



# Parish Newsletter

11th March 2018 ✠

4th Sunday of Lent ✠

Year B



## Amoris

*Let's talk Family! Let's be Family!*

Pope Francis has chosen Dublin to host the 2018 World Meeting of Families. In getting ready, we are hosting parish conversations on what family means to us. We will also look at what Pope Francis says about the importance of family in the life of the church which he shared with us in Amoris Laetitia. The conversations will take place in each of the three parishes.

**Conversation 1:**

- Tuesday 13th March in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre on from 8pm - 9:30pm
- Wednesday 14th in St. Colmcille's Parochial House, Seatown Road from 2pm - 3:30pm
- Thursday 15th in St. Finian's, River Valley from 10:30am - 12 noon

**Conversation 2:**

- Tuesday 20th March in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre on from 8pm - 9:30pm
- Wednesday 21st in St. Colmcille's Parochial House, Seatown Road from 2pm - 3:30pm
- Thursday 22nd in St. Finian's, River Valley from 10:30am - 12 noon

These conversations are for everybody to share their experience of family. Please come along and share your story - after all we as a parish, are a family of families!

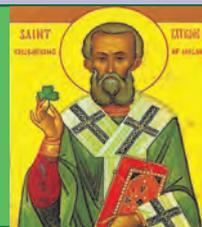


## MASSES ON ST PATRICK'S DAY

Friday Vigil at 7:30pm (Bilingual)

Saturday at 9:00 am & 10:00

We wish all our parishioners a blessed St. Patrick's Day



“God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but have eternal life”

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- 6:30pm: Alice Farrell (A)
- 9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
- 11:00am: Frs. Oliver & Anselm Kelleghan, James & Julia Kelleghan, Jim Keith & Mai Logan (A)
- 12:30pm: Ellen McGrath (Rem)
- 5:30pm: Bartle McGrane (30th A)

**PRAY FOR**

- Trisha Keane (RD)
- John Bond (MM)
- Michael O'Mahony (MM)
- Helge Berg (1st A)
- Joe O'Reilly (1st A)
- Ambrose Dunne (A)
- Pauline Connor (A)

**10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK**

- Mon: Special Intention
- Tues: Special Intention
- Pray for: Rose & Patrick Duffy (A)
- Wed: Lynne Godfrey (B'day Rem)
- Thurs: Marian Movement for Priests
- Fri: Special Intention
- Sat 9am: John & Margaret Murtagh (A)
- Sat 10am: Frank Hopkins (A)

**Please take this Newsletter home**

## WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES



Children's tickets are Free but they must be named and registered as part of a Family Group.

### 1 day Adult Ticket

Online Registration: €38

On the day Registration: €43

Single day attendance to Congress + Option Festival of Families

Ticket subject to availability at time of booking + guaranteed ticket for Final Mass

(€5 off for Pensioners, students & unwaged)

### 5 day Ticket: 22nd - 26th August 2018

Online Registration: €68

On the day Registration: €78

Attendance to the 3 day Congress +

Guarantee ticket for Festival of Families +

Ticket for the Final Mass

## FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES & CLOSING MASS

If you purchase either a 1 day or a 5 day ticket, you will be guaranteed a place at the Saturday night Festival of Families and Sunday's Closing Mass.

Should tickets become available for these two events, we are compiling a list of names in the Parish Office. There is no guarantee that these tickets will be available.



### WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

Further details on the website:

[www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

- World Meeting of Families are looking for host families in the Swords Area to welcome and accommodate families coming from outside of Ireland. If you would like to participate in this go to [worldmeeting2018.ie](http://worldmeeting2018.ie).
- We are still looking for more people to volunteer for the week of World Meeting of Families event. Please consider this and go to the volunteer page of the website for more details.

## TEA & TOYS PLAYGROUP

Every Thursday

starting 8th March at 10:30am - 12 noon

St. Cronan's Parish Pastoral Centre, Brackenstown

A wonderful opportunity for parents / guardians and their infants to come along for a cup of tea and a chat and an opportunity for the little ones to make new friends!



Tea / Coffee / Biscuits / Toys supplied  
€3 for members / €5 for non-members

For more information call Louise in the Parish Office  
Phone No. 01 8401188

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### Parish Pastoral Council summary of decisions made at last meeting, 26th February

The officers and their deputies have been elected and they are:

- Chairperson - Willie Curtis
- Vice Chairperson - Doreen Keaney
- Secretary - Rosaleen Devery
- Vice Secretary - Teresa McQuillan
- Planning sub group set up.
- WMOF events discussed.

Preparations made for next Inter Parish meeting.

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council is on Monday 12th March. If you have anything that you would like discussed, put it in the suggestion box in the main porch.

"Please pray for the work of the Pastoral Council"



### LIGHT THE FIRE!

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2018

March 17, 2018 @ 5:00 pm, Hill of Slane, Co. Meath. Franciscan Sisters of Renewal 0419830441

You're invited to a special event on the Hill of Slane to pray together for Ireland on the very spot where St. Patrick lit the Easter Fire. The event begins at 5.00 pm 17th of March, Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Smith at 5.30 pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This is an outdoor event so please dress warm. Feel free to bring a chair. For more information see the details above.



