

5th Sunday of Easter



3rd May 2015

MASS INTENTIONS

- 6:30pm** William Swan (A) & dcsd family members
9.00am Altar List of the Dead and Intention of all Parishioners
11.00am Willie McKittrick (25th A)
12.30pm Muriel & Gerry McKenna (A)
5.30pm Angela & Frances O'Brien (A)

PRAY FOR

David McGee (MM)
May Murphy (A)
Dr. John Meenan (A)
Derek (A), Clair & Colm Meehan

MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

Mon: Frank & Lena Walsh (A)
Tues: Special Intention
Wed: Special Intention
Thurs: Seamus & Tom Mongan (A)
Fri: Anna O'Hara (1st A)
Mass Saturday Morning 8:45am
Sat: Special Intention

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

The upcoming Church Gate Collections are:

- 2/3 May – St. Vincent de Paul
9/10 May – No Collection
16/17 May – No Collection
23/24 May – Crosscare

MSZE SWIETA W JERYKU POLSKIM

Msze Swieta w Jeryku Polskim w Niedziele 10 Maya, o godz 18:45. (Spowiedz 18:15 – 18:40).

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to the following couples who have been married in April in St. Cronan's Church:

Robert Kennedy & Jacqueline Bryce
Patrick Hughes & Rebecca MacNeill



We wish them every happiness for their future lives together.

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.

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUND

The total raised for the Parish Pastoral Centre Fund Raising Appeal is to date €18,370.13. 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 March standing order figure is €3,794.00. The Weekly Outdoor collection for last week amounted to €1080.31 and annuals/half yearly contributions totaling €350.00. 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

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.

EASTER DUES

The Easter Dues Offering envelopes have been delivered with the Easter Card. Together with the First Collection at Mass these contributions are to support Fr. Paul and Fr. Joseph, other priests in the Diocese and those who are sick and retired.

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.

FÓROIGE YOUTH CLUB

Fóroige Youth Club
are holding a
Cake Sale
TODAY Sunday 3rd May
in B.A.S.E.

After all morning Masses today. We are trying to raise much needed funds. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE STUDY

This week's meeting is on Tuesday 05/05/15, at 7.30-8.30 pm in the Parish Meeting Room for a review & discussion on Luke chapters 15-21. The reading plan for next week is Luke 22-24 & Acts 1-5. The weekly reading guide is available on Tuesday night, copies are also available on the rack in the church porch.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

TRÓCAIRE

Many thanks to all who have left back their Trócaire Boxes. If you have a Box to be returned, you can leave it into the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE IS IMPORTANT

*Marriage is important –
Reflect before you change it*

The following points are taken from Marriage is important – Reflect before you change it, the pastoral statement from the bishops of Ireland which was published after their Spring 2015 general meeting:

We respect the views of people who think differently to us, trusting that our sincerely held views, grounded in faith, will also be heard and respected. Mothers and fathers bring different, yet complementary gifts and strengths into a child's life.

We ask the people of Ireland to consider very carefully the profound implications which this constitutional amendment would have on the family environment and on our understanding of parenthood. For further information: www.meaningofmarriage.ie

ALONE RECRUITMENT

ALONE are currently recruiting Befriending Volunteers across Dublin. If you are interested in visiting an isolated older person in your area please come along to our Information Session on Monday 27th April at 6.30 in The Central Hotel, Exchequer Street, Dublin 2. Please confirm your attendance by email: enquiries@alone.ie or call 01679 1302.

THE ROSARY

The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in homes of the parish at the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to pray the rosary and have the 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.

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE

This week saw a huge move forward in the building of the Parish Pastoral Centre as the roof was put on. Over the next few days they will be working at removing the excess soil and debris from the back of the Church, so that it can be taken away. The Pastoral Centre Development Group got to visit the site on Tuesday night and were impressed with the dimensions of the rooms and the social area. They could begin to imagine what it will look and feel like when it is open.

As the weather has been so good for building, Duke Construction are on target for completion by the end of July.

We would welcome your ideas on what you would like to see the Parish Pastoral Centre being used for and also what kind of celebration we should have to mark its opening. If you have ideas on either or both please put them in the suggestion box in the Main Porch.

Your response to the appeal has been really great with almost €20,000.00 of the €50,000.00 having been received. There are envelopes around the Church if you would like to make a donation.

There are a selection of photographs of the interior of the Pastoral Centre on display in at the back of the Church and more are available on the Parish Website www.brackenstown-parish.com.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

World Youth Day will be held in Krakow, Poland July 25 – 31, 2016. It is a gathering of young people from all around the world to celebrate their faith together with Pope Francis. It is a great experience for young people and gives a real experience of the joy and relevance of our faith.

There will be a group travelling from Dublin and as a Parish we are inviting any young person who is interested in going to please talk to Fr. Paul or look at the information on the Parish Website.

The age group is from 16 to 26. There will be preparation and information over the months ahead. It is a great event. Please think about being a part of it.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ARRANGEMENTS AND PRACTICES

On Saturday 9th and 16th of May we will be celebrating First Holy Communion at 10:00am and 12:00noon. To facilitate the daily mass goes there will be a morning Mass at 8:45am on both those Saturdays.

In the lead up to these days there will be practices on Tuesday 5th from 10:30 am to 4:45pm; Wednesday 6th from 3:00pm to 4:30pm; Thursday 7th from 10:30am to 2:00pm; Friday 8th from 10:30am to 1:30pm (Adoration will be in the Parish Meeting Room); and Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th from 10:30am to 2:30pm.

If you have a child/grandchild receiving First Holy Communion on the 9th or 16th and are a Minister of the Eucharist willing to assist us, please contact Teresa.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers in the final days of their preparation.

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DIOCESAN CHILD SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS WEEKEND

This weekend is Diocesan Child Safeguarding and Protection Awareness Day. We are asked to highlight awareness to how we as a Parish try to maintain the highest level of good practice when children and young people are involved in Parish activities.

Our goal:

We the Parish of Brackenstown value and encourage the participation of children and young people in Parish liturgies and activities in order to enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development. We recognise the dignity and rights of all children and young people and are committed to ensuring their protection from all forms of abuse and exploitation.

In keeping with this we will do all in our power to create safe environments for children and young people in order to secure their protection and enable their full participation in the life of the Parish.

This is a commitment binding on all Priests and on all those who work and volunteer in this Parish.

How we achieve it:

1. We have two safeguarding representatives Celine Lee and Bernadette Wright who keep an eye to good practice and are available should anyone have a concern about unsafe practices in the Church.
2. Every Parish Pastoral Council Meeting has a Safeguarding check-in on the agenda.
3. All children who serve Mass and participate in Liturgies and Baptism preparation programmes must sign in the diary.
4. The Youth Choir keep a record of attendance.
5. The contact details of our Safeguarding Representatives, the Diocesan Designated Person, Gardai and Social Worker are clearly displayed at all entrances to the Church
6. The Diocesan Policy is available on the Parish Website and in the Office and Sacristy.
7. All volunteers for You Shall Be My Witnesses and Do This In Memory are Garda vetted.
8. All parents/guardians are given a summary copy of our policy at the beginning of these programmes.

If you feel that there are areas where we can improve or you would like to know more about our Child Safeguarding Practices, please contact the Parish Office, or leave a note in the suggestion box in the Main Porch. The care of children and young people in the Church is brought about by all of us upholding good practice.