

Parish Newsletter

26th May 2019 ✘ 6th Sunday of Easter ✘ Year C



Congratulations to the boys and girls of Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe, Swords Educate Together & Thornleigh Educate Together Schools who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in St. Cronan's Church last Saturday.



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS	
6:30pm:	Dcsd Members of Colgan & Pentony Families
9:00am:	Altar List of the Dead
11:00am:	Desmond Molloy (A)
12:30pm:	Gerard Brennan (22 A)
5:30pm:	Angie O'Keeffe (6 A)

PRAY FOR
Anton Boylan (1 A)
Tom Shields (1 A)
Nathan Maughan (Rem)
Johnny O'Reilly (A)
Charles McCorkell (A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK	
Mon:	Irene Grealy (A) & Dcsd Family Members
Tues:	Jim Nugent (A)
Wed:	Harry Quirke (RD)
Thur:	Pauline & Thomas Nulty (A)
Fri:	Mary Ellen & Jack Delamare (A)
Sat:	Sam Clarkin (MM)

SWARDS 'CAMINO' PILGRIM WALK

SATURDAY 9th June 2019

At 2:00pm

Visiting the Churches of Swords

The route will proceed as follows:

- ⇒ St. Finian's Church, River Valley at 2:00pm
- ⇒ St. Columba's Church, Swords
- ⇒ St. Colmcille's Well, Swords
- ⇒ St. Colmcille's Church, Swords
- ⇒ And will conclude in St. Cronan's Church

Please join St Francis Hospice in honouring 30 years of care by participating in this year's **Vhi Women's Mini Marathon**

Please help us if you can by taking the following two steps:

Register at info@womensminimarathon.ie or you can register through the Evening Herald.

ALSO Contact St Francis Hospice on 01-8327535 or complete our online registration form at www.sfh.ie/vhi-women's-mini-marathon to order your sponsorship cards and tee-shirts.



PRAYER BEFORE EXAMS A STUDENT'S PRAYER

Lord, You know that I am preparing for my exams. I know it's normal to be anxious and uneasy, even nervous and panicky as the examination approaches. Help me to be calm as I prepare. Give me confidence in the work that I have done. Give me courage to face the tension of the coming days. Help me to do my best and remind me that you are with me now, during and after the exams. Amen.

Lord, I have knowledge, So will you show me now How to use it wisely And find a way To make the world I live in A better place, And make life with its problems A bit easier to face. May I ever be aware in all that I do That knowledge comes from learning And wisdom comes from You. Amen.

At all our Masses on Sunday 2nd we will pray for those beginning the State exams on the 5th June. You can put names on the prayer tree. At the 12:30 Mass we will bless the tree and the theme for the Mass will be around the exams.

Vacancy for Part-Time Pastoral Area Secretary

The Pastoral Area of Garristown, Naul & Rolestown is currently recruiting for a Part-Time Pastoral Area Secretary. This role is offered initially on a one-year fixed term and part-time basis, 15 hours per fortnight, and is based in the Pastoral Area Office in Garristown.

Letters of application should be made by email to the Moderator, V. Rev. Derek Farrell at pagnr44@gmail.com attaching with an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae, **no later than Tuesday 28th May 2019.**



You are invited to join in the Annual May Procession for Mary Our Mother on Tuesday 28th May

Assembly points are as follows:

- Entrance to Glasmore Park (From Rathbeale Road);
- Bottom of steps from Elmwood;
- Junction Brackenstown Road & St. Cronan's Avenue;
- Junction Brackenstown Road & Brackenstown Avenue (Top Rathbeale)

Please be at assembly point nearest you at 7:10pm.
Celebrant Fr. Paul Thornton Adm.

