

# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

22nd January 2017 ✠ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ Year A

### MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm:** John, Mary & Pat Murphy (A)

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

**11:00pm:** Barbara McGuirk (A)

**12:30pm:** Danny Kelly (A) & Deceased Family Members

**5:30pm:** David Carroll (8th A)

### PRAY FOR

Marie Lynch (A)

Muriel Harford (B'day Rem)

Noel Kieran (RD)

Carmel Kieran (A)

Patricia Clare (A)

William Curtis (A)

Abby Connor (RD)

Kathleen McDonnell (RD)

Helen Gibson (RD)

### MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Lena & Daisy Shiels (A)

Pray for: Special Intention & Dick Barnwell (A)

**Tues:** Barbara McGuirk (A)

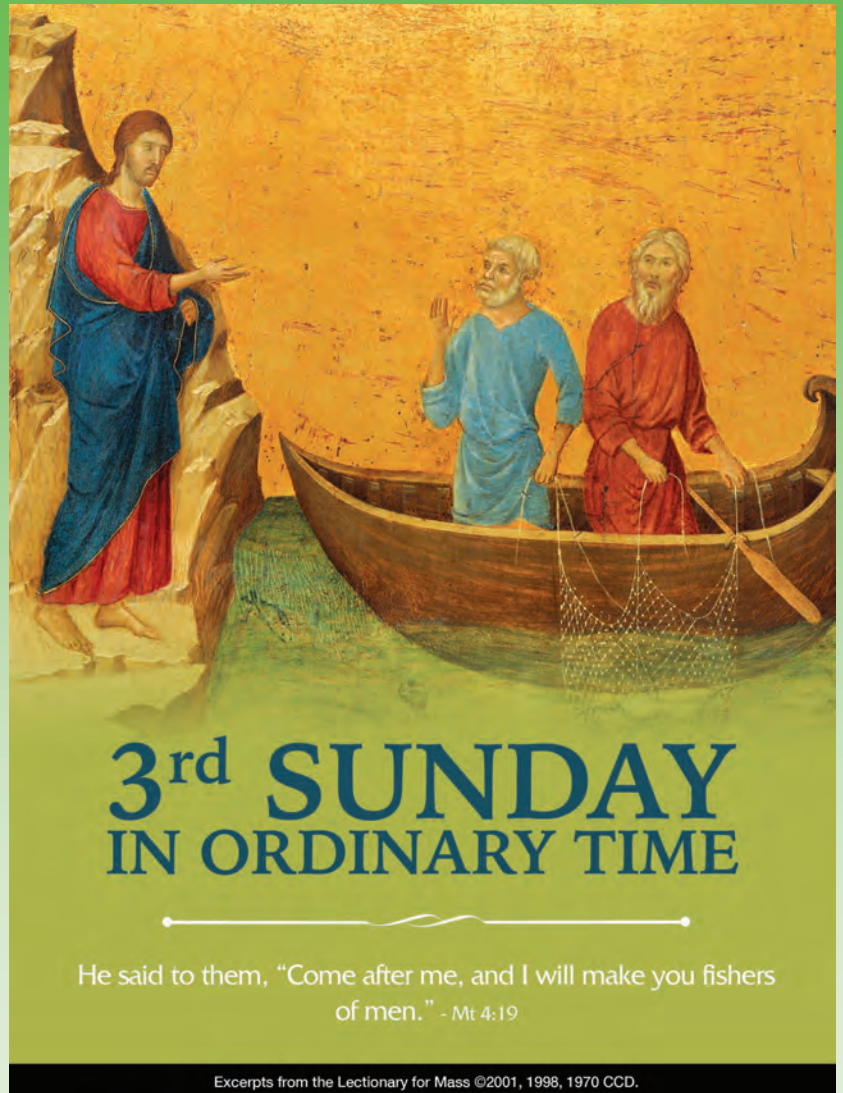
**Wed:** Christina & Daniel McCormack (A)

**Thurs:** Bill Shackley (1st A)

Pray for: Eugene Fitzsimons (A)

**Fri:** Eugene Fitzsimons (A)

**Sat:** Mary Maughan (MM)



## CHURCH UNITY WEEK

### CROSSING BARRIERS

The Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in the Swords area will take place in St. Columba's Church at 8:00pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January (The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul). At a time when there is so much division in our world and where the message of God is being used as a tool of violence, there is a great need for those of different parts of the Christian family to come together and pray.

