

# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH



## Parish Newsletter

8th October 2017 ✠ 27th Sunday ✠ Year A



### WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

#### "CHILDREN'S FAMILY ALBUM"

Pope Francis says that through beauty, artists make the world better. He also says that living together is an art; a patient, beautiful, fascinating journey. So, what better way to express the art of living together as family than through art? Art starts a dialogue and provides families with so much to talk about.

As a family of families, parishes will benefit from great opportunities to bring families together to talk and learn about family through their artwork. Children are invited to create what family means to them. Artists can use any type of paper and their work may be drawn or painted using any materials. The size of artwork should not be smaller than A4 or larger than A2. All pieces should be submitted in flat format only, not rolled, folded or framed. The artist should put their name and age on the reverse side of their work.

*Please bring your artwork to the Church between now and the end of October. There will be a prize for each category and all entries will be photographed for the album displayed at World Meeting of Families 2018.*



#### A Prayer to St. Joseph

To you, O Blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our tribulations, and while imploring the aid of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

By that love which united you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by the fatherly affection with which you embraced the Infant Jesus, we humbly beseech you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by His blood, and to help us in our necessities by your powerful intercession.

Protect, O most provident guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen children of Jesus Christ, ward off from us, O most loving Father, all taint of error and corruption; graciously assist us from heaven, O most powerful protector, in our struggle with powers of darkness; and as you once rescued the Child Jesus from imminent peril to his life, so now defend the Holy Church of God from the snares of her enemies and from all adversity.

Shield each one of us with your unceasing patronage, that, imitating your example, and supported by your aid, we may be enabled to lead a good life, die a holy death, and secure everlasting happiness in heaven. Amen.

#### A Prayer for Vocations

O Jesus, send labourers into your fields, which are awaiting holy apostles, saintly priests, heroic missionaries and dedicated sisters and brothers.

Enkindle in the hearts of men and women the spark of a vocation.

And grant that Christian families may desire to give Your Church, helpers in the work of tomorrow. Amen.

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will meet next Tuesday 10th October, after the 10am Mass in the Parish Centre.**

#### MASS TIMES FOR OCTOBER

There is **NO 5:30pm Mass** on **Sunday 8th October**

Mass in St. Colmcille's Church on Sunday is at 6:30pm



#### Swords Grouping of Parishes

Is taking a table at the Fingal Volunteer Expo 2017 being held in the Pavilions Shopping Centre, Swords. The Expo takes place on Thursday 12th October from 11am to 3pm. We invite you to come along to say hello and to give your support for volunteers.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm:** Alan O'Regan (8th A)  
**9:00am:** Altar List of the Dead  
**11:00am:** Michael Savage (A)  
**12:30pm:** James Darcy (A)

#### PRAY FOR

Thomas Moran (MM)

#### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Marian Byrne & John McGrath (Rem)  
**Tues:** Sarah McCauley (A)  
**Wed:** Ann, Tom & Philomena O'Leary (A)  
**Thurs:** Special Intention  
**Fri:** Thomas Hamilton (11th A)  
**Sat:** Pauline Byrne (A)

## Please take this Newsletter home



**The 12.30pm Family Mass Group** invite you to host the Statue of Our Lady for a day and pray the Rosary as a family. You will get a box containing a statue of Our Lady, sets of Rosary Beads, a 'How to pray the Rosary' leaflet and a candle. Just like our Travelling Crib each family will pass on/receive the special box by 6pm. If you'd like to take part please complete a blue form at back of church.