ROSARY Each day in May 2019, thousands of people from all around Ireland will gather at their local Grottos to recite the Rosary for Faith and Life in Ireland. To sign up your local Grotto, text/call 087 278 6552 or at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie

CEMETERY BLESSINGS FINGAL AREA 2019

Malahide	Sunday 16th June @ 1:45pm	Prayers
Fingal	Sunday 16th June @ 12 noon	Mass
Whitestown	Sunday 23rd June @ 3pm	Prayers
St. Margarets	Sunday 29th June @ 8pm	Prayers
Balgriffin	Sunday 7th July @ 12 noon	Mass
Lusk	Sunday 7th July @ 4pm	Mass
Rolestown	Sunday 7th July @ 3.30pm	Mass
Donabate	Sunday 21st July @ 3.30pm	Mass
Balbriggan	Sunday 21st July @ 4pm	Mass
Balscadden	Sunday 11th Aug @ 4pm	Mass
Garristown	Thursday 15th Aug @ 8pm	Prayers
Ballyboughal	Thursday 15th Aug @ 6:45pm	Prayers
Naul	Sunday 1st Sept @ 7:15pm	Prayers

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PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
MAY 2019	
27th	7:30pm Service of Light Swords & Thornleigh ETNS
JUNE 2019	
8th	9am Morning Mass
8th	11am Confirmations Swords & Thornleigh ETNS
9th	Swords "Camino" Pilgrimage Walk

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

FAMILY OFFERING

Thank you for your support and generosity to the ongoing running costs of the Parish. **March Standing Order: €3152.00**
Family Offering, First Collection & Share Collection
TOTALS WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKS NEWSLETTER

The Brackenstown Bible Study group will be showing the movie "All or Nothing; Sr Clare Crockett" in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm on Monday 27th May, starting at 7.30pm. All are invited to come along to view the movie which is one hour and twenty five minutes long.



Praying with God's Word

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER: First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; 2nd Reading Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Gospel John 14:23-29

ASCENSION SUNDAY: First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 ; 2nd Reading: Eph 1:17-23; Gospel Lk 24:46-53



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 every month from 4pm—5pm. Can you stay 1 hour with me? We encourage new people to come & join us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer Books, Rosary Beads, Rosettes, Medals, Souvenirs etc. for First Holy Communion & Confirmation available in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

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 eg. St. Cronan's Estate and Swords Manor etc. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.

THE ROSARY

Praying for a special intention? Praying for peace? The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in the homes of the Parish at the recent Candlelight Procession. If you would like to pray the rosary and have the rosary statue in your home for a week, or get more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

HOLY LAND: 13th—21st September



The Pilgrimage will be led by Fr. Paul Thornton and will visit all the main places in the life of Jesus. It will be some years before there will be another pilgrimage from the Parish. Limited places available. Contact MAP Travel for booking 01 8783111

€1,765.00
Per person sharing

Getting to know Jesus

It is not just a matter of learning about Jesus; we can come to know him personally as our friend: 'I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father' (Jn 15:15). Essential to coming to know Jesus as friend is personal prayer. Time spent in his presence, especially before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar, is what deep-



ens this relationship. We do not even need to use words; just be there, like two lovers sitting in the reassuring presence of each other. The rays of love that emanate from the tabernacle deepen our faith, heal our wounds of sin and hurt, and enable us to become like Him. 'The

life of prayer is the habit of being in the presence of the thrice-holy God and in communion with him' (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2565). There are two important caveats to keep in mind. The first is the danger of individualism: the tendency to see our relationship with God as

exclusive; a cosy, private affair between 'Jesus and me'. The whole thrust of Christianity is that it is a community. It is in our relationships with other people that our relationship with God evolves. The second potential pitfall is the exclusion of mystery. God comes close to us in Jesus (God with us) but he is still the unknowable other. St Augustine (354-430) cautions against the presumption of thinking that we know God: when we claim to have understood God it is not God whom we have understood.

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Quote of the week

Let yourself be transformed and renewed by the Holy Spirit, in order to bring Christ into every environment and to give witness to the joy and youthfulness of the Gospel!

– Pope Francis



Challenge:

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