# Please take this Newsletter home



## Brackenstown Bible Study 2017

During 2017 we will study Jeff Cavins 23 week DVD course "The Bible Timeline; The Story of Salvation" The course will consist of 12 classes in the spring and 11 classes in the autumn. This is the foundational study in *The Great Adventure* Bible Study Series that has helped hundreds of thousands of Catholics learn to read the Bible. *The Bible Timeline* is a fascinating study that takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible. They will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. Using a unique color-coded system, they will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith.

**Course Duration:** Spring classes commence Monday 30/01/17; twelve sessions. Autumn classes commence Monday 04/09/17; eleven sessions.

**Course Cost:** €20.00 to cover the cost of the DVDs & the study book

**Venue:** St Cronan's Parish Pastoral Centre

**Course Time:** Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9.00 pm **Contact:** Louise 01-8401188; Email brackenstownparish@gmail.com



**St Cronan's JNS**, now enrolling for September 2017. Application forms available from the school Secretary's office. Closing date for receipt of completed applications 31 January 2017.

**St Finian's Community College** is proudly celebrating 60 years of providing education to the people of Swords and North Co. Dublin. All past students and parents are welcome to join us for our diamond jubilee dinner at the Carnegie Court Hotel on **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm**. Tickets are 35 euro and are available at the school. Contact 8402623 or anniversary60@gmail.com



## DCU Beg Borrow Steal Campaign Church Gate Collection

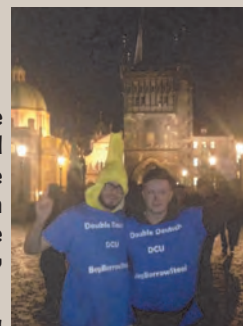
My name is Stuart Donnelly. On 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January, myself and Rian Molloy will be outside the church fundraising for our upcoming DCU Beg Borrow Steal campaign in aid of the men's health organisation Movember. Movember was started to deal with male cancers specifically, however it now deals with all male health issues including both physical and mental illness. As two young men, this charity is very close to our hearts. We believe that the issue of mental health in young men is very important and that cancer in every form affects almost every family in some way.

DCU Beg Borrow Steal is an annual event run by the Students Union to raise money and awareness for a chosen charity by racing across Europe relying only on the generosity of others. Last year the event raised over €50,000 for Movember in association with the Irish Cancer Society which turned out to be Movember Ireland's single biggest fundraising event of the year.

However, the real point of this event is to raise awareness for the charity. Beg Borrow Steal garners massive media attention throughout the event via platforms such as twitter and radio.

Any donations will be kindly accepted.

Many Thanks, *Stuart Donnelly*



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**Laudate Festival 2017:** Come to the Laudate Festival Primary School Music Programme and join in a free evening of music and reflection in:

**Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road - Tuesday 31 January at 7.00 p.m. OR  
Church of St. Laurence O'Toole, Kilmacud - Wednesday 1st February at 7.00 pm**



## Brackenstown Parish Pilgrimage to the Camino de Santiago **YOU CAN DO IT!**

We will be setting up a "WHATSAPP" Group for walks/hikes over the months leading up to the Pilgrimage. These walks are open to anyone who wishes to join the group. Just send in your mobile number to the Parish Office if you would like to be included.

The full itinerary is on the Parish website and available from the Parish Office. I have done this part of the Camino before and will be happy to share my experience with you.

Fr. Paul



**Dates for Baptisms:**

**11th February 12:30 pm  
12th February 1:45 pm  
25th February 12:30 pm  
26th February 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.

