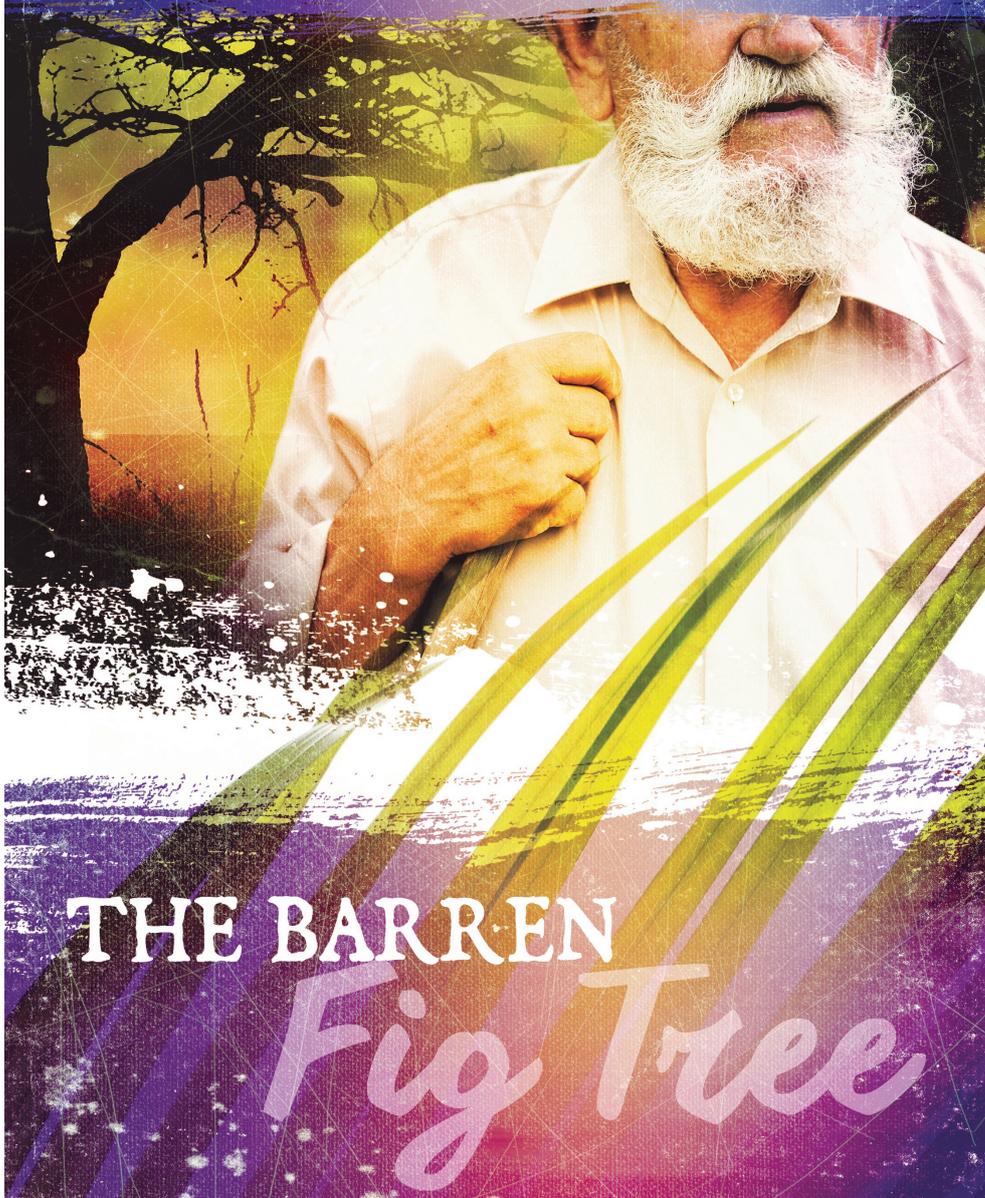




CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN BRACKENSTOWN PARISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

28th February 2016 — Year C

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



THE BARREN *Fig Tree*

MASS INTENTIONS

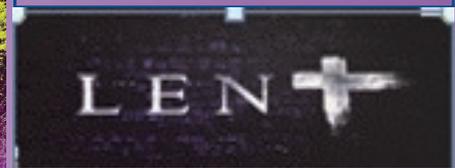
- 6:30pm** Betty Carolan (1st A)
- 9:00am** Altar List of the Dead
- 11:00am** Special Intention
- 12:30pm** Eileen McGuirk (A)
- 5:30pm** Marie & Michael Reynolds (A) & Dcsd Family Members

PRAY FOR

- Annette Bedford (A)
- Rachel Palmer (B'day Rem)
- Emilio Selvi (2nd A)
- Niall Brophy (A)
- Michael & Bridget Kelly (A)
- Padraic Keane (MM)
- John McGuirk (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK AT 10AM

- Mon:** Seamus & Maura Fitzgerald (A)
- Tues:** Lena & Frank Walsh (A)
- Wed:** Brendan O'Reilly (B'day Rem)
- Thurs:** John & Hannah Conroy (A) & Dcsd Family Members
- Fri:** Ann Farren (A)
- Sat:** Special Intention



"Sir, leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

How do we experience the God of second, third or even more chances

24 HOURS for the LORD

4th/5th
March 2016
See Inside for
Details of Events

Young Adult Faith Space
Saturday 5th March
3:00—5:00pm
Pastoral Centre Garden
Meditation and Mindfulness
For 16—25 's
followed by Bar—b— que in
Pastoral Centre Garden



