

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
YEAR A



19th October 2014

MASS INTENTIONS

- 6:30pm Liz Kelly (6th A)
- 9.00am Altar List of the Dead
- 11.00am Margie Mackey (A)
- 12.30pm Jimmy Devine (A)
- 5.30pm James (Jess) McKittrick (A)

PRAY FOR

- Mark & Elizabeth Farrell (A)
- Marie O'Connell (A)
- Walter O'Connell (A)
- James Normaly (A)
- Margaret Quinn (A)
- Susan Clifford (2nd A)
- Stephen Cleary (MM)

MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

- Mon:** Mark & Elizabeth Farrell, Marie & Walter O'Connell & James Normaly (A)
- Pray For:** Susan Clifford (2A)
- Tue:** Holy Souls (A)
- Wed:** Philip (A), Jim & Valerie O'Donoghue
- Pray For:** Fr. Roy Drummey
- Thurs:** Maggie Rogers (A)
- Fri:** James & Mary Agnew (A)
- Sat:** Bernie McGuire (9th A)

COFFEE MORNING

Jean and Frank Stacey wish to thank everyone who supported the recent Coffee Morning in aid of St. Francis Hospice. €580.00 was raised and forwarded to them.

Jean Stacey.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Times of Adoration are:

- Mon: 10.30 am – 11.30 am**
- Wed: 6.00 pm – 11.00 pm**
- Fri: 10.30am – 5.45 pm**
- Sat: 10.30am – 11.30am**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place the last Sunday of the month at 4-5 pm

CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION

“Thank You” to all who participated in the Procession on Tuesday last and special thanks to all who had a particular role on the night. We are very grateful for your most generous help. During the ceremonies, the **Rosary Statue** was blessed for use in the homes of the parish during the coming year. If you would like to have the statue in your home for a week, or get more information, please speak with a member of Legion of Mary in the main porch after Sat. evening or Sun. morning Masses.

LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary needs new members to help bring people to Jesus – over 18's – Tuesdays 10:30am in Sister's House and Wednesdays 7:30pm in Sacristy. Junior Members Fridays, 5:00pm in Sacristy. Come and see, you'll be most welcome.

FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund. The Weekly Outdoor collection for last week amounted to €737.48. The Family Offering Envelope 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.

BLUE COLLECTION POUCHES

On the weekend of 18/19th October the white collection baskets will be replaced by blue collection pouches. When requested to take up the collection please always pass the red pouches first then wait until the second collection is announced before passing the blue ones. This avoids confusion and ensures that your contribution goes to the right place.

YOUTH 2000

Youth 2000 will be hosting a Catholic youth retreat for 16-35 year olds in St Raphaela's Secondary School, Stillorgan, Co Dublin from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th of October 2014. The weekend will consist of talks, music, workshops, prayer, dramas and testimonies. Retreat starts on Friday at 8.00pm. Drop into the retreat at anytime over the weekend or bring a sleeping bag if you choose to avail of accommodation. Online booking necessary. For more information see www.youth2000.ie

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

The Church Gate Collections for October:

Today:

Misson Sunday
25/26th Sept. – Óglaigh Náisiúnta na hÉireann Teoranta

DARE TO LIVE SOS

Dare to Live SOS are a group of people who have come together through connecting with each other's personal experience with Suicide, Self Harm and Eating Disorders. We know what it is like when the option of suicide is staring you in the face, but more importantly, we know how to SURVIVE. Suicide has a cure and that cure is HOPE. We will be providing an evening of HOPE on Wednesday 22nd October, at 7.15pm, in the Skylon Hotel, Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9. We will share our personal journeys from every point of view; Sufferers, Carers, Parents, Friends. We will be sharing how we have gotten through our darkest times and found life again. To have HOPE is to have connection. All are welcome to this evening, to join us in our movement to banish Suicide, Self Harm and Eating Disorders as an option for more of our loved ones.

Together we can all save a Life

VOLUNTEERS TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

Volunteers needed to deliver the free Catholic paper “Alive!”, once a month in Ard Cian, Abbey Vale, Ormond, St. Cronan's and other areas of the parish. If you can help, please leave your name & phone no. with a member of Legion of Mary after Sunday morning Masses or with Louise in Parish Office.

