



CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN BRACKENSTOWN PARISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

31st July 2016

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C



Thursday 4th August is the
Feast Day of St. John Vianney

**Please take home
this Newsletter**



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THEN HE SAID TO THE CROWD, "TAKE CARE TO GUARD
AGAINST ALL GREED, FOR THOUGH ONE MAY BE RICH, ONE'S
LIFE DOES NOT CONSIST OF POSSESSIONS." - LK 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm	Elizabeth & Edward Farrell (A)
9:00am	Altar List of the Dead
11:00pm	Kathleen, Michael & Johnny O'Sullivan (A)
12:30pm	Eugene, Anne, Michael & Eugene jnr. Fitzsimons (A)
5:30pm	Richard & Seamus Colgan (A)

PRAY FOR

Diana Ukutu (A)
Evelyn O'Reilly (A)
Trevor Reid (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon:	Special Intention (A)
Tues:	Patrick & Agnes Kealy; John & Johanna Keaney & Dcsd Family Members (A)
Wed:	Special Intention
Thurs:	Joan Harvey (A)
Fri:	Adoracion Z. Mande (RD)
Sat:	Diana Ukutu (1st A)

Saints Joachim and Anne Prayer for Grandparents



Dear Lord Jesus,
your mother who raised you
needed first to be raised in a family and
grow to adulthood.
Your grandparents, Ann and Joachim,
formed Mary to love her
heavenly Father,
first and greatest above all things.
Grant that all grandparents
will never forget the special role they
have in the lives of their children,
and their children's children.
Grant that all grandchildren
will always give the love and respect
due to their elders. Amen.

Thank you to Mary & Margaret who prepared
refreshments after Mass on Tuesday—Grandparents Day!

PRAYING THE OUR FATHER

We can find the model prayer of Jesus to be a life-changing experience. As we truly pray this prayer with understanding, we will find that it changes our lives. The Lord's Prayer is a flexible model, not a rigid formula. Yet it is appropriate to pray these words because in them we unfold the entire message of the bible and a summary of our relationship to God.

Praying this prayer places some demands on ourselves. It is a risky prayer. We cannot say "our" if we are living only for ourselves. We cannot say "Father" if we don't try to act like His child. We cannot say "in Heaven" if we are not laying up treasure there. We cannot say "holy be your Name" if we are not striving for holiness. We cannot say "Your Kingdom come" if we are not doing our part to hasten that day. We cannot say "Your will be done" if we are disobedient to His word. We cannot say "on earth as it is in Heaven" if we are unwilling to serve Him here and now. We cannot say "give us this day our daily bread" if we are not relying on Him to provide. We cannot say "forgive us our sins" if we harbour a grudge against someone. We cannot say "lead us not into temptation" if we deliberately place ourselves in its path. We cannot say "deliver us from evil" if we haven't put on the whole armour of God. We cannot say "Yours is the Kingdom" if we are not loyal to the King as his faithful subject. We cannot attribute to Him "the power" if we fear what people may do. We cannot ascribe to him "the glory" if we are seeking honour only for ourselves. We cannot say "forever" if our life is bounded completely by the things of time.

Prayer is not a special gift for a select few. True prayer will not be achieved by human effort; it is a gift of God. Prayer is grace. If we are followers of Christ and we want to learn to pray, Jesus stands ready to teach us.

Let's conclude with St. John Marie Vianney's advice to a couple who asked him how to pray: "Spend three minutes praising and thanking God for all you have. Spend three minutes asking God's pardon for your sins and presenting your needs before Him. Spend three minutes reading the Bible and listening to God in silence. And do this every day.

Fr. Joseph

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CROSSCARE Community & Homeless Services would like to thank the parishioners of St. Cronan's Church, Brackenstown for their most generous contribution of €3,606.20 for 2015. It is with your help and support that we continue to reach out to the needy in the diocese.



World Youth Day
26th—31st July 2016
Krakow
Poland

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The 31st World Youth Day is fast approaching. I look forward to meeting the young people from throughout the world gathered in Kraków and having the opportunity to meet the beloved Polish nation. My entire visit will be inspired by Mercy during this Jubilee Year, and by the grateful and blessed memory of Saint John Paul II, who instituted the World Youth Days and was the guide of the Polish people in its recent historic journey towards freedom.

Dear young people of Poland, I know that for some time now you have been preparing, especially with your prayers, for this great encounter in Kraków. I thank you heartily for everything that you have done, and for the love with which you have done it. Even now I embrace you and I bless you.

Dear young people from throughout Europe, Africa, America, Asia and Oceania! I also bless your countries, your hopes and your journey to Kraków, praying that it will be a pilgrimage of faith and fraternity. May the Lord Jesus grant you the grace to experience personally his words: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy" (Mt 5:7).

I am very anxious to meet you and to offer the world a new sign of harmony, a mosaic of different faces, from many races, languages, peoples and cultures, but all united in the name of Jesus, who is the Face of Mercy.

I now turn to you, dear sons and daughters of the Polish nation! For me, it is a great gift of the Lord to visit you. You are a nation that throughout its history has experienced so many trials, some particularly difficult, and has persevered through the power of faith, upheld by the maternal hands of the Virgin Mary. I am certain that my pilgrimage to the shrine of Czestochowa will immerse me in this proven faith and do me so much good. I thank you for your prayers in preparation for my visit. I thank the bishops and priests, the men and women religious, and the lay faithful, especially families, to whom I will symbolically bring the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. The moral and spiritual "health" of a nation is seen in its families. That is why Saint John Paul II showed such great concern for engaged couples, young married couples and families. Continue along this road!

Dear brothers and sisters, I send you this message as a pledge of my affection. Let us keep close to one another in prayer. I look forward to seeing you in Poland!



PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
JULY		
25th —31st	World Youth Day Krakow	
AUGUST		
15th	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	No Vigil Mass 10am & 7:30pm
SEPTEMBER		
7th —12th	Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes	
18th	CROSSCARE Community & Homeless Services Collection	
23rd—24th	40 Hours Adoration	
26th—30th	Parish Pilgrimage to Rome	
THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE		

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Sincere thanks for your very generous support. €1,652.00 has been collected and will be used towards the expenses of the Sick Pilgrims Section of the Pilgrimage. If you would still like to contribute, please do so at Legion of Mary table in main porch after Mass.

"POST A PLAQUE"

"Post a Plaque" - small wood plaques with greetings/verses available main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.

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.

June Standing Order €3,356
Outdoor Collection €791.03
Annals/Half Yearly €100.00

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.

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.

LADIES MINI MARATHON FOR ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE

Well done to Rita Long who again finished the Ladies Mini Marathon in aid of St. Francis Hopsice, Raheny. She raised €250.00. Thanks to all who sponsored her.

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Thursday 4th, 11th, & 18th
August 2016
2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

St. Cronan's Parish Pastoral Centre
Brackenstown Road., Swords.

Organised by Legion of Mary.
 Registration forms available
 St. Cronan's Church main porch,
 Sunday, 31st July, 2016
 Parish Office 'phone no. 8401188



Nellie Dockrell would like to thank her "parish family" who helped her to celebrate her recent big birthday after Mass in St. Cronan's Parish Pastoral Centre.

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