Please take this Newsletter home with you

PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
FEBRUARY		
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 B.B.	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
24 th	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper	7:30pm
25 th Good Friday	Morning Prayer Stations for Children Veneration of the Cross The Way of the Cross	10:00am 12:00noon 3:00pm 7:30pm
26 th Holy Saturday	Morning Prayer Blessing of Baskets Easter Vigil	10:00am 3:00pm 7:30pm
27 th	Easter Sunday	
APRIL		
9 th	Do This In Memory Mass	6:30pm
10 th	Do This In Memory Mass	12:30pm
15 th	Evening of Healing Led by Eddie Stones	7:00pm

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE



164 Brackenstown Scouts in conjunction with Bag2School are running a clothing collection to raise much needed funds to help towards the cost of upgrading their climbing wall, training and purchasing equipment/harnesses. It would be great if as many people as possible could please donate a bin bag (or more) of unwanted clothes, shoes, hats, bags, belts and soft toys and in return Bag2School will weigh the bags and give Brackenstown Scouts 45c per kg/€450 per tonne.

CanTeen Ireland (support group for teenagers affected by cancer) will also receive an additional 10% on the amount we raise from Bag2School. This is a great way to have a clear out and raise much needed funds for your local scout group. Thank you from everyone at 164 Brackenstown Scouts.

Lenten Sacred Space

The green shoots in the desert are quotes from scripture which we invite you to choose one and reflect on it during the week. In the Year of Mercy Pope Francis asks us to spend time with God's word.



SOME SIMPLE STEPS

There are many ways you can build up the Christian Community here in the parish—you probably have your own ideas. Other simple ideas include spreading the Good News by delivering the free Catholic paper "Alive!", you could have the Rosary Statue in your home for a week and pray the rosary; perhaps you could read something which would build up your Faith, etc, etc. For more information speak to a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Sunday morning Masses or leave your contact details with Louise in Parish Office.



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 €898.40
Annals/Half Yearly €0.00

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUNDRAISING

The following are weekly totals:

Buy-A-Brick Appeal € 20,758
Pastoral Centre Donations; €26,598
Parish Centre Appeal Total €47,184.28

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

PRAYER MEETING

Prayer Meeting on **Tuesday next, 1st March** from 8pm—9pm in Sister's House, 29 Brackenstown Village (opposite school). This Prayer Group promotes devotion to Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary. Everybody most welcome.

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.



EMMANUEL 2016

Book now for the Emmanuel Concerts – 29 February /1,2 and 3 March at the Helix (Tel 017007000 or www.thehelix.ie)
 62 schools – and 2,400 students over four nights singing liturgical music. Support your local school - see our website for details: www.litmus.dublindiocese.ie.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Drivers needed

Do you have an hour to spare each week. We are looking for drivers to deliver meals to people in the Swords area around mid-day. The role is purely voluntary, unpaid. Please contact Paul Mc Cormack on Ph: 0857232825

THE CELTIC TENORS

Balbriggan Parish are delighted to host "the Celtic Tenors" on: **Thursday, April 7th @ 8pm**
Ss Peter and Paul's Church

The Celtic Tenors Concert is being hosted to raise funds for the Balbriggan Parish Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Krakow next July. Tickets are €25 and available from the Parish Office @ 8412116 and after all weekend Masses.

Lenten Tenebrae Candles

Tenebrae is the Latin for shadows or darkness. As we go through lent the light grows less as each candle is extinguished. We look forward to the light of the Risen Christ



Some moments from the Parish Retreat
 With thanks to the Retreat Team. Bros. Philip, Sean, Richard, Bryan Martin and Anthony & Sr. Eileen
 More pictures are available on the parish Facebook



page

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

5/6 March

St. Vincent de Paul
 Monthly Collection

24 HOURS for the LORD

Our Timetable in Brackenstown
Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

7:30pm Fri. 4th to

7:30pm Sat 5th

During that Time

Holy Hour

Reflecting on God's Mercy

Friday 7:30-8:30pm

Confessions

8:30pm- 9:30pm

Night Prayer

9:30pm

Vigil Through the Night

10:00pm-8:00am

Morning Prayer 8:00am

Confession

8:30-9:00am

Mass 10:00am

Confession

10:30-11:30am

Chaplet of Mercy

3:00pm

Evening Prayer 5:30pm

Confession

5:45-6:15pm

Mass at 6:30pm

An Invitation from Pope Francis In The Jubilee of Mercy



The initiative of "24 Hours for the Lord," to be celebrated on the Friday and Saturday preceding the Fourth Week of Lent, should be implemented in every diocese. So many people, including young people, are returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation; through this experience they are rediscovering a path back to the Lord, living a moment of intense prayer and finding meaning in their lives. Let

us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace.

I will never tire of insisting that confessors be authentic signs of the Father's mercy. We do not become good confessors automatically. We become good confessors when, above all, we allow ourselves to be penitents in search of his mercy. Let us never forget that to be confessors means to participate in the very mission of Jesus to be a concrete sign of the constancy of divine love that pardons and saves. We priests have received the gift of the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins, and we are responsible for this. None of us wields power over this Sacrament; rather, we are faithful servants of God's mercy through it. Every confessor must accept the faithful as the father in the parable of the prodigal son: a father who runs out to meet his son despite the fact that he has squandered away his inheritance. Confessors are called to embrace the repentant son who comes back home and to express the joy of having him back again. Let us never tire of also going out to the other son who stands outside, incapable of rejoicing, in order to explain to him that his judgement is severe and unjust and meaningless in light of the father's boundless mercy. May confessors not ask useless questions, but like the father in the parable, interrupt the speech prepared ahead of time by the prodigal son, so that confessors will learn to accept the plea for help and mercy pouring from the heart of every penitent. In short, confessors are called to be a sign of the primacy of mercy always, everywhere, and in every situation, no matter what.

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

After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday

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