

Parish Newsletter

7th October 2018 ✕ 26th Sunday ✕ Year B

Peter's Farewell Mass



On Sunday 21st October at the 12:30pm Mass we will thank Peter Siney for his three years of ministry with us in Brackentown. There is no doubt that Peter made a real difference to the life of the Parish. He was positive about everything he did, had a great ideas and the creativity to put them into practice. He is a skilled facilitator who helped many groups to reflect on living their baptismal vocation through their lives and ministry in the Church.

We would like to make a presentation to Peter in recognition of his ministry and if you would like to be part of that presentation there are envelopes at the back of the Church. You can put your donation into the envelope and then put it into the white postboxes at the doors of the Church.

You will also find postcards at the back of the Church if you would like to write a personal message and we will put it in an album with photos of his time with us. You can put the postcards in the wooden box inside the main door. So that we can have time to put this together the last day for postcards and donations is Thursday 18th October.

Willie Curtis (Chairperson, PPC)

Church Refurbishment Update



The painting of the Church has been completed. We would like to thank Ed Byrne for the great job that he and his co-workers have done. The whole place looks so well and fresh. The colour you chose works very well and gives a sense of warmth to the Church.

Fr. Paul



St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Supporting Vocations to the Priesthood Worldwide

The Brackentown branch of the St. Joseph's Young Priests Society would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to its collection last weekend. The total amount received was €1,160. Your support assists student clerics on their journey to priesthood. The extraordinary generosity of St. Cronan's parishioners is very much appreciated. Thank you most sincerely.



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

- 6:30pm:** Dcsd members of Carroll, O'Lone & Fletcher Families
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
11:00 am: Anne & James Marmion and Teresa & Anthony Marmion (A)
12:30pm: Pauline Byrne (A)
5:30pm: Agnes & Patrick Milne and George Wogan (A)

PRAY FOR

- Jimmy & Bridie McNally (A)
 Margaret Morandeira (A)
 Bernie (Ben) Maguire (13th A)
 Ela Barda (1st A)
 Mona Campbell (MM)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

- Mon:** Special Intention
Tues: Eamonn Kelleghan (RD)
Pray for: George Shaw (MM)
Wed: Liam Hurley (RD)
Thur: Ann, Tom & Philomena O'Leary (A)
Fri: Special Intention
Sat: George Shaw (MM)

Holyday Mass: Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am & 7:30pm

Confession: Saturday 10:30am-11:00am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm & After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday

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CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

6/7 October
 St Vincent
 de Paul
 Collection

Where do we go from here?

This is the central question that Archbishop Martin put to us in his letter that we published in last weeks newsletter. If you missed it you can read it on the Parish Website in the newsletter section.

This is a time of huge change for our society and for the Church within that society. The rate of social change and legislation is rapid. The negative press coverage of Pope Francis' visit that was relentless in its criticism of the Church and of Pope Francis, highlighted for people in Ireland and around the world how Ireland has changed.

The change will continue as the patronage of schools is under review and the transfer of schools from the Catholic Church to other patrons will happen in the not too distant future. The recent debate on the radio and in the press about changes in First Holy Communion to a Sunday celebration which sparked an extraordinary debate that could be summarised in the question "What has the Church got to do with Holy Communion?" It exposed the reality that for some First Holy Communion is a social gathering and the receiving of the Body of Christ into the lives of these children, is merely quaint Irish ritual which has no other meaning in people's lives.

So Archbishop Martin is right, we need to ask "Where do we go from here?" He goes on to ask some other questions: ***"The question now arises: where do we go forward now in the challenge of renewing the faith we carry in our own hearts and renewing the life of the Church?"***

For me the questions that should be addressed are the deeper questions about faith in Jesus Christ.

Why are we no longer captivating so many of our young people for the message of Jesus Christ?

Which models of pastoral activity and reflection are most likely to win the hearts of young people for the message of Jesus? How do we teach young people about prayer?

How can our parishes respond to these challenges?

Which aspects of our dominant culture make it harder for people to understand the message of Jesus?

I am thinking, for example, about a widespread individualism that invades everything from personal life to our economic vision.

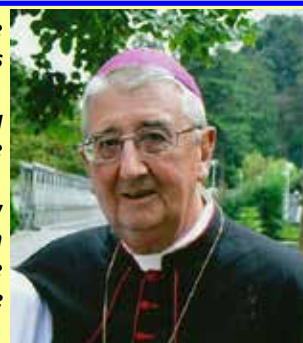
"Where do we go from here?" I would like to invite you to come and talk about these questions with members of the Parish Pastoral Council. I hope this is not a once off conversation but begins a series of discussions and talks to help us face the changes that are happening around us.

As people have different work and social schedules there will be two times for us to come together in the Parish Pastoral Centre:

Tuesday 16th October at 10:30 – 12:00pm

Tuesday 16th October at 7:30 – 9:00pm

Fr. Paul



REPORT FROM PPC SEPTEMBER MEETING

We welcomed our new pastoral worker, Niamh Morris. We acknowledge the participation of our altar servers at the Papal visit ceremonies and praise them for their positive witness of being involved in Church. We will have a fundraising effort to help the Kerala Floods Relief Fund. To thank Peter Siney for his work here in the parish, we will have a thanksgiving mass at 12.30pm on 21st Oct, followed by a reception in the pastoral centre. Parishioners can contribute towards a presentation gift, if they so wish. If you would like any item discussed at the next PPC meeting, please leave the details with the parish office before Friday Oct 19th.

Willie Curtis-PPC Chair.

