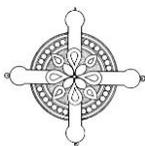


Second Sunday of Year B



18th January 2015

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm Daniel Maughan

(22nd B'day Rem)

9.00am Altar List of the Dead

11.00am Christine Keeling (A)

12.30pm Christina Walsh (A)

5.30pm Patrick Skelly (A)

PRAY FOR

Jadwiga Alexandrowicz (RD)

Danny Kelly (A)

Marie Lynch (A)

Josephine, Thomas & Donald Macken (A)

Annette Clare

Sean & Maisie Ryan (A)

Jerry O'Rourke (MM)

Special Intention

Patrick Hanratty (A)

Patrick Fallon (A)

Mary O'Donoghue (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

Mon: Danny Kelly (A) & Dcsd Family Members

Tues: Heleina Smith (A)

Wed: Special Intention

Thurs: Thanksgiving Mass

Fri: Hilda Slevin & Elizabeth Lowndes (A)

Sat: Maria Victoria (B'day Rem)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Times of Adoration are:

Mon: 10.30 am – 11.30 am

Wed: 6.00 pm – 11.00 pm

Fri: 10.30am – 5.45 pm

Sat: 10.30am – 11.30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on the last Sunday of the month from 4 - 5 pm.

BAPTISMS

Dates for Baptisms in February:

Saturday 7th February at 4:00pm

Sunday 8th February at 1:45pm

Saturday 21st February at 4:00pm

Sunday 22nd February at 2:00pm

Parent/Guardian Meeting is **Thursday 5th February at 8:00pm.**

Please contact the Parish Office for details.

FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund. The December standing order figure is €3,131.00. The Weekly Outdoor collection for the last two weeks amounted to €1,483.90. The Family Offering Envelope 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.

ST CRONANS JNS ENROLLING

St Cronan's JNS now enrolling for Junior Infants September 2015. Closing date for completed applications is 31 January 2015. Application forms available from Secretary's office in the school.

THE ROSARY

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Spread the Good News for the New Year! Volunteers needed to deliver the free Catholic Paper "Alive" in Ard Cian, Ashton, Brackenstown Road, Ormond, etc. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after weekend Masses or leave your name & phone no. with Louise in Parish Office.

MYAM EVENING PRAYER

To mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Myyam will host Evening Prayer in Taizé Style on Tuesday next 20th Jan from 8pm-9pm in the Prayer Chapel of St. Sylvester's Church, Malahide. The evening will include Taize chants, scripture, prayers of intercession and time of silence. All welcome.

WATER FROM RIVER JORDAN

Water from River Jordan in ceramic jugs, Diocesan Guidebooks, Calendars – Our Lady Untier of Knots Picture with liturgical date pad and Church Art calendars available in main porch after weekend Masses.

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. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

Next Coping Programme will commence on Wednesday 4th February for 7 Wednesday evenings, at 7.15pm in White Friars Community Centre, Aungier St., Dublin 2 For further information phone 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

This event as advertised in last weeks newsletter has been **cancelled**: "WAKE UP THE WORLD" – THE HOPES OF POPE FRANCIS on Monday January 19th, 7.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Church, Gardiner St, Dublin 1.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS & FRIENDS SOCIAL EVENING

If you help or are involved in St. Cronan's Church in any way, we would like to thank you for volunteering, and invite you to join us for Mass at 7:30pm with commissioning of the new Parish Pastoral Council, followed by refreshments and entertainment in St. Cronan's SNS.

INNER TRANSFORMATION REFLECTION

An Orthodox theologian from Bucharest Fr. Staniloae, who had been in prison for his beliefs wrote words so essential that we would like to know them by heart: "I looked for God in the human beings of my village, then in books and in ideas. But that brought be neither peace nor love. One day while reading the Church Fathers, I discovered that it was actually possible to encounter God through prayer. I gradually realized that God was close to me, that he loved me, and that filled by his love, my heart opened to others. I realized that love was a communion, with God and with others. And that, without communion, everything is only sadness and desolation.
Shared by Taizé Dublin.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT

Over the past two years we have run "Reading The Bible In A Year" which have been a great success and given people support in making their way through the Old and New Testaments. It is a huge commitment and much of the discussion centered around the Old Testament.

