

## Parish Newsletter

4th November 2018 ✕ 31st Sunday ✕ Year B

**The World Meeting of Families and the Papal Visit** which took place in August highlighted some of the best experiences of faith and also raised debates about the many issues that we must face as a Church. During the World Meeting of Families in the RDS so many families of all ages and configurations came together to celebrate and be nourished in their faith. The discussions, forums and times of worship created great bonds between those who took part. There were many people from our Parish who took part in the choirs, as ministers of the Eucharist, stewards as well as our Altar Servers who played a key role.



In the various aspects of Pope Francis' visit he met with many groups including Young Couples in the Pro-Cathedral, those who attend the Capuchin Day Centre, those who gathered in the rain in Knock, the President and Government, the Irish Bishops and the survivors of abuse by individuals and institutions of the Church. This group had a profound effect on him which was reflected in the Penitential Rite which he wrote for the Papal Mass and on returning to Rome calling the heads of the Bishop's conferences from around the world to gather in Rome to face the issue of Abuse.

The events of August were an important time for us and the goal from the beginning was for the Church to meet the costs of the events. While the four national collections received a generous response and the tickets fees and other sponsorship met another amount of the costs, there is a deficit of €4m.

**Next weekend there will be a fifth national collection to address this. It will replace the SHARE**



**collection at all Masses and we ask if you can as generous to this collection as you have been to the four that have taken place. If you are in a position to give some extra, it would be appreciated.**



Our Mass for remembering those who have died in the past year will take place on  
**Saturday, November 10th at the 6.30pm Mass**

If you would like to remember a loved one who was buried elsewhere,  
you can write their name into the Book of Remembrance in the Sacred Space.

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm:** Maoilisa & Liam MacCourt (A)  
**9:00am:** Altar List of the Dead  
**11:00 am:** Margie Markey (A)  
**12:30pm:** Vincent Millington (A)  
**5:30pm:** Michael & Moira Reynolds & Dcsd Family Members

### PRAY FOR

Patrick Imabeh (A)  
Rose Fernie (4th A)  
Sheila Reilly (A)

### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Paddy, Elizabeth & Michael Sheilds (A)  
**Tues:** Marian Movement for Priests  
**Wed:** Charlotte Schwartzburg (A)  
**Thur:** William & Eileen Byrne (A)  
**Fri:** James & Winifred Kirwan (A)  
**Sat:**

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

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

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### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

3/4 November  
VDP Collection

10/11 November  
Gianna Care

# Harvest Thanksgiving

Last week the pupils from St. Cronan's Junior School had their Harvest Thanksgiving and Opening of the School Year Prayer Service. Each pupil brought in a non-perishable item of food and placed it around the Sanctuary. It filled the three steps and more! A big thank you to all the boys and girls.

Later that day two 6th classes who are preparing for Confirmation came over to sort all the foods into categories and pack them into crates. They worked very well together and had the job done in 40mins. They filled 40 crates with the food.

Included in this was the food that Parishioners brought to the weekend Masses.

The theme of our Prayer Service was Thank You. It focused on thanking God for the foods that we eat, the people who grow and manufacture them and those who cook them for us. We also reflected on the sharing of food with all people and of using the environment wisely because the Earth is our common home.

All the food gathered was brought over to the North County Foodbank which is operated from the Old Parish Meeting Room by Crosscare.

As soon as we walked into the Church at the weekend and especially for the Harvest Service we were prepared because of the beautiful flowers that Maura had arranged. There is something really beautiful about the autumn colours that bring the Church alive.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving is an important part of our practice. Even though for many years it was more associated with the Church of Ireland, it is a time to reflect on our connection with the earth as God's gift which nourishes and sustains our lives. The changing climate has brought many challenges to food production and cycles that were once predictable have changed. The earth is our common home and as Christians we have a responsibility to look after it and the people who live on it. Climate Justice and Social Justice are the same thing. We are called to make a difference even in the practice of reducing-reusing-recycling. Another is to reduce the amount of plastics we use and lobby our shops to provide paper bags instead of plastic. These may seem small things, but change has to begin from the bottom upwards!



## "Gianna Care" Church Gate Collection

"Gianna Care" is named after St. Gianna Beretta Molla, patron saint of mothers, physicians and unborn children. St. Gianna was willing to give her own life to save the life of her child. "Gianna Care" was established to help women experiencing an unexpected and difficult pregnancy situation and those suffering after abortion. "Gianna Care" provides everything required at this difficult time. Practical assistance at every level is available 24/7. The compassionate, life affirming, emotional and financial support in addition to the non-judgemental confidential care given, makes all the difference and changes people's lives. All services are free of charge. To enable us to continue this work, please give generously to our outdoor collection next weekend. Thank you in anticipation.

