

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

7th May 2017 ✕ 4th Sunday of Easter ✕ Year A

*"I have come  
so that they  
may have life  
and have it  
to the full"*

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, a day of special prayer for vocations to the work of service in the Church. There is the enduring command of Christ to his Church to go out and preach to all people. There is a need for people of faith to respond to that command, people who are prepared to dedicate their lives to this work for the sake of the Gospel.



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### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE RECEIVING THESE SACRAMENTS

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 13th May

8:45am Parish Mass (not 10am)

10:00am St. Cronan's JNS

12 noon St. Cronan's JNS



#### CONFIRMATION

Saturday 20th May

9:30am Parish Mass (not 10am)

11:00am ETNS



#### MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm:** Seamus Mongan (A) & Tom Mongan (Rem)

**9:00am:** Altar List of the Dead

**11:00pm:** Raymond Skelton (MM) & Willie McKittrick (A)

**12:30pm:** Muriel & Gerry McKenna (A)

**5:30pm:** Michael & Teresa Hagan (A)

#### PRAY FOR

Mary Field (MM)

Maureen Smith (1st A)

José Morandeira (25th A)

Colette (17th A) & Nickie Murphy (8th A)

Gerard & Ann Ward (1st A & Rem)

Olga Pushkar (10th A)

Jimmy Cooke (4th A)

#### MASSSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Thanksgiving Mass

**Tues:** Agnes O'Rourke (A)

**Wed:** James Greene (A)

**Thurs:** Bobby McCourt (A)

**Pray for:** Josephine Slevin (5th A)

**Fri:** Special Intention

**Pray for:** Joan Hunt (3rd A)

**Sat 8:45am:** Special Intention

**Please take this Newsletter home**

## NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

*Thank you to all those who agreed to be nominated. Over the next two weeks you will be invited to our first discernment session and over the following weeks, guided by our Constitution, we hope to form our new Parish Pastoral Council. As we journey towards this, 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 and 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.**

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Saturday May 13th 2017  
marks the 100th anniversary  
of the apparitions at Fatima.

The famous apparitions of the Virgin Mary to the children of Fatima took place during the First World War, in the summer of 1917. The inhabitants of this tiny village in the diocese of Leiria (Portugal) were mostly

poor people, many of them small farmers who went out by day to tend their fields and animals.

The three children who received the apparitions had been brought up in an atmosphere of genuine piety: Lucia dos Santos (ten years old) and her two younger cousins, Francisco and Jacinta. Together they tended the sheep and, with Lucy in charge, would often pray the Rosary kneeling in the open. On Sunday, May 13, 1917, toward noon, a flash of lightning drew the attention of the children, and they saw a brilliant figure appearing over the trees of the Cova da Iria. The "Lady" asked them to pray for the conversion of sinners and an end to the war, and to come back every month, on the 13th.

**Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.**



### WMOF LOGO

At the heart of the logo is the family. Family members are represented in different ages and roles while walking together in communion and love, helping one another through the journey of life. The cross and the semi-circle represent God's love, flowing from the cross, embracing and supporting all the families of the world. No one is excluded, no one is left behind. Couples, elderly, single, widowed, consecrated, clergy, children, all are important members of our families and all are invited to participate in WMOF2018.



## ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 2017 4<sup>TH</sup> - 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

This year's Ecumenical Bible Week includes 23 events with 25 presenters over 14 days in Dublin and Arklow.

Three of these events will take place in St. Colmcille's Church, Chapel Lane, Swords.

Please see posters and leaflets in Church for more details.

### Free Events in St. Colmcille's Church:

**June 6 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm**  
**The Bible and your 'Other' –**  
**Faith beyond Frontiers**  
*Jools Hamilton*

**June 7 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm**  
**Christianity –**  
**A Beautiful Insanity!!**  
*Frank Brown*

**June 8 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm**  
**Listening to Hear**  
*Éibhlís NicUaithuas DC*





## PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
<b>MAY 2017</b>	
6TH	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - 10AM GSBB & 12 NOON ETNS
13TH	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - 10AM & 12 NOON ST. CRONAN'S JNS
13TH	100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA
20TH	CONFIRMATION - 11AM ETNS
28TH MAY - 4TH JUNE	PARISH RETREAT
<b>JUNE 2017</b>	
4TH - 11TH JUNE	ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK
10TH	SWORDS PARISHES PILGRIMAGE WALK

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE



**FAMILY DAY**  
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### ST CRONAN'S STATUE UPDATE

The statue of St Cronan will be dedicated and blessed by Bishop Field on Pentecost Sunday 4th June. Sculptor Seighean O Draoi has kindly sent a new photo which shows the statue of St Cronan in progress. He and all of his brother monks were martyred on a single night by a party of sea-raiders. The annals mention two dates, AD 631 & 636. The image of a Christian martyr traditionally depicts the means by which the martyrdom occurred, hence the image of the sea-raiders' ship. The ruins of the Nunnery/Glasmole Abbey located in Lioscian estate are believed to indicate the original site of St Cronan's monastery. Donation envelopes are available at the back of Church. So far we have raised €4,205 of the €5,302 cost of the project. We still need to raise €1,097, can you help?. All donations of €20 or more will receive a St Cronan Statue donation certificate. Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated.



### PRAYER MEETING

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

### 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, Glasmole Park, 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 every Sunday from 4pm-5pm. Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

### 1ST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion Prayer Books, beads, medals, gifts, cards, as well as Confirmation gifts etc. available in main porch, after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.

### THE ROSARY

Prayer is of vital importance in our lives. We pray in praise, petition, thanksgiving. At Fatima Our Lady asked us to pray the Rosary. Why not make a new start? Having the Statue of Our Lady in your home for a week should help you to take the first step. Just leave your name & contact details with a member of Legion of Mary after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses and arrangements will be made to suit you.



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### FAMILY OFFERING

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

March Standing Order €3,604  
Outdoor Collection €0.00  
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### 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 2nd & 3rd Sundays of Easter:

4th Sunday of Easter: First Reading Acts of the Apostles (Acts) 2:14a, 36-41; 2nd Reading 1st Letter of St. Peter (1Pet) 2:20b-25; Gospel John (Jn.) 10:1-10

5th Sunday of Easter: First Reading Acts of the Apostles (Acts) 6:1-7; 2nd Reading 1st Letter of St. Peter (1Pet) 2:4-9; Gospel John (Jn.) 14:1-12



The next Parent Meeting is **Thursday 1st June**



Next dates for Baptisms:  
Saturday 10th June 12:30 pm  
Sunday 11th June 1:45 pm  
Saturday 24th June 12:30 pm  
Sunday 25th June 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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