

# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

## Parish Newsletter

9th July 2017 ✠ 14th Sunday ✠ Year A



Dear Friends,

On July 19<sup>th</sup> 2012 you all extended a very warm welcome to me and your kindness and friendship will remain with me for many years to come. By the Grace of God, Our Blessed Mother and the Little Flower bestowed on me the opportunity of spending these precious five years here in Ireland.



In addition, I would like to convey a sincere thanks to Archbishop Diarmuid Martin who gave me my appointment here, also Bishop Raymond Field our area Bishop. To Fr Paul I also extend huge gratitude to you for your kindness and friendship.



To the following groups and people I extend a very warm thanks and deep appreciation for always being there for me, and they are as follows:

Parish Pastoral Council Members, Peter Siney (*Parish Pastoral Worker*), Maureen and Georgina (*Ex Parish Pastoral Workers*), Fr Seamus Mc Entee, Fr. Martin Bennett OFM, our Parish Sisters Eileen and Julie, Joanne Kelleghan (*My Irish Mother and Friend*), Paddy O'Byrne (*Finance Committee*), Louise Donnelly (*Parish Secretary*), Tony Hennessy (*Parish Office*), Maura Worthington (*Church Flowers*), Sacristans, Ministers of the Eucharist and Word, Choirs (*Adult & Junior*), Altar Servers, Baptism Team, Legion of Mary (*Snr & Jnr*), Patricians Group, Ann Cantwell (*Ex Lourdes Group Leader*), our very welcoming Hospitality Groups, Christy Hall (*Caretaker*), the Cluster group of parishes (*Swords, Rivervalley and Brackenstown*), Alliance of the Two Hearts Rush Prayer Group, my own Indian Community here in Swords, the Administration Staff and Patients at the Tara Winthrop Nursing Home, to the housebound and sick here in St. Cronan's, may I extend my sincere prayers to you all.



I will now conclude with the following quotation:

*Like branches on a tree, we grow  
In different directions,  
Yet our roots remain as one.  
Each of our lives will always be  
A special part of the other.*

Wishing you all many, many Blessings,

*Fr Joseph Njanackal CST*



## Please take this Newsletter home





## Thank You for your Service

As the school year came to an end on Friday, we said goodbye to two members of Staff in the Junior School. Mary O'Shaughnessy and Maura McKenna have been part and parcel of the school for many years. Each of them has brought so much to their teaching and to building up the positive environment that makes St. Cronan's the great school that it is.

So many pupils have benefitted from Maura's development of P.E. in the school and in particular the variety of fun events that are a part of Active Schools Week. It is always great fun walking through the school hearing the music over the intercom and teachers and pupils have a lively start to the day.

The ongoing development of the ASD Unit and responding to the needs of the children in a caring, sensitive and nurturing way is something that Mary has worked on. Her own personal interest in children with Autism and Aspergers has led her down a path of further study which has benefited all in the unit and in the whole school community. Through the years her great musical talents have enhanced the celebration of First Holy Communion.

To both of them we wish them every blessing in this new chapter of their lives.



## 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.**

## Weekday Hospitality in the Pastoral Centre



On Thursday, the weekday hospitality team hung up their tea towels for the summer. I would like to thank them for the great atmosphere they create and for the welcome they give to everyone who comes in. Through the year we have celebrated big birthdays, wedding and ordination anniversaries, Thursdays for Trócaire, a meeting place after funerals and of course the lads from Colaiste Choilm.

So to Ann, Anne and Ann, Beth, Breege, Jacinta and Margaret have a great summer break and we look forward to you beginning again in September.

Each morning we have cake, apple tart and other goodies. These are supplied and sponsored by a parishioner. We would like to thank them for their generosity and to our baker for the variety of delights he provides.



We wish Nellie Dockrell a very happy and blessed birthday when she recently turned 94!!

## MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm:** Leo Bracken (A)  
**9:00am:** Altar List of the Dead  
**11:00am:** Matt Weldon (A)  
**12:30pm:** Renee Curran (2nd A)  
**5:30pm:** Carmel, Patrick & Albert  
Bissett (A)

## PRAY FOR

Joseph Walker Brown  
(28th A)  
Margaret Minto (10th A)  
Ger Monaghan (A)

## MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Charlie Greene (A)  
**Tues:** Fr. John O'Connell (A)  
**Wed:** Special Intention  
**Thurs:** Martina Harley (A)  
**Fri:** Morning Prayer  
**Sat:**

# CEMETERY MASSES / PRAYERS in JULY & AUGUST

Sunday 9th July	3:30pm	Rolestown	Mass
Sunday 16th July	3:30pm	Donabate	Mass
Sunday 23rd July	4:00pm	Balbriggan	Mass
Sunday 6th August	4:00pm	Grallagh	Prayers
Tuesday 15th August	8:00pm	Garristown	Prayers
Tuesday 15th August	7:00pm	Ballyboughal	Prayers



## WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We need a diverse mix of people with various skills and experiences to ensure the success of this event. Whatever your reasons or your focus, we know your skills and experience can help us and we would welcome your support in helping us create a successful, historic and joyous event.

To get involved you will need to meet the criteria and complete an online application form at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer).



## School Uniform Appeal

The St Vincent De Paul shop in Swords would greatly appreciate new/used wearable school uniforms (skirts, shirts, tracksuits, jumpers, trousers, shoes, bags etc.) from both Primary and Secondary schoolchildren. Please donate items to our shop, 1 Castle Shopping Centre, Swords (Tel: 01 8400752) All donations greatly received and turned into much needed funds. Shop open Monday to Saturday 10am-5.30pm. Free car park available. Sales in July.



## DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Each year sick pilgrims travel with the Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Lourdes. Many of these people could not do so except for the generosity of the parish communities. If you would like to contribute to the Sick Pilgrims' Section of the Pilgrimage you can do so on week-end of **15th/16th July**. You will be prayed for during the pilgrimage.

### PRAYER MEETING:

Spend One Hour... Tuesday next, 11th July, 8:00-9:00pm. Sister's Oratory, 29 Brackenstown Village. This Prayer Meeting honours Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary. Everybody most welcome.

### FAITH 'N' FUN

This year the "Faith 'n' Fun" project for children will be held on Thursdays 27th July and 3rd & 10th August from 2.00pm-3.30pm. Look out for more details on noticeboards.

### 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.



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### FAMILY OFFERING

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

**May Standing Order €3,865**  
**Outdoor Collection €0**  
**Annals/Half Yearly €0**



### BINGO

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

## Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for this Sunday and next Sunday:

**14th Sunday Ordinary Time:** First Reading Zechariah (Zec) 9:9-10; 2nd Reading Romans (Rm) 8:9, 11-13; Gospel Matthew (Mt) 11:25-30

**15th Sunday Ordinary Time:** First Reading Isaiah (Is) 55:10-11; 2nd Reading Letter to Romans (Rm) 8:18-23; Gospel Matthew (Mt) 13:1-23



The next Parent Meeting is **Thursday 3rd August**



### Next dates for Baptisms:

**Saturday 5th July 12:30 pm**  
**Sunday 6th July 1:45pm**  
**Sunday 27th July 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.

## SAOIRSE AA GROUP

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## 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  
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 01 8408926 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com  
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 01 8401188 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com  
 Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm



## CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

**8/9 July**  
**VDP Monthly Collection**

**15/16 July**  
**Lourdes Pilgrimage**



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