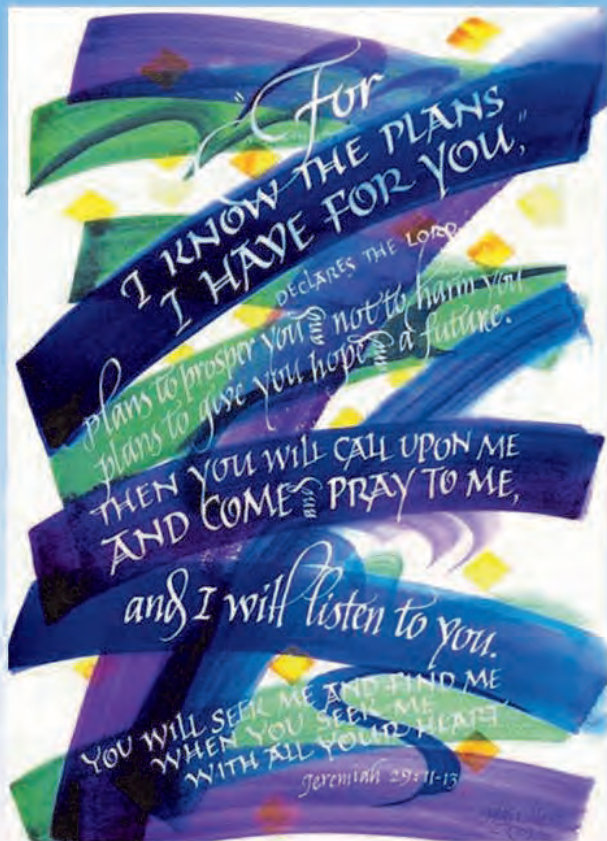


CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH



PARISH NEWSLETTER

30th April 2017 ✠ 3rd Sunday of Easter ✠ Year A



As we journey towards a new Pastoral Council for our Parish, we invite you to pray for its success with this Prayer of Discernment.

**All Loving and Gracious God,
You know my inmost thoughts
and You are familiar with all my ways.
You have blessed me with many gifts and talents.
Give me a share of Your wisdom, show me Your truth,
and reveal to me the secrets of my own heart.
May I have the courage to look honestly and deeply
at the reality of my life,
so that I can faithfully follow You.
Help me to see in myself what You see,
and give me the courage to uncover
both my strengths and weaknesses,
to know and follow Your will for me
each and every day of my life.
Bless Your Church with generous hearts,
eager to serve Your people
and to spread Your Word. Amen.**



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 6th May

8:45am Parish Mass (not 10am)

10:00am GSBB

12 noon ETNS

Saturday 13th May

8:45am Parish Mass (not 10am)

10:00am St. Cronan's JNS

12 noon St. Cronan's JNS



CONFIRMATION

Saturday 20th May

9:30am Parish Mass (not 10am)

11:00am ETNS

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Hilda Slevin (A)

9:00am: Altar List of the Dead

11:00pm: Joseph (A) & Breda Gallagher (Rem)

12:30pm: Joan Harvey (B'day Rem)

5:30pm: Michael Ward (RD)

PRAY FOR

Phyllis Monaghan (5th A)

Ann O'Brien (A)

Lena Walsh (B'day Rem)

Michael Halligan (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Special Intention

Tues: Brendan O'Keeffe (2nd A)

Wed: Special Intention

Thurs: Grace Greene (A)

Fri: Ambrose Dunne (A)

Sat: Special Intention

Please take this Newsletter home



HOLY WEEK & EASTER



The journey of becoming part of the Church has been a joyous experience for us. We journeyed through the Rite of Christian Initiation which includes the Rite of Reception and the Rite of Election. We were privileged to meet the Archbishop during the Rite of Election who received us with a warm welcome and our names were written in a special book. The initiation itself at the Easter Vigil was a beautiful ceremony where we received full communion with the Church. We believe the Christian faith is about our relationship with God and with each other and we are glad and count ourselves lucky to have embraced it. This is who we want to be - witnessing our faith in God and opening ourselves to relationships with the Christian Community.