**The next Parent Meeting is  
Thursday 2nd February  
at 8:00pm in  
St. Cronan's Parish Centre**

## CHRISTMAS DUES

The Christmas Dues together with the First Collection at Mass and the Easter Dues goes to support myself and Fr. Joseph and the sick and retired Priests of the Diocese. We really appreciate your generosity to this collection.

There is a financial benefit to the Parish as your Dues contributions can be included in your Family Offering for the Tax Reclaim Scheme.

If you haven't returned your Dues yet, you can place them in the pouches at Mass or in the white boxes in the Church. Thank you again for your generosity and for all the support you give to myself and Fr. Joseph.

Fr. Paul



# PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
<b>JANUARY 2017</b>	
18-25 JAN	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
21st JAN	COME FOLLOW ME MASS 6:30PM
22nd JAN	COME FOLLOW ME MASS 5:30PM
29 JAN-4 FEB	Catholic Schools Week
30th JAN	"The Bible Timeline" Bible Study
<b>FEBRUARY 2017</b>	
1st FEB	Feast of St. Brigid - Patron of Ireland
2nd FEB	Presentation of the Lord - Blessing of Candles
3rd FEB	Feast of St. Blaise - Blessing of Throats
6th FEB	Service of Light - GSBB
9th FEB	Confirmation - GSBB
11th FEB	DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS 6:30PM
12th FEB	DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS 12:30PM
13th FEB	Service of Light - St. Cronan's
16th FEB	Confirmation - St. Cronan's
17th FEB	Confirmation - St. Cronan's
<b>THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE</b>	

## NOTE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Parish Finance Committee members & helpers will be manning our annual finance tables at the back of the church at all Masses next weekend, 28th & 29th January.

(1) The Family Offering is the main source of income to meet the running costs of the Parish. It pays for the day to day costs of running the Parish as well as maintaining the Church buildings. If you are not already contributing and would like a standing order form or box of Family Offering envelopes please leave your contact details

(2) New First Collection Envelopes; If you have any queries regarding the new procedure please ask. Thanks to all who have already returned forms requesting envelopes. The scheme is only of added benefit to the Parish if you are paying tax. If you are a tax payer and make recorded contributions of €250 or more in a calendar year then the Parish can reclaim the tax on your contribution. This applies to contributions made by way of the Family Offering, Christmas & Easter Dues, First Collection envelope or any recorded donation such as towards the statue of St Cronan. The refund is by way of the CHY charity tax refund scheme

(3) St Cronan Statue for Church Grounds. 2017 marks 40 years since our Church was opened. The Parish has commissioned a significant piece of artwork to mark the occasion and to honour our patron, St Cronan. There will be donation envelopes available next weekend and we invite you to assist with the €5,302 cost of the project. All donations of €20 or more will receive a St Cronan Statue donation certificate. Thank you to all who already support the Parish finances so generously, it is much appreciated.

*Paddy O'Byrne, Parish Finance Committee*

## CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

Catholic Newspapers and Magazines, as well as a selection of booklets, available from bookrack on back wall of Church.



## 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 4pm–5pm. Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

## THE ROSARY

Why not start the New Year with joy and peace? Book the "Rosary Statue" for a week and notice the difference praying the Rosary brings. It is simple....Just leave your 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.

## CAN YOU HELP?

If you could give **20-30 minutes per month**, you could do a lot to spread the Good News. Help needed to deliver the free Catholic Paper "Alive!" in a number of areas of the parish....e.g. Glasmere Park, Ashton, Castleview etc. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after week-end Masses or leave you name & phone no. with Louise in parish office.

## FAMILY OFFERING

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

**November Standing Order €3,872**  
**Outdoor Collection €812.51**  
**Annals/Half Yearly €0.00**



## 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

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,  
Fr. Joseph Njanackal, C.S.T., C.C.

Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker  
Louise Donnelly, Secretary

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**28/29 January**  
DCU Beg Borrow Steal Campaign

**4/5 February**  
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