

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter



12<sup>th</sup> April 2015

### MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm** Bridie Rooney (A)

**9.00am** Altar List of the Dead and Intention of all Parishioners

**11.00am** Dcsd members of Carroll & McCarthy families

**12.30pm** John Behan & Christina Hoey(A)

**5.30pm** Gerard Kenny (13<sup>th</sup> A)

### PRAY FOR

John McGrath (2<sup>nd</sup> A)

### MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

**Mon:** Special Intention

**Tues:** Christina Hoey (A)

**Wed:** Dcsd members of Lawless & Mulvany families

**Thurs:** Patrick Oma (A)

**Fri:** Maryellen & Jack Delamere (A)

**Pray for:** Alan Kavanagh (3<sup>rd</sup> A)

**Sat:** Betty (Elizabeth) Carolan (MM)

**Pray for:** Rosaleen Devery (1<sup>st</sup> A)

### 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 the month from 4 - 5 pm.

### POLISH MASS

**Msze Swieta w Jeryku Polskim** dzisiaj, Niedziele 12 Kiecien o godz 18:45 - (Spowiedz 18:15 – 18:40).

### PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUND

The total raised for the Parish Pastoral Centre Fund Raising Appeal is to date €12,945.00. Many thanks to all who have kindly contributed.

### FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund. The February standing order figure is €3,050.00. The Weekly Outdoor collection for last week amounted to €686.52 and annuals/half yearly contributions totaling €1,200.00. The Family Offering Envelope/Standing Order Collection is the ONLY one which supports the daily running costs of the Parish and the upkeep of the Church. Thank you for your commitment to this collection.

### BAPTISMS

Congratulations to the following babies who were Baptised on Easter Sunday:

Alannah Jade Foran

Rían John Gallagher

Aaron Keith Kavanagh

Leona Pauline Kavanagh

**The next dates for Baptisms are in May. Please check our website for details.**

If you would like to be a part of the Baptism Ministry here in St. Cronan's, please contact any of the Priests in the Parish, a member of the Baptism Team or the Parish Office.

### CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

The following are Church Gate Collections for March/April:

11/12 April – CASA

18/19 April – Share Appeal

25/26 April – Dublin Seminarians

The total for St. Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection for February and March amounted to €1,162.44.

### EASTER DUES

Many thanks to all who helped deliver the Easter Dues envelopes.

We thank those who have returned their offerings and we are very grateful for your commitment and support.

Envelopes can be put in the pouches at Mass, the white letter boxes at the doors of the Church or handed into the office.

### VOCATIONS INFORMATION EVENING

Soul Food: Vocations information evening for men interested in a religious vocation. 6.30pm, Monday, 13th April at Presentation Brothers, Glashule, Dun Laoghaire.

Full details on:

[www.PresentationBrothers.org](http://www.PresentationBrothers.org)

Call Anthony at 01-2300824.

### ST. FINIAN'S, RIVERVALLEY

An evening of prayer and healing including Mass will be held in St. Finians Church, Rivervalley on Friday 17th April at 7p.m Led by Eddie Stones. All are welcome.

### SWORDS PARISH GROUPING

**Swords Parish Grouping Holiday 2015**

**Monday 29 June – Saturday 4 July**

**Splendours of Poland  
based in Krakow**

Cost: €725.00 per person sharing

Booking and further details at

Parish Office Tel: (01) 8407277

This holiday is organised by: MAP Travel

### ENCHIRIADIS TREIS

Malahide based choir, Enchiriadis Treis, with St Georges's Singers, Belfast, are delighted to return to St Anne's Church, Portmarnock on Sat, May 23rd at 8PM to perform Beethoven's Mass in C Major. The choirs will also perform the Benedictus from Karl Jenkin's - The Armed Man. Price of tickets €15. For bookings contact: Phone: 085 8498442 Email: [Ench3chair@gmail.com](mailto:Ench3chair@gmail.com) [www.enchiriadisbeethoven.eventbrite.com](http://www.enchiriadisbeethoven.eventbrite.com) (credit card)

### ST. CRONAN'S RESIDENTS ASSOC.

The following are the results of the St. Cronan's Residents Association Easter Draw:

Harold Donnelly – €100

Janice King – €50

Jackie Grey – €30

Clare Barrett – Easter Egg

Kay McAllorum – Box Chocolates

### NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE STUDY

Why not join us here in St Cronan's for a seven week Scripture study of St. Luke's Gospel & the Acts of the Apostles? These two Biblical books, written by Luke, cover the period from the birth of Christ up to the first imprisonment of St Paul in Rome in c. 63 AD. The reading plan will run from Tuesday 14/04/15 and end on 02/06/15. There will be weekly meetings, mostly on Mondays, at 7.30-8.30 pm to review and discuss the previous week's reading. You will be provided with a reading guide for the following week. To register your interest please email phone 8401188 or email [brackenstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com). All welcome.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion medals, beads, prayer books, cards etc. available main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

### PRAYER MEETING

**Prayer Meeting on Tuesday next, 14<sup>th</sup> April**, from 8pm to 9pm in Sisters' 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.

### DIVINE MERCY

Divine Mercy replacement candles for devotional sets available main porch today.

### SAOIRSE AA GROUP

Alcohol problem? You are not alone. AA Meeting every Wednesday at 8:00pm in BASE, Brackenstown Road, Swords. Ph: 087 6206788 anytime.

### **Divine Mercy Devotions**

Will take place in St. Cronan's Church today Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April commencing 2:45pm, consisting of Chaplet of Divine Mercy, readings from St. Faustina's Diary, Adoration and Benediction. The Sacrament of Confession will be available and the devotions will conclude with the 5:30pm Mass. All Welcome.