Brackenstown Bible Study

Join us for *Acts, The Spread of the Kingdom* in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre, beginning January 2019. The study runs for a total of 20 weeks over Spring & Autumn 2019. Classes are 7.30-9pm on Monday nights, the cost is €25 and the class size will be limited to c.45 people. If interested please reserve your place by 12/10/18 as the study materials have to be ordered well in advance due to high demand for the course. To register for the study call Louise at 01-8401188 or via email: brackenstownparish@gmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the community of St. Cronan's Parish for their generous donations to the Church Gate Collections. The July Collection amounted to €886.73, August €1198.07 and September €1283.14.

The Irish Cancer Society's Daffodil Centres in Dublin are walk-in information and support centres based in seven hospitals across the city for cancer patients, their families and anyone concerned about cancer. We're looking for volunteers to work with our Daffodil Centre Nurses. Duties include welcoming enquirers to the centre, listening and identifying their needs and signposting to appropriate sources of information and support; arranging for the enquirer to talk to the Cancer Nurse. Training will be provided. If you'd like more information on becoming a volunteer please contact; Deirdre Murphy, Irish Cancer Society Tel: 01 231 0564 or dmurphy@irishcancer.ie



PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
OCTOBER 2018	
6th	Enrolment Mass 6:30pm: St. Cronan's JNS (Ms. Hargadon; Ms. Mc Sweeney, Ms. McLoughlin)
7th	Enrolment Mass 12:30pm: St. Cronan's JNS (Ms. Hanratty & Ms. Lehany)
8th	7:30pm Marian Torchlight Procession and Mass
9th	7:30pm First Communion Parents Meeting for Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe in the Pastoral Centre
11th	7:30pm First Communion Parents Meeting for Swords and Thornleigh ETNS in the Pastoral Centre
13th	Enrolment Mass 6:30pm: St. Cronan's JNS (Ms. Manton & Ms. Ryan)
14th	Enrolment Mass 12:30pm: Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe
16th	10:30am in the Pastoral Centre "Where do we go from here?" Parish discussion on Archbishop's letter.
16th	7:30pm in the Pastoral Centre "Where do we go from here?" Parish discussion on Archbishop's letter.

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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 1 hour with me? We encourage new people to come & join us.

Annual Candlelight Procession

Annual Candlelight Procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady will take place on Monday 8th October at 7:00pm. It will be followed by Holy Mass at 7:30pm approx. Why not keep the evening free and come out to honour Our Lady in the month of the Rosary? Candles will be available in the Church.

Would you like to work for Our Lady?

Why not do something new? Legion of Mary needs new members to help Our Lady bring Jesus to more people. **You** could help! Meetings: **Adults - Tuesdays 10:30am** in Sisters' House and **Wednesdays 7:30pm** in Sacristy and **we need more Junior Members on Fridays at 4:45pm** also Sacristy. Why not come and see what you can do!

Helpers

New Helpers needed to deliver the "Alive!" Catholic Paper. If you could give **20-30 minutes a month**, you could do great work to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Enquire at Legion of Mary table in the main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses or leave your contact number with Louise in the Parish Office.

Rosary

Praying for a special intention? Praying for Peace? The "Rosary Statue" was blessed for use in the homes of the parish at the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to pray the rosary again and have the rosary statue in your home for a week, or **get more information**, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

Brackenstown Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019

We are planning a Holy Land Pilgrimage. The approximate dates are: 26th Oct-3rd Nov '19. Agent will be MAP Travel.

Names are being taken through the Parish Office



Next Parent Meeting is
Thursday 1ST NOVEMBER
Next dates for Baptisms:

Saturday 10th November 12:30pm
Sunday 25th November 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.

Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for this Sunday and the following Sunday:

27th Sunday:

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Psalm 33;
 Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17 Matthew 28:16-20

28th Sunday:

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 89; Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13;
 Gospel: Mark 10:17-30



FAMILY OFFERING

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

August Standing Order €3,302

Outdoor Collection - €772.95

Annuals/Half Yearly - €450.00

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

COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

First Collection - €1,202.85 (€320.01 recorded for Tax)

SHARE Collection - €1,050.00 (€238.77 recorded for Tax)

GDPR - A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), is being introduced on 25 May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

Being the Digital Light of Christ

The *Hook of Faith* is a brand-new website that has been set up by Ferns CAFÉ (Catholic Adult Formation and Education), who are committed to the work of evangelisation and adult faith formation. Fr Billy Swan of St Aidan's Cathedral in Enniscorthy is at the centre of the initiative, which grew out of the Certificate in Theology course in the Wexford Campus of Carlow IT. "The role of the lay people in this initiative is indispensable," said Fr Swan.



"On completion of the course, this group of dedicated lay people desired to keep the momentum going, to keep writing and contributing to something about the Faith," he continued.

The result is an impressive website, which "seeks to bring the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to bear on all sectors

of society in a way that offers life and meaning to everyone." The mission of *The Hook of Faith* is straight-forward: "to digitally proclaim the Gospel in the Diocese of Ferns and beyond". However, there is a realism at its heart, as all involved "recognise the challenge of this task at a time in the Church that

needs healing and hope." The site itself hosts an array of free videos, articles and interviews, which can be used to deepen your faith, and encourage more engagement.

The team's major concern is to have a website which is at the service of the light of faith. And just as the Hook lighthouse has been throwing out light off the coast of Wexford for 800 years, there is a hope that this website might act as a light to bring people closer to Christ.

To read more about the Hook of Faith, see the website www.thehookoffaith.com and this week's Cornerstone section of The Irish Catholic

Quote of the week

"Jesus gave us a simple programme for journeying towards holiness: the commandment of love for God and our neighbour."

– Pope Francis



Challenge:

How well can I follow this simple programme for journeying towards holiness this week? Can I love God – and my neighbour – in all that I do?

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