



PARISH NEWSLETTER

18th June 2017 ✠ Corpus Christi Sunday ✠ Year A



"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

— Mt 5:48

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." - Jn 6:51

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MASS INTENTIONS

- 6:30pm: Patrick McCahey (10th A)
- 9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
- 11:00pm: John, Paula & Aaron Thornton (A)
- 12:30pm: Kevin Donnelly (5th A)
- 5:30pm: Teresa Taylor (A)

PRAY FOR

Baby April Faherty (MM)

MASSES NEXT WEEK

- Mon: Special Intention
- Tues: Pdraig Greene (A)
- Wed: Special Intention
- Thurs: Matthew Kelly (A)
- Fri: Bridget Kehoe (A)
- Sat: May Keane (MM)

Please take this Newsletter home

**Anam Cara** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of June from 19:30 to 21:00 in B.A.S.E Brackenstown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.



## NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

As we journey towards forming a new Parish Pastoral Council, we invite you to pray for its success with this Prayer of Discernment.

**All Loving and Gracious God,  
You know my inmost thoughts  
and You are familiar  
with all my ways.  
You have blessed me  
with many gifts and talents.  
Give me a share of Your wisdom,  
show me Your truth, and reveal to  
me the secrets of my own heart.  
May I have the courage to look  
honestly and deeply  
at the reality of my life,  
so that I can faithfully follow You.  
Help me to see in myself  
what You see,  
and give me  
the courage to uncover  
both my strengths & weaknesses,  
to know and follow  
Your will for me  
each and every day of my life.  
Bless Your Church  
with generous hearts,  
eager to serve Your people  
and to spread Your Word. Amen.**

### St Colmcille's Parish Swords Bethany Bereavement Support Group Change to Monthly Meetings Summer 2017



St. Colmcille's Parish Office, Parochial House, Seatown Road, Swords,  
from 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. on the last Monday of every month.  
\*\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE that the meetings on the second Mondays of the month, for June, July and August, are suspended.  
We hope this change will be temporary \*\*\*\*



On behalf of the **African Chaplaincy Youth**, I would like to sincerely thank the Parishioners of St. Cronan's Church for their solidarity, generosity and kind support to our "Youth Mental Health Awareness Project" aimed at supporting Crosscare services to the Youth in Ireland. The amount raised was €516.00.

**BRACKENSTOWN  
PILGRIMAGE TO  
LOURDES**  
Accompanied by a Spiritual  
Director  
Fr. Kevin O'Connor  
22nd - 27th Sept 2017  
Further details:  
Susan Keane  
8407100 or 085 8471539

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is seeking your help in it's Annual Clothing Appeal in this Parish. The Appeal is for clean, good-quality clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc. Bags will be available outside the Church on the 24th & 25th June. Bags collected outside the Church following weekend after Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday morning Masses on 1st & 2nd July.



# Swords Parishes Pilgrimage Walk

A great crowd turned out for a very enjoyable afternoon walk of the Swords Parish Churches last Saturday.

The route included St. Finian's Church, St. Colmcille's Church, St. Colmcille's Well, St. Columba's Church, St Cronan's Well & St. Cronan's Church.

We were truly blessed with the weather and the walk finished with a well-deserved cup of tea in St. Cronan's Parish Centre.

Thank you to all involved who helped make the walk such a great success.



## WMOF LOGO (PART 4):

### The Holy Trinity

In *The Joy of Love*, Pope Francis speaks several times of marriage and the family as the “living icon” of the Most Holy Trinity (cf. ns. 11, 121, 161, 314, 324). As the family, through marriage, comes together in mutual self-giving, communion and love, it reflects the mystery of the Holy Trinity and immerses itself in “the mystery from which all true love flows” (n. 63). The tri-spiral swirl in the logo draws from ancient Celtic imagery, to reflect this truth. These triple spirals are found on ancient stones and monuments around Ireland. As Christianity came to Ireland, the tri-spiral, or *triskele*, began to be used as a symbol of the Holy Trinity, together with the well-known shamrock, associated with St Patrick. St. Patrick, tradition has it, used the shamrock to explain the mystery of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit united, as one family: one God and three Divine Persons, in a perfect communion of love.