### **Easter Ceremonies**

Over Holy Week and the Easter Triduum we celebrated the high point of the Church's year. There is great meaning in each moment from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday and the way in which the ceremonies were prepared and celebrated was very beautiful and allowed us to enter into these moments which show God's love for us.

In the middle of Lent Dick and Tony prepared the Easter Cards and Parish Pastoral Centre leaflet for distribution around the Parish. Our team of ever-dedicated distributors ensured that everyone in the Parish received them.

As people entered the Church they remarked on the how beautifully the place was prepared. Maura's attention to detail with the flowers transformed the Church into a place of celebration. Pascal and Mary brought the Easter Garden to life and Colm with his family, Margaret and others made sure the place was clean.

Our team of volunteer Sacristans prepared the various elements for the ceremonies with great skill and attention to detail.

We are very fortunate to have many talented musicians and singers in the Senior Choir with Aileen and the Youth Choir with Sarah and Andrea. The two presentations of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday were very striking and moving. On the day we had two people taking on the part of Jesus, both from Glasmore! It was great to have so many children involved in acting out the Stations.

As always Celine had our Altar Servers well organised and they looked after each ceremony very well. Louise and Christy keep the place running and looking so well in their usual efficient way. Many people were asked to take on roles with the Family Mass Group, the Washing of Feet, the procession of Palms, welcoming people to the ceremonies and ensuring that everyone got their Easter Egg. Maria prepared the children who were Baptised at the Vigil, while the Baptism Team looked after those Baptised on Easter Sunday.

Liam and the other members of the Parish Pastoral Council took on many different responsibilities through the week.

To each person who helped, planned and supported the celebration of Holy Week and Easter, a sincere and heartfelt thank you.

### **CASA Breakhouses Churchgate Collection Today**

The Churchgate Collection outside this weekend, 11th and 12th April, is in aid of CASA Breakhouses. CASA is a local voluntary organization providing respite care to many adults and children with physical and intellectual disabilities in our Breakhouses in Malahide along with social activities throughout the year.

CASA also makes a pilgrimage to Lourdes each year with adults and children with a disability along with many sick and terminally ill people. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you.

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### **The Mercy of God our Father is there for us All**

Pope Francis gave this Homily during Lent as he invited the Church to understand more about God's love for us which is shown through forgiveness and compassion. He begins speaking about the experience of Confession which should be like the meeting between Jesus and the woman who anointed his feet in Simon's house.

#### *On Confession...*

The Apostle Paul reminds us, God never ceases to show the richness of His mercy throughout the ages. The transformation of the heart that leads us to confess our sins is "God's gift", it is "His work" (cf. Eph 2:8-10). To be touched with tenderness by His hand and shaped by His grace allows us, therefore, to approach the priest without fear for our sins, but with the certainty of being welcomed by him in the name of God, and understood notwithstanding our miseries. Coming out of the confessional, we will feel God's strength, which restores life and returns the enthusiasm of faith.

#### *The Woman who experiences the love of Jesus*

The Gospel of the woman in the house of Simon the Pharisee opens for us a path of hope and comfort. It is good that we should feel that same compassionate gaze of Jesus upon us, as when he perceived the sinful woman in the house of the Pharisee. In this passage two words return before us with great insistence: *love* and *judgment*.

There is the love of the sinful woman, who humbles herself before the Lord; but first there is the merciful love of Jesus for her, which pushes her to approach. Her cry of repentance and joy washes the feet of the Master, and her hair dries them with gratitude; her kisses are pure expression of her affection; and the fragrant ointment poured out with abundance attests how precious He is to her eyes. This woman's every gesture speaks of love and expresses her desire to have an unshakeable certainty in her life: that of being forgiven. And Jesus gives this assurance: welcoming her, He demonstrates God's love for her, just for her! Love and forgiveness are simultaneous: God forgives her much, everything, because "she loved much" (Luke 7:47); and she adores Jesus because she feels that in Him there is mercy and not condemnation. Thanks to Jesus, God casts her many sins away behind Him, He remembers them no more. For her, a new season now begins; she is reborn in love, to a new life.

This woman has really met the Lord. In silence, she opened her heart to Him; in pain, she showed repentance for her sins; with her tears, she appealed to the goodness of God for forgiveness. For her, there will be no judgment except that which comes from God, and this is the judgment of mercy. The protagonist of this meeting is certainly the love that goes beyond justice.

The call of Jesus pushes each of us never to stop at the surface of things, especially when we are dealing with a person. We are called to look beyond, to focus on the heart to see how much generosity everyone is capable. No one can be excluded from the mercy of God; everyone knows the way to access it and the Church is *the house that welcomes all and refuses no one*. Its doors remain wide open, so that those who are touched by grace can find the certainty of forgiveness. The greater the sin, so much the greater must be the love that the Church expresses toward those who convert.

#### *The Year of Mercy*

Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy. It is journey that begins with a spiritual conversion. For this reason, I have decided to call an *extraordinary Jubilee* that is to have the mercy of God at its center. It shall be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live this Year in the light of the Lord's words: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (cf. Lk 6:36)"

This Holy Year will begin on this coming Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will end on November 20, 2016, the Sunday dedicated to Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – and living face of the Father's mercy.

I am convinced that the whole Church will find in this Jubilee the joy needed to rediscover and make fruitful the mercy of God, with which all of us are called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time. From this moment, we entrust this Holy Year to the Mother of Mercy, that she might turn her gaze upon us and watch over our journey.