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2017/2018

### OCTOBER

**12th** Parent's Meeting GSBB  
**16th** Parent's Meeting ETNS  
**17th** Parent's Meeting St. Cronan's  
 Mr Gallagher, Ms Ryan & Ms Doyle  
**18th** Parent's Meeting St. Cronan's  
 Ms McGowan, Ms Duffy & Mr Brown



## DO THIS IN MEMORY FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2017/2018

### OCTOBER

**9th** Parent's Meeting GSBB  
**10th** Parent's Meeting ETNS  
**14th** Enrolment Mass 6:30pm GSBB  
**15th** Enrolment Mass 12:30pm St. Cronan's  
**22nd** Enrolment Mass 12:30pm ETNS

## Brackenstown Parish Pilgrimage to Poland 1-7 July 2018

Based in Krakow to include Wadowice, Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Wieliczka Salt Mines and the Shrine of Sr. Faustina

Price: €835.00 per person sharing

This tour includes: Accommodation: Atrium Hotel 3\* [www.hotelatrium.pl](http://www.hotelatrium.pl)

Centrally located in the Old Town and just a short walk from the Market Square, the Atrium has

114 en-suite rooms (with shower), hairdryer, satellite TV and telephone phone. The hotel has a bar and restaurant serving local cuisine.

This tour includes: Return direct flight Dublin Krakow; Return airport transfers; 6 nights accommodation sharing twin room bed & breakfast; 4 dinners; Guided programme and coaching as per itinerary

Entrance fees where applicable. Services of English speaking guide for transfers and excursions

Extras: Insurance: €36.00 per person 69 years plus rates on request Checked in bag: Euro 70.00 approx. – 15 kg

Single room supplement: €35.00 per night (limited availability)

Further details from the Parish Office



## World Mission Sunday - 22nd October 2017

Please remember that in two weeks' time, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection, the Mission Sunday collection.

Mission Sunday is a Papal collection taken at Mass on the second last Sunday in October. It supports 1,069 dioceses in 157 countries around the world where the Universal Church is too new, young or poor to survive without our help. The funds raised build much-needed infrastructure, from chapels and schools, to orphanages, clinics and dispensaries. The support from World Missions Ireland transforms lives and creates a hub from which the young Church can flourish and grow: spreading the Good News of the Gospel, ministering to the faithful and delivering essential services in health and education. Mission Sunday is one of only three Papal collections and has been especially chosen by the Holy Father as the means by which we share what we have with our brothers and sisters in need.

**Saturday, 14th October:** Miles for Mission, Phoenix Park Dublin. Registration is available online at [www.popupraces.ie](http://www.popupraces.ie) but entrants can register on the day from 9am at the Papal Cross. World Missions Ireland, in conjunction with the World Meeting of Families, is hosting this annual walk/run. Given the huge numbers of Irish missionaries overseas, we are hoping that this event will be an occasion for families to come together on mission and to help raise funds for missionaries working with very needy families around the world. The 2km family walk begins at 10am, while the 5K and 10K events will commence at 10:30am. The Archbishop of Cashel & Emlly, Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly, will be there on the day to join and walk with our missionary families.



ARE YOU OR A  
LOVED ONE COPING  
WITH DEMENTIA /  
ALZHEIMERS?

Join us at the

## **Brackenstown Forget Me Not Café** **Brackenstown Parish Centre**

for support and information on the second  
Tuesday of each month from 7pm until 9pm

**Next Café: Tuesday 10th October**

**Guest Speaker: Mr. Omar Perrozzi**

**Admission Free**

**Enjoy refreshments and a chat**

**All welcome**

**Phone 0894986007**

**[www.brackenstownforgetmenotcafe.com](http://www.brackenstownforgetmenotcafe.com)**

## School Bus Escort

Part-time Bus Escort required to accompany children with Special Needs being transported to and from school. Experience with children essential.

Approximate times: 7.30am – 09.00am and 2.30pm – 4.00pm

The successful applicant will require Garda Vetting before taking up the position.

Closing Date : 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Applicants to Chairperson – Mr Ray Murphy, St Cronan's Junior National School, Brackenstown, Swords, Co. Dublin.



