

Parish Newsletter

15th April 2018 ✕

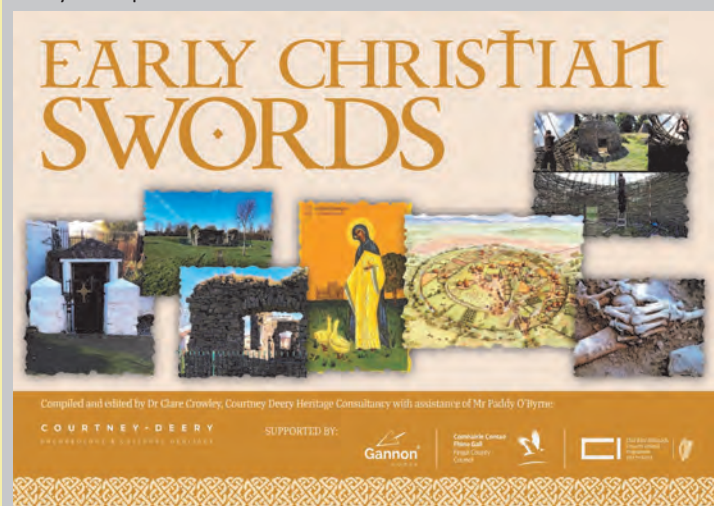
3rd Sunday of Easter ✕

Year B

Early Christian Swords Exhibition

14th - 27th April - Admission Free

Volunteers are needed to ensure that we can keep the Pastoral Centre open during lunchtime to enable people to view the exhibition. Would you be able to help out one day from 12.45 to 2.15? If so please leave your details with Louise in the Parish office, tel. 01 8401188. Opening times for the exhibition are 10.30am to 5pm on Monday to Friday, 10.30am to 7pm on Saturday and Sunday. The exhibition will finish on Friday 27th April.



Dear Friends,

The parish of the future will be different. The urgent task of our time is to try to reach out to younger generations, leading them to know Jesus Christ and understand what Jesus can mean in their lives.

I hope tomorrow's parish will be a place of welcome for all. In my conversations with young people, it is clear that we have to be more welcoming and attentive to the young, embracing difference and open to exploring their questions and concerns. In addition, I hope tomorrow's parish will be a centre of learning where all find nourishment in faith and support in friendship. I hope that tomorrow's parish will also be confident and outward looking sending 'missionary disciples' to bring the presence of Christ into the world.

To make the parish of the future a reality, we need to constantly develop new ways of working together, sharing resources and expressing solidarity. Share is crucial in enabling a better future for all. Your contributions to Share will ensure that we meet all our responsibilities while prioritising working together for mission.

Thanks to Share, we are able to provide support services to our parish communities in child safeguarding, education and schools, repairs to buildings, prudent financial management, human resources and training people to work in evangelisation and catechesis.

Thank you for supporting the Share collection and I appeal to you to continue to give generously to Share, the second collection, each Sunday. Your help is invaluable in building the parish of the future.

Yours sincerely,

Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin.

Pope Francis has chosen Dublin to host the 2018 World Meeting of Families. In getting ready, we are continuing our parish conversations on what family means to us. We will also look at what Pope Francis says about the importance of family in the life of the church which he shared with us in Amoris Laetitia. The conversations will take place in each of the three parishes.

Amoris
Let's talk Family! Let's be Family!

Conversation 3:

St. Colmcille's Parochial House	Tuesday 24th April	2pm - 3:30pm
St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre	Tuesday 24th April	7:30pm - 9pm
St. Finian's Oratory	Thursday 26th April	10:30am - 12pm

Conversation 4:

St. Colmcille's Parochial House	Tuesday 1st May	2pm - 3:30pm
St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre	Tuesday 1st May	7:30pm - 9pm
St. Finian's Oratory	Thursday 3rd May	10:30am - 12pm

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Patrick, Bridget & Colin Green (A)
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
11:00am: May Keane (1st A)
12:30pm: John & Margaret Keogh (A)
5:30pm: May Corrigan (A)

PRAY FOR

Alan Kavanagh (6th A)
 Christina Hoey (A)
 Gerard Kenny (16th A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Rose & Patrick Duffy (A)
Tues: Ambrose Dunne (A)
Wed: For the Protection of 8th Amendment
Thurs: Marie Dillon (A)
Pray for: Special Intention
Fri: Eileen McGuirk (A)
Sat:

Please take this Newsletter home

Holy Week & Easter

This year we had a very reflective lead up to Holy Week and Easter. During our week of reflection Sr. Eileen lead us prayerfully each morning through the Passion in St. Mark's Gospel. Ann, Teresa and Peter facilitated the Amoris programme reflecting on family life. On the Wednesday night we had a Holy Hour and on Friday night Sarah led the music for Taizé Prayer. There are many different ways to enter into the stillness of God and on Thursday night Denise and Ann introduced us to Mindfulness. Each morning began with Morning Prayer and the day finished with Night Prayer. In the Church Peter offered an interactive way to prayer through the Stations of the Cross. During the week the children from Second Class in St. Cronan's JNS prayed the Stations of the Cross in the Church. Thank you to all who facilitated and led this week.

Holy Week is a special time in the Churches year and from the moment you entered the Church you could sense the atmosphere as our Sacristy team had the statues covered and the Sanctuary bare except for the essentials. On Holy Thursday Maryanne, Kieran and Sandra who are involved with the RCIA and Baptism Teams represented the Parish at the Chrism Mass in the Pro Cathedral. At the Mass of the Lord's Supper they presented the Oils and the Washing of Feet reflecting our preparation for the World Meeting of Families and several generations got their feet washed and the whole congregation renewed their commitment to service by the washing of Hands. Peter led us in the Watch and Pray which brought us through Jesus' time in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday began with Morning Prayer and then the Family Mass Team took the idea of Families sharing their faith with an interactive Stations of the Cross which engaged everyone in participation in Jesus' journey to Calvary. At 3:00pm Fr. Bibin led the Passion and Veneration of the Cross. In its simplicity it is a powerful ceremony. In India it is a ceremony where the celebrant is usually expected to preach for at least 45mins! So maybe next year!!

In the evening the Youth Choir brought us through the Stations of the Cross that Trócaire had put together based on their Lenten Campaign this year. It got us to think differently and the excellent music helped us to pray.

On Holy Saturday the Church was transformed from the subdued colours of Lent to the burst of Easter yellow by the flowers that Maura arranged with great creativity. The Easter Garden that Paschal and Mary put together really brought the resurrection scene alive. We got a surprise gift of chrysanthemums which lifted the whole Church.

At the Easter Vigil the 164th Brackenstown Scout Unit provided the fire and the sausages and during the ceremony we welcomed Kornel, Eddie and Esther into our Parish Family. On Easter Sunday we welcomed Isla and Hazel at the 11:00am Mass and Senan and Leo at the 12:30pm Mass.

Throughout the ceremonies our Choir lifted our spirits and it was great to have Aileen back with us. The choir have been very dedicated through all the weeks and Maria and Gerry have done Trojan work in keeping them on track.

The final part of our Easter celebrations was the Divine Mercy Devotions last Sunday which were a very prayerful celebration of God's extraordinary love for us.

Thank you to all who facilitated our times of prayer and celebration. Holy Week and Easter really bring out the very best in people working together whether it be in the liturgies, delivering envelopes, counting money, keeping the place right and so many other things. Finally to thank Louise for keeping the place on track in the Parish Office and Christie for keeping the place looking well. And to Peter and Fr. Bibin for the extraordinary work that they do in helping us to live our faith as a family of God's people.

Fr. Paul



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Children's tickets are Free but they must be named and registered as part of a Family Group

FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES & CLOSING MASS

Pope Francis intends to be at both of these public events. The Festival of Families will take place in a concert-type venue in Dublin on the evening of 25th August. On Sunday 26th August, the Pope will celebrate Mass in the Phoenix Park. Both of these events are FREE but every adult and child has to have a ticket. Tickets will be distributed to every Diocese in the summer. Anyone who registers for the Congress is guaranteed a ticket for the Closing Mass and the possibility of a ticket for the Festival of Families.

