

Parish Newsletter

24th March 2019 ✠ Third Sunday of Lent ✠ Year C

We are delighted to announce that we are launching our new parish app called **YourParish App**. The app has a host of features and also allows parishioners to receive message updates and allows them to access contact details for key parish personnel and services. The app doesn't just allow for better communication from the parish, it also has a spiritual and catechetical aspect. It allows parishioners to download a daily reflection and the Mass readings, to keep up to date with Church developments at national and international levels and make requests for prayers at times of need and volunteer for service directly.

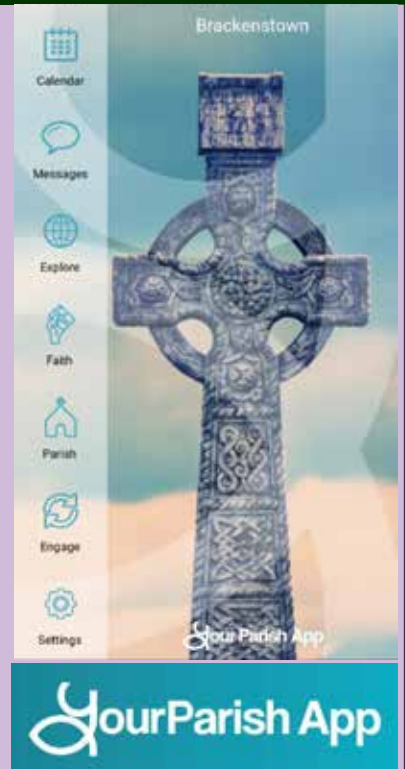
It is available FREE on Andriod and IOS. Search for YourParish App.

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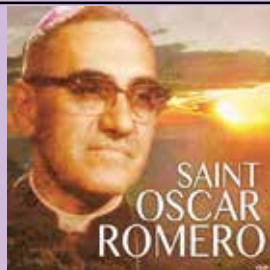
- Diocese – **Dublin**
 - Parish – **Brackenstown**
 - Church – **Church of St. Cronan**
- Then tap – **Ready**

With the app it's possible to:

- View upcoming Calendar Events
- Receive Messages, (including prayer by text)
- Access Faith Supports (including readings of the day)
- Parish Information (including the newsletter)



This app has potential but it is in the early stages of development and use by our Parish. You are invited to download it and explore the different features.



St. Oscar Romero (1917 - 1980) was a prominent Roman Catholic priest and Archbishop in El Salvador during the 1960s and 1970s. After witnessing numerous violations of human rights, he became a spokesperson for the poor and for victims of terrorism by the government of El Salvador. This led to numerous conflicts of opinion, both with the reigning government in El Salvador and with the hierarchy of the Catholic Church. After speaking out against American military support for the government of El Salvador, Archbishop Romero was shot to death during the celebration of Mass in his cathedral. It is believed that his assassins were members of Salvadoran death squads. St. Oscar Romero was canonized in Rome last year and his feast day falls on March 24th.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Paddy Harrington
9:00am: Altar List
11am Alphonsus Snr, Alphonsus Jnr, & Raymond Skelton & deceased family members
12.30 Patrick Crosbie
5.30pm Brendan O'Reilly

PRAY FOR

*Nathan Maughan
(recently deceased)*

Marie McArdle (3rd Anniv)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Pat, Frank, Jim, Florrie, Chris & James Cantwell
Tues: Holy Souls
Wed: Fr. Oliver, James, Julia, Ann & Eamonn Kellaghan (A) Jim, Keith & Mai Logan
Thur: James Feane (recently deceased)
Fri Deceased members of the Duffy & Fitzpatrick Families
Sat: Deirdre Walsh (Month's Mind)

View our Parish Webcam via the Parish Website www.brackenstown-parish.com



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Lent in our Cluster Parishes

St. Colmcille's, Swords

Wednesday's of Lent @ 7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday's of Lent @ 2.30pm in Parochial House, Seatown Rd
Book Club—Pope Francis "Rejoice and be Glad"
(Thursday March 21st will focus on Chapter 3)

Rivervalley

Tuesday's of Lent @ 7.30 Praying with Sunday's Gospel
Friday's of Lent @ 10.30am Bible Study
Friday's of Lent @ 7.30pm Station of the Cross



The Lord
is compassion and love,
slow to anger
and rich in mercy.

Lent is a time to refocus and think again about our lives and our connection to God. But making the time can be difficult. This is where 'Prayer by Text' can help.

To register to receive Prayer by Text for Lent, please fill in one of the forms at the back of the Church or contact the Parish Office 01 8401188.

Archdiocese of Dublin

**PILGRIMAGE
TO KNOCK**
2019



Saturday 27 April 2019
Time: 11.00am – 4.30pm

Dublin Pilgrimage will
be led by Archbishop
Diarmuid Martin

A bus will be collecting from Swords, Brackenstown and Rivervalley Parishes at 7.30am. To book your place, please contact the Parish Office @ 01 8401188. This is always a great day out and we hope you can join us

There was a great attendance at the Information Meeting for the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and plenty of enthusiasm about the trip. Places are filling up fast so it is recommended that if you would like to travel, you should contact MAP Travel @ 01 8783111 as soon as possible

Volunteers Needed

In the next few weeks, Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be looking for volunteers to hand out the booklets and palm on Palm Sunday.