## RECIPES FOR COOKBOOK

Hi, I'm a student from Colaiste Choilm in Swords. I'm in second year and taking part in the Fingal Enterprise Awards my product is going to be a cook book and I am looking for any homemade recipes to put in the cookbook that I am publishing. Please can you send any recipes to: colaistecholmenterpriseawards@gmail.com. Many thanks.



## Order of Malta Christmas Dinner

Last year the Swords Unit of the Order of Malta had a Christmas Dinner in the Pastoral Centre. They tried to focus on people who wouldn't get a chance to go to an event like this as they are housebound or living alone. It was a great success. This year they are going to host it again on the 8th December. If you know of anyone who would enjoy the chance to get out please leave their name with Louise in the Parish Office. The Order of Malta will provide transport to and from the dinner and they can accommodate wheelchairs both manual and electric.



## Altar List of the Dead

Please return your completed Altar List to the White Letterboxes in the Church. The 9:00am Mass every Sunday is offered for the Intentions of all our Parishioners, all the people who live in this area and all the names on the Altar List of the Dead.



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## PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
<b>NOVEMBER 2018</b>	
<b>12th</b>	7:30pm Do this In Memory organising group Meeting in Pastoral Centre
<b>13th</b>	7:30pm Confirmation Parents/Guardians Meeting SWORDS & THORNLEIGH ETNS in the Pastoral Centre
<b>The Parents /Guardians Meeting for Confirmation is on Tuesday 13th November at 7:30pm. The parents/guardian from Swords and Thornleigh ETNS have been invited. This meeting is also open to parents/guardians from Gaelscoil Bhrian Boromhe and St. Cronan's who may have missed their scheduled meeting.</b>	
<b>14th</b>	7:30pm Come Follow Me Parish Confirmation Programme Organising Group in the Pastoral Centre
<b>17th</b>	Confirmation Mass 6:30pm: Ms Morrissey, Ms Kelly, Ms Doyle & GSBB
<b>18th</b>	Confirmation Mass 5:30pm: Mr Gallagher, Ms Farrell, Ms Quinn, Holywell, Swords & Thornleigh ETNS



**All Welcome to the next meeting**  
**St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre**  
**Tuesday 6th November 11am - 12pm**

**Siel Bleu Exercise Class 12pm - 1pm**  
**Tea & coffee available from 10:30am**

### **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:

#### **31st Sunday:**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Psalm 17;

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34

#### **32nd Sunday:**

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 145; Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28; Gospel: Mark 12:38-44



### **FAMILY OFFERING**

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

**September Standing Order €3,367**

**Outdoor Collection - n/a**

**Annals/Half Yearly - n/a**

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

**COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES**

**First Collection - n/a (€0.00 recorded for Tax)**

**Share Collection - n/a (€0.00 recorded for Tax)**

### **Parish Centre Caretaker**

We welcome Aaron Wilde as a part-time caretaker for the Pastoral Centre. He will be looking after groups who use the Centre in the evenings. As the Centre has gotten so busy over the past few months the Management Committee felt that we needed someone to look after the evenings and keep a general eye over the cleaning and maintenance. We are grateful to the Fingal Leadership Programme for matching Aaron with us through the Tús scheme. We welcome him and wish him every success in his work.

### **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.

### **Prayer Meeting**

Spend One Hour... Tuesday, 6th November, 8-9 pm Sisters' Oratory, 29 Brackenstown Village. This Prayer Meeting honours Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary. Everybody most welcome.

### **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.

### **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.



**'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords**

## **Journeying the Liturgical Year**

Every 31st of December many get ready to celebrate the moment the clock strikes midnight and a new year dawns. Countless people take on the task of a New Years' Resolution with the purpose of bettering themselves, or to make the year ahead more meaningful. Imagine that we did the same for the new church year – we purposely decided to journey the year from a faith perspective, to connect with the key moments, to build our relationship with Jesus,



and to make the year more meaningful. Sounds great, however, where would one even begin? Are we assuming everyone in the parish knows the new Liturgical Year commences on the First Sunday of Advent?

Consciously journeying the year gives us many opportunities to stop, reflect and broaden our faith. It provides us with an opportunity to not only see what happens at various times of the year, but contemplate the vital, yet rarely asked question of 'why?'. There can be a belief that because someone attends Mass and received the Sacraments for most of their lives, they have full knowledge of the liturgy,

liturgical space, and feast days. I don't think we can rightly presume this. After the Sacrament of Confirmation, what parish-based faith formation is available for adults? The Mass and liturgical seasons aid us to deepen our relationship with Jesus, but only if we know how to engage. Connection with faith changes throughout life as a person matures. Education aside, what forum have we, the church, provided for people to engage in 'why' questions?

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*Natalie Doherty was writing in this week's Cornerstone section of The Irish Catholic*

## **Quote of the week**

*It would be wonderful if, every day, at some moment, we could say: "Lord, let me know you and let me know myself"*

– Pope Francis



## **Challenge:**

Find time each day this week to sit in silence, and pray to the Lord to allow you to get to better know Him.

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