5 day Ticket: 22nd – 26th Aug

Online Registration: €68

On the day Registration: €78

Attendance to the 3 day Congress + Guarantee ticket for Festival of Families + Ticket for the Final Mass

1 day Adult Ticket

Online Registration: €38

On the day Registration: €43

Single day attendance to Congress + Option Festival of Families Ticket subject to availability at time of booking + guaranteed ticket for Final Mass
(€5 off for Pensioners, students & unwaged)

Bus leaving St. Cronan's Church Car Park at 7:30am on Saturday 21st April. Cost of the bus is €20 and Children under 16 are €10.

Please bring a Packed Lunch – Tea & Coffee available in St. John's Centre, Knock Bus will stop for 15 minutes on the way down and back To book please contact Louise in the Parish Office: 01 8401188

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PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK 2018

Saturday 21st April 2018
Time: 11.00am – 4.30pm
Full programme for all ages

PARISH DIARY

DATE

EVENT

APRIL 2018

14th April	Early Christian Swords Exhibition begins
17th April	First Communion Rehearsal
21st April	Parish Pilgrimage to Knock
21st April	Confirmation Retreat for ETNS in Emmaus
21st April	Do This In Memory Mass at 6:30pm
22nd April	Do This In Memory Mass at 12:30pm
23rd April	First Communion Rehearsal
26th April	First Communion Rehearsal
28th April	First Holy Communion 10:00 and 12:00

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The next Parent Meeting is
Thursday 3rd May

Next dates for Baptisms:

Saturday 12th May at 12:30pm

Sunday 27th May at 1:45pm

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

Réalt Teaching and Learning Programme, DCU

My name is Chloe Twyford, former student of St. Cronan's N.S and currently studying Primary Teaching in St. Patrick's College, DCU. This Summer I will be travelling to Uganda to teach for 8 weeks in local primary schools. This is in conjunction with the Réalt Teaching and Learning Programme, DCU. We will be bringing over Irish teaching methodologies and ideas to Ugandan schools and also providing the additional resource of teachers.

I would be grateful if you are able to donate in any way after mass during my gate collection this weekend. Thank you, Chloe.

St. Cronan's Senior School are looking for volunteers to teach knitting to 4th & 5th Classes one hour a week from 1:30pm - 2:30pm.

Please contact the School Secretary on 01 8403488.



Fashion Event

We are holding a fundraising event in aid of Fingal Counselling Service, a community voluntary counselling service at the heart of Fingal

Do you have a special occasion coming up or simply enjoy shopping for bargains? Why not come along to our pop up shop where we have a fantastic range of pre loved clothing including hats, shoes and accessories for sale at amazing prices.

Saturday 21st April 2018 Time 2 – 6 pm

Base Resource Centre, Brackenstown, Swords



On Holy Saturday evening the garden that the parish rents to Hazel and Treacy in Kidscare (BASE) was vandalized. It was very upsetting for the children as the garden brings them so much joy. However, we thank those neighbours who confronted the vandals and stopped any further damage being done to the garden.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer Books, Rosary Beads, Rosettes, Medals, Souvenirs etc. for First Holy Communion & Confirmation available in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

EASY EVANGELISATION! SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

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 week-end Masses or leave your name & phone number with Louise in Parish Office.

ROSARY

Honour the Mother of God this 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.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

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

FAMILY OFFERING

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

March Standing Order €3,109.00

Outdoor Collection €842.26

Annals/Half Yearly €250.00

All of the above contributions are recorded for the tax rebate.

COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

First Collection €1,401.50 (€476.50 recorded for tax rebate)

Share Collection €1,159.07 (€291.50 recorded for tax rebate)



BINGO

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

St. Cronan's Estate Residents Easter Draw

1st Prize: €100 - The Lawns

2nd Prize: €50 - The Avenue

3rd Prize: Egg - M. Duff

4th Prize: Egg - The Lawns

5th Prize: Chocolates - The Way

Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for next Sunday:

Third Sunday of Easter: First Reading Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4: 2, 4, 7, 9 Response/v7; Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

Fourth Sunday of Easter:

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29; Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2; Gospel John 10:11-18



PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times:
Weekday Mass:
Holyday Mass:
Confession:

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,
Fr. Bibin Jacob 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
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DEPRESSION FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE RETREAT
 Join Fr. Jim Noonan ODC & Fodhla McGrane on the 13th October at the Emmaus Centre, Swords. The weekend will bring your peace and comfort through music, praying The Divine Office, daily mass and the sacrament of reconciliation.

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