For the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 12 noon, we are looking for children to take part in acting out the Stations of the Cross. On Good Friday evening at 8pm, we are looking for teenagers/young adults to take part in the miming of the Stations. If you or your child is interested in either of the above, please email the Parish Office at brackenstownparish@gmail.com

For Easter weekend, members of the Pastoral Council will be looking for people to hand out Easter Holy Water and Easter Eggs at the end of all Masses.

LENTEN WORKSHOPS FOR MINISTRIES

During Lent, there will be workshops for different ministry groups in the Parish. Each of these gatherings is an opportunity to reflect on our ministry and we can best serve the Lord through serving His people.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD (READERS)

Wednesday, March 27th; 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Facilitated by Fr. Paddy Boyle

FINANCE COMMITTEE, COLLECTORS, HOSPITALITY, COUNTERS,

Wednesday, April 3rd; 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Facilitated by Mr. Garry Kehoe

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Wednesday, April 10th; 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Facilitated by Fr. Damien McNeice



Working for a Just World



Trocaire boxes are still available at the back of the Church. You can also donate by going to www.trocaire.org. Please support this Church agency which does such wonderful work around the world. All the proceeds from the Coffe Mornings are being donated to Trocaire for the season of Lent

Combined Parishes of Swords

Evening of Prayer and Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist. On April 2nd from 19:30—20.30. This evening is open to all Eucharistic ministers and people who are considering joining the ministry.

MEDITATION AND RELAXATION

BRACKENSTOWN PASTORAL CENTRE

STARTING: FRIDAYS 8TH MARCH 2019 ;
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PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
MONTH OF MARCH	
March 25th	First Confession @7pm St. Cronan's JNS: Ms. Hargadon, Ms. McSweeney & Ms. McLoughlin
March 26th	Life in the Eucharist @7.30pm
March 26th	First Confession @7pm St. Cronan's JNS: Ms. Hanratty & Ms. Lehany
March 27th	Gathering for Ministers of the Word
March 28th	First Confession @7pm St. Cronan's JNS: Ms. Manton & Ms. Ryan
THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE	



Next Parent Meeting is
APRIL 4th
Next available dates for Baptisms:
MAY 26th

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 & the following Sunday:

Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus, 3:1-8, 13-15;

Second Reading: 1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Res. Psalm: 34:2-7.

Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-21 Gospel: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



FAMILY OFFERING

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

January Standing Order €4,009.

Family Offering: €650.23

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

Collections at the weekend Masses

1st Collection €1085 Tax (€326.50)

Share Collection €892.50 (Tax €226.40)

CHY Tax Rebate: Our sincere thanks to those who have returned their CHY Forms. Can we gently remind those who have received a CHY Tax Reclaim form recently to return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. The CHY Tax Rebate scheme allows the Parish reclaim tax for all qualifying **recorded contributions of €250 and over**. If you are not a PAYE or Self-Assessed donor, unfortunately we cannot claim tax back on your donations but please let us know in order to avoid receiving future CHY documentation. Sincere thanks to all those who support the running of the Parish through your financial offerings.

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

4-5pm for the Sundays of Lent.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on the last Sunday of every month from 4pm–5pm. Can you stay 1 hour with me? We encourage new people to come & join us.

HELPERS NEEDED

LENT: Did you give up something? ... Why not take up something! 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... e.g. St. Cronan's Estate or Swords Manor etc. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after weekend Masses, or leave your name and phone number with Louise in Parish office.

CHRISTIAN READING

Reading material for all ages available on the bookrack in the main porch after Sat Evening or Sun morning masses and a selection of books, magazines, booklets and Catholic Newspapers available from bookrack on back wall of the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer books, beads, souvenirs, gifts as well as Confirmation gifts etc. available in main porch, after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

The Rosary

Why not do something special this Lent? 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 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



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

Reaching the Lost Generation

There are certain things that just never surprise you about Catholic parishes. There will almost always be hymns from the 1980s, people who are a bit too precious about their jobs, photocopied newsletters, and a complete lack of community spirit. It's as certain as night following day, the Pope being a Catholic, and bears doing their business in the woods! As a youth and young adult minister, I'm also never surprised when I visit churches to find what you might call lost generation. In almost all parish-



es, the amount of 18-35s are pretty thin on the ground. I've found this to be fairly consistent in the twenty years I've spent in ministry, but I've also found something else: if you try to find the young adults, and if you're serious about engaging them, they will usually respond.

Back in 2011, I relocated to a new town, and the Catholic young adult scene was, as expected, pretty nonexistent. I was thirty-three at the time and, understandably, I was keen to meet some contemporaries who shared my faith. Together with a friend, I hatched a plan. We put an advert in the local parish

newsletters inviting anybody between eighteen and thirty-five to meet with us at one of the local bars so that we could talk about maybe starting something. About seven or eight people turned up. To my left was my co-conspirator – a local girl I knew through the World Youth Day preparation process. To her left was another friend of mine, a local primary school teacher. Everyone else was new to me. The advert had drawn them out of the woodwork and they were keen to see something started.

Read more from Jack Regan in this week's *Cornerstone* section of *The Irish Catholic*.

Quote of the week

Lent is a journey of returning to the essential, during which the Lord asks us to follow three steps: almsgiving, prayer, and fasting.

– Pope Francis



Challenge:

This week, make a conscious effort to return to the essential tasks of Lent; sacrificing and giving to the needy in humility and prayer.

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