## The next Parent Meeting

**Thursday 2nd Nov**

Next dates for Baptisms:

Sat 11th November 12:30pm

Sun 26th November 1:45pm

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



**All Welcome to  
the next meeting**

**St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre**

**Tuesday 10TH OCTOBER**

**from 11am - 1pm**

**Nurse Specialist from the Parkinson's  
Association has been invited to speak**

**Tea & coffee available**

**From 10:30am**

# HARVEST THANKSGIVING

On the weekend 21/22 October we have our Harvest Thanksgiving in the Parish and we invite you to bring some non-perishable foods and place them around the Altar. These will also be passed on to the local Crosscare Foodbank. (In Advent the Archbishop will have a Diocesan wide food drive but we do it NOW in order that the long established food drive by the Lions Club for the St. Vincent de Paul is not affected.)

On Tuesday 24th October, the children in St. Cronan's Junior School will have their Harvest Thanksgiving where they will bring an item of non-perishable food to be used in the local Crosscare Foodbank. Their response to this is always amazing.

## WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FOOD BANK?

A Community Food Bank (CFB) collects and stores food for distribution to individuals and or families affected by food poverty within a local community. The aim is to provide quality, nutritional food to those identified as "in need".

Although the primary aim is to provide food, information on rights and entitlements are shared with service users when appropriate in particular, when it is felt it could address the underlying social causes of hunger.

## FOOD BANK MISSION

To work in partnership with local agencies to assist those affected by food poverty and food deprivation within a defined area. Our goal is to always provide an excellent service for those in need while maintaining each individual's dignity and respect.

## FOOD BANK SHOPPING LIST

Milk (UHT or powdered); Sugar (500g); Fruit juice (carton); Soup; Pasta sauces; Sponge pudding (tinned); Tomatoes (tinned); Cereals; Rice pudding (tinned); Tea Bags/instant coffee; Rice/pasta; Tinned meat/fish;

Tinned fruit; Jam Biscuits or snack bars.

## LOCATIONS

We currently have 5 food banks located in;

Dublin City, North County Dublin, South County Dublin, West Dublin and Bray, Co. Wicklow.

We are looking for volunteers for each of these facilities and individuals and or groups to help run food drives in all areas. If interested please go to the website:

[www.crosscarefoodbank.ie](http://www.crosscarefoodbank.ie).



## PRAYER MEETING

Spend One Hour... **Tuesday next, 10th October 8pm - 9pm**, Sisters' Oratory, **29 Brackenstown Village**. This Prayer Meeting honours Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary. Everybody most welcome.

## FATIMA

Fatima statues and shrines are amongst the items available at the table in main porch each weekend. Why not take a look?!

## THE 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 Masses.

## EASY EVANGELISATION!

Could you give 20-30 minutes per month, to help spread the Good News? **Help needed to deliver the free Catholic Paper "Alive!"** in a number of areas of the parish...eg **Ormond, Knocksedan, Ashton, Castlevue etc.** Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after week-end Masses or leave your name & phone no. with Louise in parish office.

## 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 on 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.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

## FAMILY OFFERING

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

**August Standing Order €3,517**  
**Outdoor Collection €1092.33**  
**Annals/Half Yearly €0.00**

## BINGO



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

## Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for this Sunday and next Sunday:

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** First Reading Isaiah (Is) 5:1-7; 2nd Reading Letter to Philippians (Phil) 4:6-9; Gospel Matthew (Mt) 21:33-43

**28th Sunday Ordinary Time:** First Reading Isaiah (Is) 25:6-10; 2nd Reading Philippians (Phil) 4:12-14, 19-20; Gospel Matthew (Mt) 22:1-14



## PARISH INFORMATION

### Mass Times:

### Weekday Mass:

### Holyday Mass:

### Confession:

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,  
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  
01 8401661 – 087 7404729 – pauljthornton@gmail.com  
089 4614226 – peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie  
01 8401188 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com  
Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm

View our new Parish Webcam via the Parish Website



## CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

**7/8 Oct**  
**Óglaigh Na hÉireann**

**14/15 Oct**  
**No Collection**



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