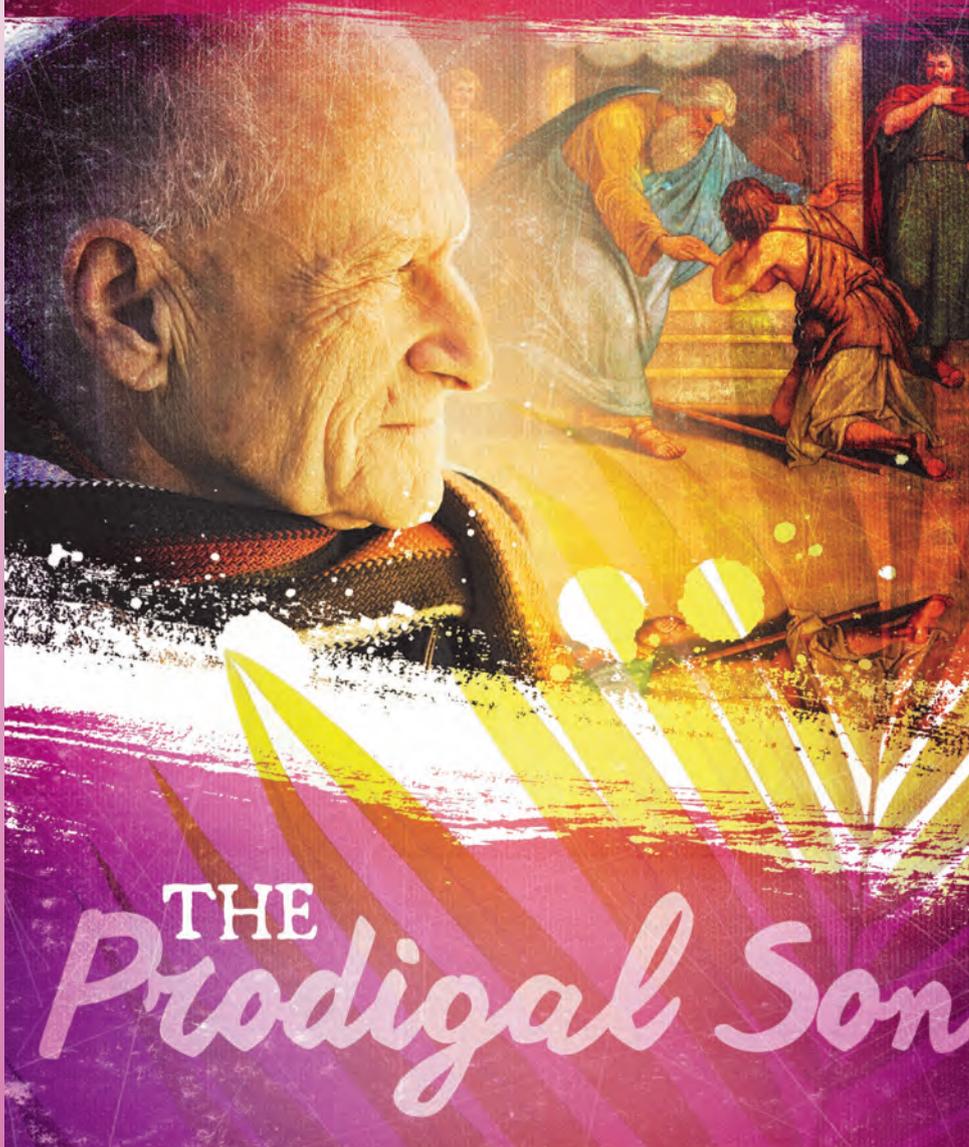




CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN BRACKENSTOWN PARISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

6th March 2016 — Year C

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



THE Prodigal Son

Loving God,

*As a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.*

Bless all mothers, that they may be strengthened Christians.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters,

may honour always them with a spirit of profound respect. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm Connie, George, P.J. & Chris Martin (A)

9:00am Altar List of the Dead

11:00am John Paul Fitzsimons & Nan Kane (A)

12:30pm Jack Murphy (A)

5:30pm Kevin Harford (A)

PRAY FOR

Pauline Gallagher (A)

Annie O'Reilly (A)

Maureen Walker (23rd A)

Rose Howard (B'day Rem)

Damien Byrne (2nd A)

Paula Maloney (RD)

MASSES NEXT WEEK AT 10AM

Mon: Grace Greene (A)

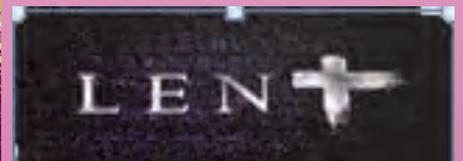
Tues: Margaret Kearns (A)

Wed: Mary Bohan & Maureen Traynor (A)

Thurs: Dcsd Members of Delaney & O'Reilly families

Fri: Frs. Anslem & Oliver and James & Julia Kelleghan, Mai Logan & Jim Keith (A)

Sat: Special Intention



"You are with me always and all I have is yours. Your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."



Please take this Newsletter home with you

PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
MARCH		
19th	Do This In Memory	6:30pm
20 th	Do This In Memory	12:30pm
21st	Reconciliation Service Swords	7:30pm
22nd	Reconciliation Service Rivervalley	7:30pm
24th	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper	7:30pm
25th Good Friday	Morning Prayer	10:00am
	Stations for Children	12:00noon
	Veneration of the Cross	3:00pm
	The Way of the Cross	7:30pm
26th Holy Saturday	Morning Prayer	10:00am
	Blessing of Baskets	3:00pm
27th	Easter Vigil	7:30pm
27th	Easter Sunday	
APRIL		
9th	Do This In Memory Mass	6:30pm
10th	Do This In Memory Mass	12:30pm
15th	Evening of Healing Led by Eddie Stones	7:00pm

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

DUBLIN CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Next weekend the DDCP or Dublin Diocesan Children's Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take up a Church Gate Collection. They travel to Lourdes every year in Easter Week and bring 35 children from various backgrounds and with various different needs. This year 2 children from our parish will be travelling on pilgrimage with them. So please support next weeks Church Gate Collection as generously as you can.



