



# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN BRACKENSTOWN PARISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

21st August 2016  
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C



## MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm** Paddy, Kitty, Jack, Noel & Georgie Cowley (Rem)

**9:00am** Altar List of the Dead

**11:00pm** Catherine Bond (A)

**12:30pm** Mary Donnelly (Bday R)

**5:30pm** Mary & George Mulligan  
(1st A)

## PRAY FOR

Mary Cogley (3rd A)

## MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Thomas Reid (A)

**Tues:** Special Intention

**Wed:** James Boylan (1st A)

**Thurs:** Dcsd Members of  
Cooney Family

**Fri:** Patrick McMorrow (A)

**Pray for:** Thomas Reid (A)

**Sat:** Ann Browne (MM)

## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SOMEONE ASKED HIM, "LORD, WILL ONLY  
A FEW PEOPLE BE SAVED?" HE ANSWERED THEM,  
"STRIVE TO ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE."

- LK 13:23-24A

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### RESURFACING WORKS AT ENTRANCE TO CAR PARK

Will begin on Monday 22nd August and will probably go on until the middle of the week. We ask you to use the EXIT as the ENTRANCE. Please exercise extreme care both entering and leaving through that gate.

**Please take this Newsletter home**

Congratulations to those who have received their Leaving Cert Results last Wednesday. We hope that what you received helps you to achieve the next step in your life's journey.

## FOR THE TIME OF NECESSARY DECISION

The mind of time is hard to read  
We can never predict what it will bring,  
Nor even from all that is already gone  
Can we say what form it finally takes;  
For time gathers its moments secretly,  
Often we only know it's time to change  
When a force has built inside the heart  
That leaves us uneasy as we are.

Perhaps the work we do has lost its soul  
Or the love where we once belonged  
Calls nothing alive in us any more.

We drift through this grey, increasing nowhere  
Until we stand before a threshold we know  
We have to cross to come alive once more.

May we have the courage to take the step  
Into the unknown that beckons us;  
Trust that a richer life awaits us there,  
That we will lose nothing  
But what has already died;  
Feel the deeper knowing in us sure  
Of all that is about to be born beyond  
The pale frames where we stayed confined,  
Not realizing how such vacant endurance  
Was bleaching our soul's desire.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a form of Eucharistic cult which is particularly widespread in the Church and earnestly recommended to her Pastors and faithful. Its initial form derives from Holy Thursday and the altar of repose, following the celebration of the *Coena Domini* Mass. This adoration is a most apt way of expressing the connection between the celebration of the memorial of the Lord's Sacrifice and his continued presence in the Sacrament of the Altar. The reservation of the Sacred Species, so as to be able to administer Viaticum to the sick at any time, encouraged the practice among the faithful of recollection before the tabernacle and to worship Christ present in the Sacrament.

Indeed this worship of adoration has a sound and firm foundation, especially since faith in the Lord's real presence has as its natural consequence the outward and public manifestation of that belief. Therefore the devotion prompting the faithful to visit the Blessed Sacrament draws them into an ever-deeper share in the paschal mystery and leads them to respond gratefully to the gift of him who through his humanity constantly pours divine life into the members of his Body.

Abiding with Christ the Lord, they enjoy his intimate friendship and pour out their hearts before him for themselves and for those dear to them and they pray for the peace and salvation of the world. Offering their entire lives with Christ to the Father in the Holy Spirit, they derive from this sublime colloquy an increase of faith, hope and charity. Thus they foster those right dispositions that enable them with due devotion to celebrate the memorial of the Lord and receive frequently the bread given us by the Father.

*Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy.*

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**40 HOURS 23rd—24th September**

### **B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE**

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge – not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

**Next Coping Programme will commence on Wednesday 7th September 2016 for 7 Wednesday evenings, at 7.15pm in White Friars Community Centre, Aungier St., Dublin 2**

For further information phone 086 0877379  
or email [bedublin@gmail.com](mailto:bedublin@gmail.com) [www.beginningexperience.ie](http://www.beginningexperience.ie)



NFPTAI course in fertility awareness begins on 3rd September 2016, there are places left on the course we would like to offer places to any parishioners who may be interested at a discounted rate of €50. The course would suit young people, married couples, teachers and healthcare professionals. The course consists of 6 weekends of lectures followed by a period of practical instruction and research. Lectures will take place 1 weekend per month from September 2016 to February 2017 at St Cronan's Pastoral Centre, Brackenstown with the final exam in June 2017. The course is approved by the Irish College of General Practitioners, An Bord Altranais and the European Institute of Family and Life Education.

**For further details please contact: Jennie 0857130103**  
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# PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
7th —12th	Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes	
18th	CROSSCARE Community & Homeless Services Collection	
23rd—24th	40 Hours Adoration	
26th—30th	Parish Pilgrimage to Rome	

**SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS IN THIS YEAR OF MERCY**  
 Help needed to deliver the free Catholic Paper "Alive" in a number of areas of the parish. If you could give 20-30 minutes per month, you could do a lot to spread the Good News. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after week-end Masses or leave your name & phone no. with Louise in the 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 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.

**July Standing Order €4,034**  
**Outdoor Collection €677.00**  
**Annuals/Half Yearly €780.00**

## LIVE ROSARY FROM LOURDES GROTTO

EVERY SUNDAY AT 12:30PM  
 ON TV EWTN Channel

Also on internet <http://www.ewtn.com>



## Would you like to deepen and better understand your faith?

You are invited to join us for our autumn Scripture Study which will commence on Monday 29/08/16 with an introductory talk on the Bible. There are 73 Biblical Bibles, we will be reading 14 of these over the 14 weeks of the study. Classes will be on Mondays 7.30 to 9pm in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre, there is no charge. The course will run until the end of November. If you are interested in taking part please contact the Parish office; Tel. 01 8401188, email [brackenstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com).

## BRACKENSTOWN BIBLE STUDY

### Experiencing the Bible

Over the past few years I've attended Bible Readings/Classes with groups on Monday evenings in Brackenstown. These readings/classes were initiated and set up by Fr. Paul and Paddy O' Byrne who is our excellent presenter and tutor. For the second last class period our hand book was: My Daily Catholic Bible – 20- Minute Daily Readings, each reading had a part of the Old and New Testament so by the end of the book we had read/covered all the 73 books of the Bible.

All of us I think are familiar with the parts of the Bible on an ongoing basis from our school days as well as from the Mass readings but these can only cover a limited part of the Bible. But what a difference it makes reading the Bible in total and particularly reading through the Old Testament from the first five books of Moses, from Joshua to Esther, the Wisdom Books and right through all the prophets, these open up so many new horizons even at a first reading. But a further reading of the Old Testament gives one greater insights into its meaning and many messages, and particularly how it leads into the New Testament.

Understanding and interlinking the different books of the Old and New Testaments were greatly enhanced by the classes in the spring of this year; our hand book was: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. Each session started with an audio/visual presentation from a chapter in the book followed by very interesting and enlightening discussions among ourselves on the topics covered. This was all done in our new Pastoral Centre which is such an ideal location for these Bible Studies. There is another Bible Study class starting on 29/08/16 that I am certainly going to attend and strongly recommend it because I find it such an enriching experience each time learning more and more from these studies that give continuous greater insights into our faith and religion.

*Tom Murphy*



## 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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Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,  
 Fr. Joseph Njanackal, C.S.T., C.C.  
 Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker  
 Louise Donnelly, Secretary

## CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

**6/7 AUGUST**  
 St. Vincent de Paul  
 Monthly Collection

**13/14 AUGUST**  
 No Collection

**20/21 AUGUST**  
 No Collection



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