BRACKENSTOWN YOUTH CLUB

Are looking for volunteers to help with the Youth Club on Friday nights in the Brackenstown Scout Den. The members are aged 6 – 12yrs. If you are interested contact Melissa 8405100.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23rd October at 7:30pm An Ecumenical Evening Prayer with Swords and Rivervalley Parishes and St. Columba's will take place here in St. Cronan's. We will hand on the monies raised in support of the St. Columba's Restoration Fund. All Welcome

14th November at 7:30pm: Annual Mass for Deceased Parishioners.

Dates for Baptisms in November:

- Saturday 8th November at 4:00pm
- Sunday 9th November at 1:45pm
- Saturday 22nd Novemer at 4:00pm
- Sunday 23rd November at 1:45pm

The next Parent/Guardian Meeting is **Thursday 6th November at 8:00pm** Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Sat 8th Nov at 6:30pm & Sun 9th Nov at 12:30pm:
Do This In Memory Communion Programme Masses.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Last Tuesday evening the Parish Pastoral Council went to a service in Laurel Lodge Church to celebrate 10 years of Parish Councils in the Fingal North Deanery.

Bishop Ray Field made us very welcome; it was an evening of great song and reflection. Bishop Field spoke about the joy and sense of community which the Parish Pastoral Councils have brought to their Parishes. The Parish of Brackenstown was presented with a commemorative plaque and candle to mark this occasion. On speaking with other Parish Council members we were delighted to hear of so many new members joining the different Parish Councils in our Deanery.

Please keep your Parish Council Members, new and old in your prayers.

God Bless,
Declan.

NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

In May parishioners were asked to nominate people to become part of the next Parish Pastoral Council. With these nominations and the invitation of some others an initial exploratory meeting has taken place in which members of the outgoing PPC explained what is involved in being a member and the type of activities that take place during the year.

We have asked the group to spend some time discerning whether this is a ministry that they are being called to become involved. The new PPC will be commissioned at the beginning of Advent. Please pray for them as they make their decision and ask the Holy Spirit to guide them in their work.

ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT

Would you like to become an Altar Server in St. Cronan's Church?

Altar Servers serve the 6:30pm Mass on a Saturday evening, 9:00am; 11:00am and 12:30pm on a Sunday morning and the 5:30pm Mass on a Sunday evening. They also do special events, Weddings and Funerals.

There will be a meeting for parents and children on Monday 20th October at 7:00pm in St. Cronan's Church. If you want more details or are interested and cannot attend on Monday night please email brackenstownparish@gamil.com or ring 01 8401188.

There is a parent Celine Lee who co-ordinates the Altar Servers who is also one of our Child Safeguarding representatives.

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ECUMENICAL EVENING PRAYER

On **Thursday evening at 7:30pm** the Parishes of Swords, River Valley and Brackenstown will gather with St. Columba's, Church of Ireland Community for Evening Prayer **here in St. Cronan's**. This comes about from the requests of many of our parishioners to support St. Columba's Parish as they face the task of restoring their Church which has been closed for over a year due to a section of the ceiling collapsing. The good news is that work has begun to restore the damage and the survey of the building revealed that the rest of the structure is quite sound, so while it will need attention it won't require the extensive work that was feared at the outset.

St. Columba's Church is an important historical landmark in Swords and stands on the site of St. Colmcille's Monastery. There has been a place of worship on this site for hundreds of years and from the preaching and establishment of Colmcille, we have the foundation of our shared Christian faith and heritage.

But like the scriptures describe the Temple of God as most important in living stones, in other words the people and actions of a community in response to Jesus' call, so on Thursday night we will join as one community in faith to celebrate and ask God's blessing on the living Christian Communities that we have here today.

All are welcome to come to the Evening Prayer and our Hospitality Team will be providing refreshments afterwards.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

"It is good to give thanks to Lord, to proclaim his help day by day"

Today we give thanks to God for the food he has provided for us. We give thanks for the crops of the earth, the manufactured foods and the Fairtrade Food. In this day and age in Ireland, one in ten people is living in poverty. The very basics of life that we celebrate today are sometimes the choices they have to make between food for the family and switching on the heat.

One of the innovative responses that Crosscare have developed in co-operation with the St. Vincent de Paul Society is to open Community Food Banks, the one serving the North County is based here. The foods brought will be used locally and any surplus will be shared with the other Community Food Banks.

If you would like to bring non-perishable goods for the Food Bank there will be a container in the Sacred Space during the week. There are fliers giving details of the types of foods etc. that they need.