



CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN BRACKENSTOWN PARISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

17th July 2016
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

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MARTHA, BURDENED WITH
MUCH SERVING, CAME TO HIM
AND SAID, "LORD, DO YOU NOT
CARE THAT MY SISTER HAS
LEFT ME BY MYSELF TO DO
THE SERVING? TELL HER
TO HELP ME." - LK 10:40

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm Leo Bracken (A)
9:00am Altar List of the Dead
11:00pm Frances Boshell (1st A)
12:30pm Joseph Walker Brown (27th A)
5:30pm Mary Tormey (A)

PRAY FOR

Geraldine McNamara (2nd A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Matthew Weldon Snr. (A)
Tues: Jimmy Cooke (A & B'day Rem)
Wed: The Holy Souls
Pray for: Kathleen Ward (B'day Rem)
Thurs: Special Intention
Fri: Sinead Fox (A)
Pray for: Tony & Betty Whelan (A)
Sat: Pauline Hughes (MM)

Please take this Newsletter home with you



On the 8th December 2015, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome to begin the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. His vision of this year was to reconnect the Church with the God of compassion and mercy, the God who goes to great lengths to hold out the hand of forgiveness and reconciliation to us. Having experienced this God in this way, we are then asked to put this experience of love into action in our daily lives. Pope Francis placed great emphasis on the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

In the sign of opening the Holy Door in Rome, Pope Francis wanted the doors of every Church to be open and welcoming to all people, especially those for whom the Church has gone out of their lives. He called every community to look outside itself and see who are the marginalised, who are the estranged, who are the forgotten by society, it is to these that the hand of friendship and the experience of a loving God is to be extended.

The call to people of violence to turn their lives around, to see that their actions do not achieve their ends and instead end up in a cycle of hatred and vengeance, to which they also lose their lives. The way of love is the better way.

So has this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy had any impact? One of the dangers of themed years or special years is that they start with great ceremony and ideas, then as the months go the theme loses our interest and though the banners are still up the idea for the year gets lost. The difference with this Year of Mercy is that what Pope Francis is setting out to do is too important to let it just fizzle out. He is trying to change a culture where the Church had become isolated from people's lives and almost irrelevant to the young. It had become caught up in scandal, harshness in its treatment of people and excluded so many that as a place to meet God its doors were closed.

We have experienced this in a very real way in Ireland and see the real need for renewal of our core message that 'God is Love'. This Jubilee of Mercy has so much potential to focus us on who we are as a community of believers in a society that is changing at a very fast pace. At the beginning of the year Pope Francis invited us to think again of our relationship with Jesus, who is the face of the Father's mercy. To take the parables, Psalms and other passages of mercy from the scriptures is a good starting point in our individual relationship with God. It is also important that as a people of faith we begin to see how these passages of mercy define us and how we live it together.

Don't let the Jubilee of Mercy pass. Be open to its message.

Prayer Tree

In the Sacred Space we have a 'Prayer Tree' where you can write your prayer on a post-it and stick it to the tree. Each person who prays there is asked to remember all the prayers on the Tree as they add their Prayer.



There has been a long tradition of tying rags to trees in holy places as a prayer. This is a similar idea.

Praying for each other helps us all to carry our burdens and celebrate our blessings.



The closing date for Pathways is approaching. This two year faith development programme is a very enriching experience for all who participate in it. The programme is over two years on Thursday nights in Clonliffe College, Drumcondra. The cost is €400.00 (the Parish covers half the cost).

If you want more information or to enrol on the programme please contact Sr. Eileen Houlihan:

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WRITE: Eileen Houlihan, CHF, PhD, Director, Pathways Programme, Clonliffe College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3

PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
JULY		
17th	Donabate Cemetery Mass	3:30pm
25th — 31st	World Youth Day Krakow	
THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE		

ST. COLMCILLE'S PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

St. Colmcille's Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 13th August. Coach departs at 8:00am from The Star. Stopover for breakfast/snack en-route. Evening meal/carvery available on return at Percy French Hotel, Strokestown. Cost (coach only) €15. Please contact Mary 087 2711376 or Ita 01 8402268.

Mass Leaflets Available

If you want the Mass Leaflets to take with you on holiday please call into the Sacristy as we have the leaflets to the end of September available.



SHARING THE MESSAGE

Since we changed over to the new 'Newsletter' we have received a lot of very positive comments. One of the key elements to our new approach is to have the newsletter handed to people as they leave the Church. There are two reasons why we do this: 1: To ensure that everyone gets one and 2: so that others in your home might read it and keep in touch with the Parish.

If you have neighbours who are sick and unable to come to the Church or are visiting someone in Hospital or a Nursing Home, please take an extra copy with you.



Thank you to all who help handing them out. We are always looking for volunteers so please don't be shy if you would like to help.

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SWORDS 8:00 AM MASS SUSPENDED

The 8:00am Weekday Mass in Swords Parish will be suspended from Monday 18th July until Tuesday 2nd August, due to holidays.

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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 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.

ROSARY STATUE

Praying for a special intention? If you would like to pray the rosary and **have the rosary statue in your home for a week**, or to get more information, **please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Sunday morning Masses.**

FAMILY OFFERING

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

May Standing Order €3,505
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CHY3 TAX REFUNDS FOR OUR CHURCH

We would like to thank all those who have returned their CHY tax refund forms for 2015. We will be making the 2015 tax refund claim shortly, It is not too late to return your form if you have yet to do so. The CHY tax refunds received play a vital part in the upkeep of our Church. Sincere thanks to all who support the Parish financially. It is very much appreciated.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Each year many sick pilgrims travel to Our Lady's Shrine at Lourdes as part of this Pilgrimage. The Annual Collection and enrolment of Associate Members of the Pilgrimage will take place **this weekend**. The names of those who enrol are placed at the Grotto in Lourdes during the Pilgrimage. We ask you to be as generous as possible.

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

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