CALLING ALL YOUTH! Youth 4 Lourdes

Volunteers needed to work with *Hospitalite Notre Dame de Lourdes* 16th—23rd July 2016; 18—30 years; Travelling with Marian Pilgrimages. Contact Liz—087 1926346 or email: lizbyrne@iol.ie.



WHAT?

Meet other young people to explore faith and life in a fun and exciting way

WHERE?

Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3

WHEN?

Friday 11th March 2016 from 6 - 9.30pm

Bookings:
faithfest@dublindiocese.ie

[f /faithfest4teens](https://www.facebook.com/faithfest4teens)

BRING:

- Consent Form
- €2
- Warm Jacket
- A Friend!!



164 Brackenstown Scouts

in conjunction with Bag2School are running a clothing collection to raise much needed funds to help towards the cost of upgrading their climbing wall, training and purchasing equipment/harnesses. It would be great if as many people as possible

could please donate a bin bag (or more) of unwanted clothes, shoes, hats, bags, belts and soft toys and in return Bag2School will weigh the bags and give Brackenstown Scouts 45c per kg/€450 per tonne.

CanTeen Ireland (support group for teenagers affected by cancer) will also receive an additional 10% on the amount we raise from Bag2School. This is a great way to have a clear out and raise much needed funds for your local scout group. Thank you from everyone at 164 Brackenstown Scouts.

SOME SIMPLE STEPS

There are many ways you can build up the Christian Community here in the parish—you probably have your own ideas. Other simple ideas include spreading the Good News by delivering the free Catholic paper "Alive!", you could have the Rosary Statue in your home for a week and pray the rosary; perhaps you could read something which would build up your faith, e.g. "Rediscover Catholicism", "It is Right and Just", "Now We Are Going Up To Jerusalem" or one of the many booklets available from bookrack. Please speak to a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Sunday morning Masses or leave your contact details 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 every Sunday during Lent. Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.



Drivers needed

Do you have an hour to spare each week. We are looking for drivers to deliver meals to people in the Swords area around mid-day. The role is purely voluntary, unpaid. Please contact Paul Mc Cormack on Ph: 0857232825

FAMILY OFFERING

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

Jan Standing Order €3,857
Outdoor Collection €573.99
Annuals/Half Yearly €100.00

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUNDRAISING

The following are weekly totals:

Buy-A-Brick Appeal € 20,718
Pastoral Centre Donations; €26,586
Parish Centre Appeal Total €47,304.28

The Certificates for all who contributed are now ready to be collected at the Parish Office. Many thanks to all who have kindly contributed.

LEGION OF MARY

Welcomes new members—over 18's—Tuesdays 10:30am in Sister's House and Wednesday's 7:30pm in Sacristy; Junior members Fridays; 5pm in Sacristy. Come and see.

MSZE SWIETA

Msze Swieta w Jezyku Polskim w Niedziele 13 Marzec, o godz 18:45. (Spowiedz 18:15 – 18:40).

VOLUNTEERS HELPERS FOR LOURDES

Maria Salus Infirmorum



Volunteers needed to work with Hospitalité Notre Dame de Lourdes 16th July - 23rd July & 5th September - 12th September.

Further information please contact Liz : 087-1926346
Email: lizbyrne@iol.ie
Travelling with Marian Pilgrimages (Dublin).

EASTER FLORAL DEMONSTRATION

Friday, 18th March at 7:30pm
In Parish Centre

Another presentation by Maura Worthington, this time for Easter. So come along and get some ideas for your Easter floral arrangements. Proceeds go towards the Parish Centre.



Parish Retreat February 2016



When the Parish Pastoral Council asked the Capuchins to assist and lead our annual retreat, we couldn't have envisaged how supportive and helpful the team would be but from the beginning they wanted to ensure that this would be Brackenstown Parish Retreat and not the Capuchin retreat. They asked many questions of us but only so that our answers would become the framework for this week and we hope that they have received as many blessings during the week as we have.

To say thank you hardly does justice to the effort that the team, led by Br. Philip, Br. Sean, Br. Bryan, Br. Richard, Br. Anthony and Sr. Eileen and also our deacon Br. Martin have put in, but we are extremely grateful. In our private rooms and as a community, you will be in the prayers of Brackenstown Parish and will always find a welcome here.

Brackenstown Parish is truly blessed to have so many individuals and groups who are always willing to lend a hand and we say thank you to everyone who helped us throughout the week in so many different ways.

We thank Louise, our parish secretary, for all those last minute requests that were never a problem for her.

We thank Peter, our Parish Pastoral Worker, Fr. Joseph and in particular to our Parish Priest Fr. Paul, for picking us up when we stumbled and for your support and guidance.

And finally to you, our fellow parishioners, we thank you for attending the various elements of our Lenten retreat in such large numbers and for all your support and kind comments. We hope that it has been enjoyable and have felt as blessed as we have throughout the week.

Please God we will do it all again next year.

*Thank you,
Parish Pastoral Council.*

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

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

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,

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Fr. Joseph Njanackal, C.S.T., C.C.

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Br. Martin Bennett, OFM Cap. Deacon

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Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker

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Louise Donnelly, Secretary

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Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm

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