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## ANNUAL COLLECTION

### YOUTH SERVICES

17th & 18th March 2018



- Youth Cafés
- Youth Theatre
- Art Groups

- Summer Projects
- Outdoor Learning
- Positive Mental Health

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### WEEKEND 17TH & 18TH MARCH

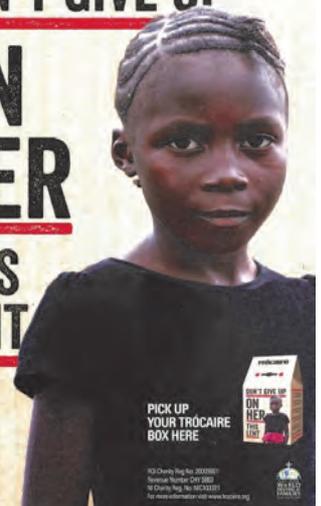
The Annual Collection for CROSSCARE Youth Services - Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin will be at all Masses NEXT weekend.

### It will replace the normal SHARE Collection

Crosscare's mission is to provide innovative and relevant services to those most in need. For us, those 'most in need' are people who are unable to reach their potential because they have complex and multiple needs, experience a high degree of social isolation and marginalisation and/or find it difficult or impossible to access appropriate services and supports. Despite challenging financial times, Crosscare are targeting our youth work resources and efforts to those most in need in the community.

## DON'T GIVE UP

# ON HER THIS LENT



Don't forget about your Trócaire Box. They are still available in the Church and can be returned during Easter Week and Holy Week.

# PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
<b>MARCH 2018</b>	
10th	Do This In Memory Mass @ 6:30pm
11th	Do This In Memory Mass @ 12:30pm
12th	Sacramint na hAithrí @ 7pm
13th	Sacrament of Penance @ 7pm
20th	DTIM Preparation Group Meeting @ 7:30pm

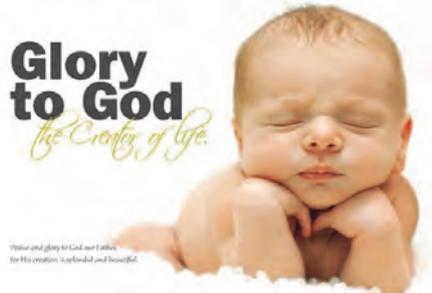
THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

**Fingal for Life**, a local pro-life group, are holding two information evenings on "Why it is essential to Save the 8th Amendment."

The first one will be in **St. Brigid's Parish**

**Centre, Roilestown, 8.00pm, Tuesday 13th March.** Speakers include Caroline Simons, Pro Life Campaign and Fr. William R. Dailey, Notre Dame lecturer in law.

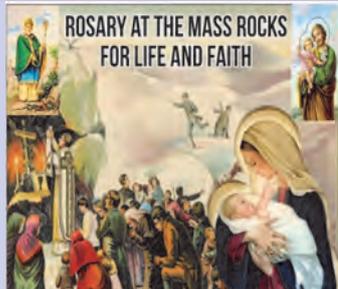
The second evening will be in the **Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, at 7.45pm, Tuesday 20th March.** Speakers include David Quinn, Journalist and Director of Iona Institute and Niamh Ní Bhriain, Director of Life Institute.



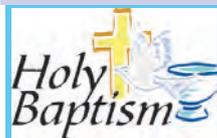
## SUNDAY MARCH 18th AT 2:30PM

Itinerary & Meeting Points (Approximate Times):

- Meet at St. Finian's Church, River Valley at 2:15pm
- Depart on foot at 2:30pm through the Valley
- Continue to Glasmore Abbey (The Nunnery) for 3:00pm
- Walk back to St. Cronan's Church for 3:20pm
- Walk to St. Colmcille's Well for 3:50pm
- Walk to St. Colmcille's Church for 4:15pm
- Led by Fr. Paul



For more information call Aoife on Tel: 085-179278 or Ann on Tel: 087 0544882 <https://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie/>



## The next Parent Meeting is Thursday 5th April

Next dates for Baptisms:

Sunday 1st April at 11am & 12:30pm Masses

Saturday 14th April at 12:30pm

Sunday 29th April 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.

## PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times:  
Weekday Mass:  
Holiday Mass:  
Confession:

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

Sunday: (Sat. Vigil) 6:30pm, 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  
01 8408926 – 089 4238775 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com  
089 4614226 – peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie  
01 8401188 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com  
Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm

View our Parish Webcam via the Parish Website



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## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion & Confirmation gifts and souvenirs - prayer books, rosettes, medals etc. available in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

## EASY EVANGELISATION!

Honour the Mother of God this year with the Rosary. Let us help you get started by having the Rosary Statue in your home. Just leave your contact details with a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses and suitable arrangements will be made for you.

## ROSARY

Honour the Mother of God & begin the New Year with the Rosary. Let us help you get started by having the Rosary Statue in your home. Just leave your contact details with a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses and suitable arrangements will be made for you.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

## 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 **Sundays of Lent from 4pm—5pm.** Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Many thanks to all who contributed to the **St. Vincent de Paul outdoor collections.** The amounts raised were **February €1,339.97 and March €1,018.24**

## FAMILY OFFERING

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

**January Standing Order €4,186.00**

**Outdoor Collection €474.65**

**Annuals/Half Yearly €600.00**

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

## COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

**First Collection €1,190.00 (€371.55 recorded for tax rebate)**

**Share Collection €1075.00 (€302.99 recorded for tax rebate)**

**WMOF Collection €1,835.00**

## 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 next Sunday:

**Fourth Sunday of Lent:**

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 136;

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10; Gospel John 3:14-21

**Fifth Sunday of Lent:**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 50:3-4; Second Reading:

Hebrews 5:7-9; Gospel John 12:20-30



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