

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd April 2017 ✠ 5th Sunday of Lent ✠ Year A



DUBLIN, IRELAND WORLD MEETING of FAMILIES

multimedia catechetical platform of resources. We hope that this programme will be used by many families, individuals and groups, local Churches and across the world.

If you have any ideas of how we should prepare for and celebrate the World Meeting of Families in the parish, please let us know.

Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families in August 2018. Started by Saint John Paul II, and held every three years, this major world event celebrates family as the cornerstone of our lives, and the fundamental building block of society and the Church.

Families and others from all over the world will gather in Dublin from **21-26 August 2018** to celebrate their lives together, to share their experiences from different parts of the world, to reflect on the different challenges they face and to grow together in faith.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for WMOF2018 is *The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World*. The WMOF2018 Logo, launched in December 2016, reflects on this theme and our journey towards August 2018. We will explore the meaning behind the logo in future issues of the newsletter.

The WMOF2018 is more than a once-off event. Rather it is a process by which we can celebrate and explore the riches of the Church's "Gospel of the Family". This is why a programme of catechesis/faith education is being developed to prepare for the event, which draws largely from the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love). The *Amoris: Let's talk about family* Programme will be an interactive

This week's
Prayer by text ✉
Have I not told you
that if you believe
you will see the glory of God?

THURSDAYS FOR Trócaire

For Lent the proceeds from the Thursday Morning cuppa after Mass in the Pastoral Centre will be for Trócaire.

There will also be an Easter Egg Raffle and tickets are available every morning. Come in and support us on Thursdays.



MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Connie, George, Christy & P.J. Martin (Rem)
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
11:00pm: Mary Carroll (A)
12:30pm: Marie McCardle (1st A)
5:30pm: Angela & Francis O'Brien (A)

PRAY FOR

Christine Hoey (A)
Michael Walsh (A)
Niamh Oglesby (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Bernie Hainey (A)
Tues: Maria Victoria Lapinig (B'day Rem)
Wed: Special Intention
Thurs: Fergus McAleavey (A) & Dcsd Family Members
Fri: Tommy Macken (1st A)
Sat: John Rae (MM)

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PREPARING FOR EASTER

Reconciliation

Why not consider celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter? Confessions are available every Saturday morning from 10.30-11.30am. During Holy Week there are two Reconciliation Services: Mon 10th at 7.30pm in River Valley, Tues 11th at 7.30pm in Brackenstown, as well as confessions on Good Friday from 12.30-1.30pm and 4.00-5.00pm

Palm Sunday

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. We will gather outside Church where Palm will be blessed before all Masses. The 6.30pm (Sat vigil) and 12.30pm Masses will have a family friendly telling of the Passion.

Stewards and Greeters

The Easter Services are usually very well attended in our parish. In order to make them a really welcoming experience we are looking for people to act as Stewards (inside and outside the church) and Greeters to welcome and hand out the Mass booklets. If you are able to help please leave your name in the Parish Office.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross and Easter Sunday Celebration of the Resurrection

We are looking for children to take part in acting out the Stations of the Cross at 12:00noon on Good Friday and the Resurrection on Easter Sunday at 12:30 Mass. If your child would like to be involved please fill in the pink form at the back of the Church or contact the parish by email brackenstownparish@gmail.com. There will be practices at the following times: **Monday 10th April at 7pm and Good Friday at 10:30am**. The person designated as contact on the form will be the one whom we will be in touch with.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The last of the faith talks which will be input and discussion over coffee and prayer will take place on Thursday evening at 7:30pm in the Pastoral Centre on **6th April – The Meaning of the Easter Triduum**.

MINISTERS REFLECTION EVENING

All those in any kind of Ministry in the Parish are invited to an evening of reflection, prayer and refreshments on **Thursday 6th April at 7:30pm in the Church**.



You will be most welcome to attend

ALONE

New Support Coordination Services for Older People in North Dublin City & County

A new Support Coordination Service for older people has been launched in the Dublin North City and County area. ALONE, the charity that supports older people to age at home, has partnered with the HSE to expand its support services to all older people living in these communities. The ALONE Support Coordination Service aims to respond to and address any issues facing older people, which are impacting on their ability to remain living independently in their own home. The charity's Support Coordinators assist older people who live in a range of accommodation types; privately owned, private rented or social housing homes. If you think you, or an older person you know, might benefit from this service, contact ALONE on (01) 679 1032 or visit www.alone.ie.

PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
APRIL 2017	
9TH APR	PALM SUNDAY
10 - 15 APR	HOLY WEEK
10 APR	RECONCILIATION SERVICE - RIVERVALLEY 7:30PM
11 APR	RECONCILIATION SERVICE - BRACKENSTOWN 7:30PM
13 APR	HOLY THURSDAY- MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:30PM
14 APR	GOOD FRIDAY
15 APR	EASTER VIGIL 9PM
16 APR	EASTER SUNDAY

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

A very sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who supported the Cake Sale on Mother's Day, in the Pastoral Centre. We are delighted to announce that a grand total of €901.01 was raised, in support of Carrie-Anne and Pietre, who will go on a youth pilgrimage to Fatima this August, with the St. Andrew's Community. This year we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady Of Fatima. Please know, you will all be included in our prayers and Masses during the youth pilgrimage. We are extremely grateful to you, for supporting our young teens on their faith journey! We hope all the Mums had a wonderful Mother's Day!



CAKE SALE for Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima



Young Adult Retreat

Saturday, 8th April
from 14:00-16:00
in the Prayer Chapel of St. Sylvester's Church, Malahide

(next door to Malahide Dart Station). The afternoon will include music, scripture, prayers of intercession, time of silence and reflections.

Next dates for Baptisms:
22nd April 12:30 pm
23rd April 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.

The next Parent Meeting is Thursday 6th April at 8:00pm in St. Cronan's Parish Centre

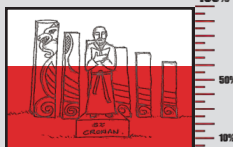
CHY3 Tax Refund Scheme: Many thanks to all those qualifying parishioners who have returned their CHY3 forms for 2016. This is an important source of funding for the Parish. We will be making the tax refund application shortly. There are still a small number of forms outstanding. If you received a CHY3 form from us and have yet to return it, please do so at your earliest convenience. If you are no longer a tax payer and received a form please return it to us with a note to that effect and we will amend our records. Thank you for your support towards the Parish Finances.

ST CRONAN'S STATUE

2017 marks 40 years since our Church was opened. The Parish has commissioned a significant piece of artwork to mark the occasion and to honour our patron, St Cronan. Donation envelopes are available at the back of Church. So far we have raised €3,190 of the €5,302 cost of the project.

All donations of €20 or more will receive a St Cronan Statue donation certificate.

Thank you to all who already support the Parish finances so generously, it is much appreciated.



Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Council

The current PPC is coming to the end of their term of office and we are beginning a process of discernment to establish a new PPC for September. Invitations for nominations are being delivered along with the Easter Dues Envelopes. Please take some time to think about if you or someone you know might consider being nominated. There will be more details about this in the coming weeks.

THANK YOU

to all those who attended the various Services and Liturgies during our Week of Prayer last week. Special thanks to those who prepared and led these times of prayer.



GARDENERS NEEDED!!

Are you "Green Fingered"? Do you have time to spare? Our parish garden would benefit from some TLC from experienced gardeners. Please contact the Parish Office.



PRAYER MEETING

Spend One Hour... **Tuesday next 4th April 8pm-9pm.** Sisters' Oratory, **29 Brackenstown Village.** This Prayer Meeting honours Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary. Everybody most welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer books, beads, medals, gifts, cards as well as Confirmation gifts etc. available in main porch, after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

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

LENT

Did you give up something?... Why not take up something! 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, Glasmore Park, Ashton, Castleview etc.** Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses and arrangements will be made to suit you.

FAMILY OFFERING

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

February Standing Order € 3,473.

Outdoor Collection €594.86

Annals/Half Yearly €600.00

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. Our Lady asks 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.



Please 'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords on Facebook!



A new Parkinson's Support Group will start on **Tuesday 2nd May** from **11am - 1pm** in the **Senior Citizen's Club** in the **centre of Swords**. This new support

group would like to attract people from Swords and the greater Fingal area but is open to members from any area who would like to attend. Please do try and pop in, even for half an hour on **2nd May** for a cup of tea/coffee, biscuits and a good chat!

Limited parking is available at the venue. As the meeting room is upstairs, the venue is not wheelchair accessible but a chair lift is available for those who find it difficult to climb the stairs.

If you require further details, please contact **Noel at 8405351** or **Tom on 886-3689906**. Future dates are **6th June** and **4th July** at same time, same place.

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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01 8408926 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com
089 4614226 – peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie
01 8401188 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com
Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm



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8/9 April

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

(Replaces Share Collection at Mass)

1/2 April

World Meeting of Families Collection



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