of Church.

## THE ROSARY

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

## EUCHARISTIC 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 of during Lent from 4pm–5pm with the exception of Sunday 12th March. Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

## CAN YOU HELP?

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....e.g. **Knocksedan, Glasmore Park, 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.

## FAMILY OFFERING

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

**January Standing Order € 4,158**

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## BINGO

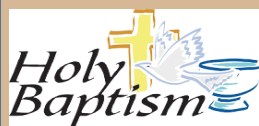
**Every Sunday in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm**  
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**22nd - 27th September 2017**

Further details: **Susan Keane 8407100 or 085 8471539**



## Next dates for Baptisms:

**22nd April 12:30 pm and 23rd April 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.

The next  
**Parent Meeting is**  
**Thursday 6th April**  
**at 8:00pm in St. Cronan's**  
**Parish Centre**

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Mass Times:

### Weekday Mass:

### Holyday Mass:

### Confession:

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,  
Fr. Joseph Njanackal, C.S.T., C.C.  
Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker  
Louise Donnelly, Secretary

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  
01 8401661 – 087 7404729 – pauljthornton@gmail.com  
01 8408926 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com  
089 4614226 – peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie  
01 8401188 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com  
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