## WHAT DO YOU READ?

The Irish Catholic & Catholic Voice newspapers, Sacred Heart Messenger, St. Martin Magazine, Children's and other books are available from bookrack on back wall of Church. Also, you can get more Children's books, colouring etc. after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses in the main porch.

## EASY EVANGELISATION!

If you could give 20-30 minutes per month, you could do a lot to spread the Good News. Help needed to deliver the free Catholic Paper “Alive!” in a number of areas of the parish...eg Knocksedan, Glasmore Park, Ashton, Castleview 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.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR OUR LADY?

Legion of Mary needs new members to help Our Lady bring Jesus to more people. Meetings Tuesdays 10:30am in Sisters' House, Wednesdays 7:30pm in Sacristy and for under 18's on Fridays 4:45pm also Sacristy. Why not come and see what you can do!

## THE ROSARY - MAKE A NEW BEGINNING!

Many people have forgotten how to say the rosary and would like a little help. It is simple... arrange to have the Rosary Statue in your home for a week and you will get that help. Prayer is of vital importance in our lives. At Fatima Our Lady asked us to pray the Rosary. Why not make a new start? Just leave your name & contact details with a member of Legion of Mary (in main porch) after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses and arrangements will be made to suit you.

 '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.

**May Standing Order €3,865**  
**Outdoor Collection €904.78**  
**Annals/Half Yearly €85.00**

## BINGO

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

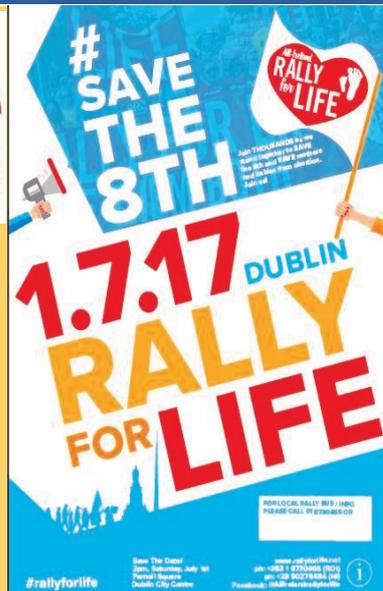


## WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We need a diverse mix of people with various skills and experiences to ensure the success of this event. Whatever your reasons or your focus, we know your skills and experience can help us and we would welcome your support in helping us create a successful, historic and joyous event.

To get involved you will need to meet the criteria and complete an online application form at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/) volunteer.



## CEMETERY MASSES / PRAYERS in JUNE

Sunday 18th June	12 noon	Fingal	Mass
Sunday 18th June	1:45pm	Malahide	Prayers
Sunday 25th June	3:00pm	Whitestown, Rush	Prayers
Sunday 25th June	4:00pm	Swords Cemetery	Mass

## PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
JULY 2017	
1ST - 8TH	PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO CAMINO
9TH	FR. JOSEPH'S FAREWELL MASS

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

## Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for 2nd & 3rd Sundays of Easter:

**Corpus Christi:** First Reading Deuteronomy (Deut) 8:2-3, 14-16; 2nd Reading 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to Corinthians (1 Cor) 10:16-17; Gospel John (Jn.) 6:51-58

**12th Sunday of year A:** First Reading Jeremiah (Jer) 20:10-13; 2nd Reading Romans (Rm) 5:12-15; Gospel Matthew (Mt) 10:26-33



The next Parent Meeting is **Thursday 6th July**



**Next dates for Baptisms:**

**Saturday 8th July 12:30 pm**  
**Sunday 23rd July 1:45 pm**

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

## PARISH INFORMATION

**Mass Times:**

Sunday: 6:30pm (Sat. Vigil); 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

**Weekday Mass:**

Monday to Saturday 10:00am

**Holyday Mass:**

Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am

**Confession:**

Saturday 10:30am to 11:00am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,  
 Fr. Joseph Njanackal, C.S.T., C.C.  
 Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker  
 Louise Donnelly, Secretary

After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday

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Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm



## CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

**17/18 June**  
 No Collection

**24/25 June**  
 No Collection



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