

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



14th June 2015

MASS INTENTIONS

- 6:30pm** Brian Foster (A)
9.00am Altar List of the Dead and Intention of all Parishioners
11.00am John, Paula & Aaron Thornton (A)
12.30pm Frank Nagle (Rem)
5.30pm Anita Corcoran (8th A)

PRAY FOR

Barney Mc Nally (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

- Mon:** Special Intention
Tues: Brendan O'Reilly (RD)
Wed: Seán Hallissey (R/D)
Thurs: Patrick McCahey (A)
Fri: Pdraig Greene (A)
Sat: Eamonn Keane (A)

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 €21,476.00. 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 May standing order figure is €2,946.00. The Weekly Outdoor collection for last week amounted to €702.09 and annuals/half yearly contributions this week amounted to €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 JULY. 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.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

The upcoming Church Gate Collections are:
13/14 June – ÓGLAIGH Náisiúnta Na hÉireann
20/21 June – No Collection
27/28 June – Peter's Pence

MSZE SWIETA W JEZYKU POLSKIM

Dzisiaj, Niedziele, 14 Czerwiec o godz 18:45.
(Spowiedz 18:15 – 18:40)

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

DIABETES IRELAND

Final call for support for the Lap the Lake 2015. A 28km walk around the Blessington Lakes in Co. Wicklow on Sunday 21st June 2015 and help raise much needed funds.

www.diabetes.ie or lo-call 1850 909 909 for details and registration.

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.

REGINA COELI HOSTEL

On behalf of Regina Coeli Hostel I would like to thank Fr. Thornton for allowing us to fundraise at St. Cronan's last weekend. We raised €1,333.78.

We thank most sincerely all who contributed so generously. Please convey our gratitude to the congregation and of course to the local Legion of Mary who helped fundraise.

We include all of our benefactors in our daily prayer here at the hostel.

ÓGLAIGH NÁISIÚNTA na hÉIREANN

This organisation supports ex-service men and women of the Irish Defence Forces. They operate three residential homes in Smithfield, Athlone and Letterkenny.

The primary objective is to ensure the welfare of ex-service men and women by providing heavily subsidised accommodation to those who are homeless, elderly or disabled.

They seek to promote a spirit of comradeship between serving and retired members of the services, as well as providing information in the area of pensions, social welfare and other entitlements.

They will be taking up a Church Gate Collection **this** weekend and would appreciate any support you can give them.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

"The Pope – Teacher & Leader" is the title of the Patrician Meeting on **Thursday next, 18th June at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.** What the Pope says gets a lot of notice worldwide. What is the reason? Why not come to the meeting and hear some points of view? *Everybody most welcome.* Spiritual Director will speak on the subject.

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE BUY A BRICK

We have nearly reached the half way mark with our fundraising appeal!

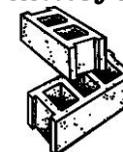
The BUY-A-BRICK will hopefully bring us to the target of €50,000.00 that will make it possible to complete the Parish Pastoral Centre and furnish it so that it is ready to use at the end of the summer.

Would you pass on an envelope to members of your family who no longer live here but who celebrated significant moments in the faith/life journey here?

Our Parish is built on the lives of all who have celebrated these moments and who are always part of our Parish family. In this moment we are providing facilities to meet today's needs and to build the bonds of faith and friendship in a changing Parish and community.

Envelopes will be handed out at all Masses this weekend and will also be delivered to every home in the Parish during the next two weeks. A brick is only €20 and the names of those who buy will be recorded in our fundraising book and you will receive a 'St. Cronan's Bought A Brick' card. Please return the envelope to the Parish Office or white boxes in the Church or we can collect it if you ring 01 8401188

**Go on –
Be Part Of History in the Making!**



A GREAT VICTORY FOR ST. CRONAN'S S.N.S HURLING TEAM

Well done to the senior hurling team who won the Sciath J.M. & O B in Croke Park against Drimnagh Castle on a scoreline of 6-6 to 4-6. The weather was perfect and what a game we had! The game was very tight in the first half with very little separating the teams. After some inspirational words from our midfielder Dylan we really hit the ground running in the second half. Conor's bravery in defence left him with a heroic battle scar. It was this sort of commitment that meant we never once surrendered the lead. As the game continued our leaders really started to impose themselves on the game and centre back Jamie limited their star centre forward to very few opportunities. With minutes to go we were just one goal up, when Dylan dispatched a rocket to the corner from a sideline cut. We added one more point to give us a little breathing space with moments to go. The final whistle was greeted with wild celebrations both in the stands and on the pitch. The whole team performed admirably and really stood up to a very stern test. In the end our skill and commitment got us over the line. Given it was such an amazing team performance from 1 to 21 it is hard to pick out individuals. Well done to all involved, a hugely impressive display.

BRACKENSTOWN FOOD BANK

Are looking for volunteers to help manage the Food Bank and help prepare the hampers for the SVP when they call on a Wednesday morning. We will shortly have an information evening to bring volunteers together and explain the Food Bank system and how it works. If you have some time to spare on Wednesday mornings then you might consider getting involved. For more information contact the Parish Office.

To all our parishioners doing State Exams – Keep Calm we are praying for you

A STUDENT'S PRAYER

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.

Exam Prayer to Our Lady Untier of Knots

Our Lady, Untier of Knots, please look after (name),
Who is doing their exams.
Untie in them: the knots of anxiety, the knots of stress,
the knots of self-doubt, the knots of worry, the knots of fear
Through your motherly care,
Remind them of their giftedness, their talents and their self worth.
That they are precious in our eyes as they are in God's.
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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CARERS ARE REAL HEROES – REFLECTION FOR CARERS WEEK

“These are the heroes. This is heroism of the family!” said Pope Francis. He spoke of men and women who come to work, sleep-deprived after having cared for a sick family member. “This hidden heroism is done with tenderness and with courage when someone is sick at home.”

Pope Francis focused his latest address on the particular sufferings experienced when a family member falls ill. “It is an experience of our fragility which we live mostly in the family, from children, and above all the elderly,” he said. He added that because of the love we feel for family members and loved ones, we feel their sufferings even more. This is particularly the case when parents suffer from the illness of a son or daughter, he said.

In many parts of the world, families do not have ready access to hospitals. In these cases, the family becomes the “closest hospital,” in that caring for the sick person falls to the parents, grandparents, and siblings.

Pope Francis observed how, in general, families grow in times of sickness. “We must educate children to solidarity with the sick so that they are not anesthetized to the sufferings of others, but rather are capable of helping the ill and of living fully each human experience.”

Pope Francis recounted several scenes from the Gospel in which Jesus heals the sick. “Jesus publicly demonstrates himself as one who fights against illness, and who has come to heal people of every evil: The evil of the spirit and the evil of the body,” he said.

Recalling how the doctors of the law reproved Jesus for healing on the Sabbath, the Pope said: “But the love of Jesus was to give health, and do good.” This is God's glory, and the Church's task, the Pope said: “to always help, console, to lift up, and be close to the sick.”

Pope Francis also emphasized the Church's invitation to continuously pray for those “struck by disease. And we must pray more, be it personally or in community. The Christian community knows that the family, in times of sickness, is never alone. We must thank the Lord for the beautiful experiences of fraternity in the Church which help families through difficult moments of pain and suffering,” he said.

“This Christian closeness, from family to family, is a real treasure for the parish: a treasure of wisdom, which helps families during difficult times and makes them better understand the Kingdom of God.”

“These are God's caresses,” he said.