We want to use this opportunity to thank the entire community of St. Cronan's Catholic Church for your prayers, warm hands of welcome and for journeying with us. We thank in a special way Fr. Paul Thornton, for your words of encouragement and for offering us your friendly and welcoming heart in helping us strengthen our faith. We also thank Peter and Ruth for constantly nourishing us with the good words of God, answering our questions and for your commitment to work with us on our spiritual journey. Our thanks also go to our sponsors and families for all their support. Thank you all once again.



Charlotte & Zanda.



Crosscare Youth Services would like to thank you for your most generous contribution to their Annual Collection. The Parish contributed €2,670.33 for 2017. It is with your help and support that we continue to reach out to the needy in the diocese. Thank you.

Community Games Athletics Trials

Swords West Community Games Athletics Trials will take place on Monday 8th May 2017 at 7pm sharp in ALSAA. Registration from 6.30pm.

Ages 6 to 15 years, must be underage on 31st July e.g. U8 must not turn 8 before 31st July. Qualifiers to represent Swords West in the Dublin Community Games Finals on 17th and 18th June in Santry Stadium.



B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE



B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge – not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn. Next residential weekend will be held 19TH – 21ST May 2017 in **Emmaus Retreat Centre, Swords, Co Dublin**. For further information please contact 086 0877379 or email: bedublin@gmail.com. www.beginningexperience.ie

ST CRONAN'S STATUE UPDATE



The statue of St Cronan will be dedicated and blessed by Bishop Field on Pentecost Sunday 4th June. Sculptor Seighean O Draoi has kindly sent a new photo which shows the statue of St Cronan in progress. He and all of his brother monks were martyred on a single night by a party of sea-raiders. The annals mention two dates, AD 631 & 636. The image of a Christian martyr traditionally depicts the means by which the martyrdom occurred, hence the image of the sea-raiders' ship. The ruins of the Nunnery/Glasmole Abbey located in Lioscian estate are believed to indicate the original site of St Cronan's monastery. Donation envelopes are available at the back of Church. So far we have raised €3,890 of the €5,302 cost of the project. We still need to raise €1,414, can you help?. All donations of €20 or more will receive a St Cronan Statue donation certificate. Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated.



EASY EVANGELISATION!

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 Knocksedan, Glasmole Park, Ashton, Castleview etc. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after week-end Masses or leave your name & phone no. with Louise in parish office.



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

1ST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Prayer Books, beads, medals, gifts, cards, as well as Confirmation gifts etc. available in main porch, after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.

FAMILY OFFERING

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

March Standing Order €3,604
Annals/Half Yearly €250.00

BINGO

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

THE ROSARY

Prayer is of vital importance in our lives. We pray in praise, petition, thanksgiving. At Fatima Our Lady asked us to pray the Rosary. Why not make a new start? Having the Statue of Our Lady in your home for a week should help you to take the first step. Just leave your name & contact details with a member of Legion of Mary after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses and arrangements will be made to suit you.



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He Has Spoken Through the Prophets...

Viatore Christi would like to remind you about our second talk in the series on renewal and the future of the Church. This will feature Fr Mark Patrick Hederman on May 3rd 2017 at 7.00pm to 9.30pm in the Lecture Hall, Belvedere College Dublin 1 Suggested donation €10. To book your place call 01-8689986 or email shane@viatoreschristi.com

Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for 2nd & 3rd Sundays of Easter:

3rd Sunday of Easter: First Reading Acts of the Apostles (Acts) 2:14, 22-33; 2nd Reading 1st Letter of St. Peter (1Pet) 1:17-21; Gospel John (Jn.) 24:13-35

4th Sunday of Easter: First Reading Acts of the Apostles (Acts) 2:14a, 36-41; 2nd Reading 1st Letter of St. Peter (1Pet) 2:20b-25; Gospel John (Jn.) 10:1-10



The next Parent Meeting is Thursday 4th May at 8:00pm in St. Cronan's Parish Centre

Next dates for Baptisms:
Sunday 14th May 1:45 pm
Saturday 27th May 12:30 pm
Sunday 28th May 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.

PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times:

Weekday Mass:

Holyday Mass:

Confession:

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,
Fr. Joseph Njanackal, C.S.T., C.C.
Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker
Louise Donnelly, Secretary

Sunday: 6:30pm (Sat. Vigil); 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
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