This year we are offering different modules and reading the New Testament. It gives you the opportunity to follow through the whole year or to choose which ones you would like to do. This will be facilitated in the same way as the "Reading The Bible In A Year" ie: a weekly guide to the reading for the week, a facilitated discussion by Paddy O'Byrne and others. There will also be talks on each section during the year by a scripture teacher which will be open to all. The plan for the year is: February to April: The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and the Acts of the Apostles; May and June: The Gospel and Letters of St. John and the Book of Revelation; September and October The Letters of St. Paul; November: The Letters of James, Jude and Peter. It will be on Monday Night 7:30 – 8:30pm. You can register your interest by emailing brackenstownparish@gamil.com or ringing 01 8401188.

The first talk on the Gospels of Matthew and Mark will take place on Monday 9th February at 8:00pm in the Church. It will be given by Fr. Paddy Boyle. All are welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE UPDATE

On Thursday 15th January at 12:30pm the contract was formally signed with Duke Construction to build the Parish Centre. The works that have begun are to divert the Electric, Gas and Water supply to the Church. Hopefully these will be completed this week. On Monday 26th hoarding will go up around the building site and works proper will begin. We will have a turning of the sod ceremony in that week after one of the 10:00am Masses.

As part of the conditions of planning, the trees at the front of the site must be protected and a bond of €5,000.00 will be made with Fingal Co. Co. if the trees are damaged. We will be assessing the hedge to see what options are available to enhance it and the fencing along the Brackenstown Road will be repaired as the works progress.

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHURCH UNITY 18th – 25th JANUARY 2015

The theme for this year's Church Unity week is "The Well Is Deep – Give Me A Drink". It is based on the meeting between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. It is a call on all the Churches not to focus on differences and competition but on a real living of the Gospel in the service of one another. It has been prepared by the people of Brazil who have experienced great division between the Churches against a background of poverty.

At a time when the treatment of different faiths in the media and the reactions that this causes, our understanding and respect for one another has to be an important part of who we are. Pope Francis has spoken in the Philippines about the need for responsibility within the freedom of speech and expression. Our faith is a part of who we are and for those who believe, their faith is loved and cherished.

Our Service for Church Unity week 2015 takes place **this Thursday night 22nd January at 8:00pm in St. Columba's Church.** The speaker is Ása Björk Ólafsdóttir the Rector of Dún Laoghaire. At the beginning of her ministry in the town she felt there was a real need for a place to provide meals during the day for those who are homeless. "I started to see the homeless people. The word got out that there was a new Vicar and people started to come looking for food – I always feed people if they are hungry," she explains. "Then I spoke to someone who had started a bus which came to Dun Laoghaire on Monday evenings bringing soup and sandwiches. I went along and started bringing pasta bolognese but I still knew I had to do something more."

There is a homeless shelter in Dun Laoghaire where clients receive food in morning and evenings but they must leave after breakfast. She began to think about opening a drop in centre where they could provide a hot meal at lunchtime for people but also company and simple human contact. She hopes that those suffering from addiction might benefit from having full stomachs in the middle of the day.

The initiative has attracted volunteers from all churches and none. The local community Gardai, the council and area social workers are supporting the effort with help and advice. The Gardai and social workers in particular have been letting people know that the service is up and running.

It is an important moment of prayer for our Parishes together and I encourage as many as possible to come along on Thursday evening. The collection taken up during the service will be to support Ása in her work.

OPERATION TRANSFORMATION PARISH FAMILY WALK

If you are interested in joining in a Parish Family Walk meet at the front of the Church on Sunday 25th January at 2:45pm. We will walk along the Brackenstown Road, down the Murrough Road, onto the Glen Ellan Road, across Balheary fields, onto North Street, up Main Street, turn at the Old Schoolhouse, down St. Columba's Lane and back along the Brackenstown Road to the Church.

Dogs are welcome but must be kept under control and owners must clean up after them.