

## Parish Newsletter

21st January 2018 ✘ 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time ✘ Year B

# CHURCH UNITY WEEK

## THAT ALL MAY BE FREE

The Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in the Swords area will take place in

**St. Cronan's Church,  
Brackenstown**

**Thursday 25th January  
at 8:00pm**

Material for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018 comes to us from the Caribbean churches and uses Exodus Chapter 15, "Your right hand O Lord, glorious in power" - a song of triumph over oppression.

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.

***Come along & join us for this special evening of prayer***



**Fel y Bo Pawb yn Rhydd / Go saortar sinn go léir  
18-25 January [www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer)**

churches  
together  
IN BRACKENSTOWN

### MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm:** David Carroll (9th A)  
**9:00am:** Altar List of the Dead  
**11:00am:** Barbara McGuirk (A)  
**12:30pm:** Birthday Intention  
**5:30pm:** Peter Harford (A)

### PRAY FOR

Dermot Browne (MM)  
Marie Lynch (A)  
Carmel Kieran (A)

### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Elaine Kenny (RD)  
**Tues:** D'csd Members of Patrician Group  
**Wed:** Mary McQuillan (RD)  
**Thurs:** Arthur Scarff (A)  
**Pray for:** Bernie Reilly (1st A)  
**Fri:** Patrick Garvery (A)  
**Pray for:** Patrick Connolly (A), Capt & Shipmates  
**Sat:**

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## COFFEE MORNING AFTER ALL MORNING MASSES TODAY

In aid of in aid of The Alice Leahy Trust,  
a service for homeless people in Dublin &  
The Holy Family Maternity  
Hospital and Orphanage in  
Bethlehem.



Come in and join us!



### St Cronan's JNS

is currently enrolling for Junior Infants.  
Closing Date for completed  
applications is 31 January  
2018.

Application form  
and enrolment policy available from the  
secretary's office: Tel: 01 8402194  
Website: [www.stcronansjns.ie](http://www.stcronansjns.ie)



In 2016, the Irish Bishops made a submission to the Citizen's Assembly. It was subsequently published and left in Churches. It lays out the reasons behind the Churches understanding on the preciousness of life from conception to natural death and responds to some of the situations that are being discussed.

No matter when and where the referendum is discussed it brings up different opinions and emotions. We offer you the Bishops presentation in sections over the next few weeks as a response to peoples request for information.

### Introduction

Having consulted carefully with members of the lay faithful, both women and men, the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference has decided to respond to the invitation of the Citizens' Assembly and make the following submission on the topic of Article 40.3.3 of the *Constitution of Ireland (Bunreacht na hÉireann)*.

The Catholic Church has just concluded a Jubilee Year of Mercy. This initiative of Pope Francis was celebrated by the universal Church and it called on us to be open both to God's mercy in our lives and to ways of being more merciful to others especially those who are vulnerable. While the *Constitution* celebrates the equality of the mother and the unborn child in its Eighth Amendment, we have an obligation to be at our most compassionate, our most merciful, if and when the expectant mother and father and their unborn child require support during a crisis pregnancy. This support must be more than words. Public resources should be applied in a practical and in a creative way. Supporting and sustaining a culture of life is in the interests of every generation and it defines us as a society.

We make our submission in the hope that we can be of assistance to the Citizens' Assembly in its task of reflecting on the right to life. We believe that human life is sacred from conception until natural death and that Article 40.3.3 reflects the appropriate balance of rights. We recognise the significant responsibility that has been placed on the shoulders of each Assembly Member and we ask God's blessing and guidance on you and on the work that you do.

Some people argue that the right to life of the unborn should be a matter of personal choice on the part of the mother. Others argue that, while they are opposed to abortion as a general principle, they believe that there are some children to whom the right to life does not apply either because they have been diagnosed with a serious medical condition or because they have been conceived as a result of rape. We wish to state our firmly held belief, based on reason as well as faith, that there is no such thing as a human life without value. We accept, of course, that death is part of our human condition. What we reject is the suggestion that any person can decide when it is time for another person to die.

## Brackenstown Bible Study 2018

During 2018 we will study Matthew: The King and His Kingdom, a Catholic Bible Study that brings the history of Christ to life through St. Matthew's Gospel. You will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who fulfils the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament, establishes the New Law, and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven. There will be 14 classes in Spring 2018 and 10 classes in Autumn 2018. The class size will be limited to 50 people, 38 people have already booked.

To register for the study call Louise at 01-8401188 or via email [brackenstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com)

**Course Duration:** Classes commence Monday 22 /01/18

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

**Course Time:** Monday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm

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

## PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
<b>JANUARY 2018</b>	
21st	Come Follow Me Mass - Becoming @ 5:30pm
22nd	DTIM Preparation Meeting @ 7:30pm
22nd	Scripture Study @ 7:30pm
27th	DTIM Mass @ 6:30pm
28th	DTIM Mass @ 12:30pm
5th	Seirbhís an tSolais - GSBB @ 7:30pm
13th	St. Joseph's Young Priests Society
13th	Aifreann an Chóineartaithe - GSBB @ 11am
13th	Service of Light - St. Cronan's SS @ 7:30pm

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

## Good Hygiene Practices

Given the increase in the numbers of people affected by influenza in recent weeks, it is opportune to remind ourselves of sensible practices. It is good to remember that those with flu symptoms are dispensed from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass. Those who are confined to home when ill can honour the Lord's Day by praying along with the Mass broadcast by Parish Radio, on our parish webcam (which you can connect with on [www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com) and click on webcam) or on Sunday Morning by RTE Radio on Long Wave 252 Khz. RTE1 television often broadcast Mass on Sunday mornings too.

The hand sanitizers in the porches have been renewed and will be in service all the time from now on. The Ministers of the Eucharist are also asked to use the hand sanitizer before distributing Holy Communion.

In times of previous flu alerts the Health Service Executive stated: "Shaking hands while exchanging the 'Sign of Peace' involves a low risk of spreading the virus." If parishioners still feel uncomfortable about shaking hands at the Sign of Peace, you are very welcome to wish others the Peace of Christ without hand contact (with a smile or a bow).



## CALENDARS

**Church Art Calendars**, children's books, Bibles, religious items etc. available in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

## EASY EVANGELISATION!

Could you give 20-30 minutes per month to help spread the Good News? **Helpers needed to deliver the free Catholic Paper "Alive!"** in a number of areas of the parish.... Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after weekend Masses or leave you name and phone number with Louise in the parish office.

## ROSARY

Honour the Mother of God & begin the New Year with the Rosary. Let us help you get started by having the Rosary Statue in your home. Just leave your contact details with a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses and suitable arrangements will be made for you.

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



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

## FAMILY OFFERING

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

**December Standing Order €3,308**  
**Outdoor Collection €645.39**  
**Annuals/Half Yearly €350.00**



## BINGO

Every Sunday in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm  
 Doors open at 7:30pm - Everyone welcome!

### Advance Notice

#### Brackenstown Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

We are planning a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land approx. dates are 26th Oct – 3rd Nov 2019  
 Agent will be MAP Travel

**Booking will open in JUNE 2018 through the Parish Office**

**CHRISTMAS DUES** The Christmas Dues together with the First Collection at Mass and the Easter Dues goes to support myself 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. Thank you again for your generosity and for all your support.  
*Fr. Paul*

### Meditation in the Christian Tradition

Taking place in the Emmaus Retreat Centre

Saturday 3rd February, 10am to 4pm €60, including 3 course lunch. Book online at Emmaus or Contact Marion Burke 087 9703640



## 2018 BRACKENSTOWN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Accompanied by a Spiritual Director

22nd - 27th September 2018

Hotel Padoue - €739 per person sharing

including airport taxes & free insurance

Deposit €200 per person - Single Room Supplement €180

All cheques made payable to Pilgrimages abroad

Further details from Susan Keane Ph:8407100 or 085 8471539



### St. Cronan's Estate Christmas Draw

### Thank you to our Sponsors:

Liz Brophy - €100  
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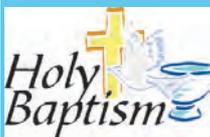
## Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for this Sunday and next

Sunday:

**3rd Sunday Ordinary Time:** First Reading Jon (Jon) 3:1-5, 10;  
2nd Reading 1st Corinthians (1 Cor) 7:29-31; Gospel Mark (Mk) 1:14-20

**4th Sunday Ordinary Time:** First Reading Deuteronomy (Deut) 18:15-20; 2nd Reading 1st Corinthians (1 Cor) 7:32-35; Gospel Mark (Mk) 1:21-28



## The next Parent Meeting is Thursday 1st February

Next dates for Baptisms:  
 Sat 10th February @ 12:30pm  
 Sun 25th February @ 1:45pm

Please note one Month's Notice to be given & a copy of baby's Birth Cert is required when booking a Baptism.

## PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times:  
 Weekday Mass:  
 Holyday Mass:  
 Confession:

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,  
 Fr. Bibin Jacob Mukkadaackal C.S.T., C.C.  
 Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker  
 Louise Donnelly, Secretary

Sunday: (Sat. Vigil) 6:30pm, 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm  
 Monday to Saturday 10:00am  
 Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am  
 Saturday 10:30am to 11:00am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm  
 After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday  
 01 8401661 – 087 7404729 – pauljthornton@gmail.com  
 01 8408926 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com  
 089 4614226 – peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie  
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 Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm

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27/28 January  
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