

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

*May the peace and love
of the Infant Jesus find a home
in your heart this Christmas &
throughout 2016*

PARISH NEWSLETTER

3rd January 2016 — Year C

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
but by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
not by making your path easy,
but by making you sturdy to travel any path;
not by taking hardships from you,
but by taking fear from your heart;
not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
but by keeping your face bright, even in the
shadows;
not by making your life always pleasant,
but by showing you when people and their causes
need you most, and by making you anxious to be
there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the
year ahead.

Happy New Year.

Fr. Paul & Fr. Joseph



MASS TIMES

6:30pm	Teresa Brazewska (8th A)
9:00am	Altar List of the Dead
11:00am	Katherine Mallin (2nd A), Frank & Kay Corrid (A)
12:30pm	Joseph O'Toole (4th A)
5:30pm	Katrina Harford (A)

PRAY FOR

Myles Kenny (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK AT 10AM

Mon: D'csd Members of Legion of Mary
Worldwide

Pray for: Special Intention

Tues: Hannah O'Connell (1st A)

7:30pm Anne Cowan, Jack O'Brien & D'csd
members of the Troy Family

Wed: D'csd members of the McGonigle &
Stones Families

7:30pm Tom Shaw (1st A)

Thurs: Ted & Alice Fitzgerald and Aileen &
Luke Kelly (A)

Fri: Margaret Fitzpatrick (23rd A)

Sat:

Please take this Newsletter home with you

With grateful appreciation for all that you do

As we begin this new year it is good to begin with a moment of appreciation for the many people who are involved in so many different aspects of Parish life. Our celebration of Christmas was the culmination of the gifts and talents of so many and it was lovely to hear people's positive comments on how the Church looked and on how the various ceremonies were celebrated.

To our Sacristans, who work on a voluntary basis, and who always have everything ready for all the Masses and ceremonies that take place.

To our Altar Servers who add so much to the celebration of the Liturgy and whose dedication each week is appreciated. Before Christmas we took on six new servers and hope to take on some more before Easter.

To our Ministers of the Word and Eucharist who carry out their ministries with respect and care.

To our Music Groups, the Senior Choir, Junior Choir, Youth Choir – Urban Disciples, Paul the Cantor at 6:30pm, and to their directors Aileen, Andrea and Sarah, respectively, who put so much thought into the choice of music and lead us so well in our prayer, lifting our hearts, minds and voices to God.

To our Family Mass Group who help our children participate in the Eucharist.

To our caretaker Christie who keeps the Church and grounds looking so well and to Dave who is always there to help him out and Susan who looks after the plants in the grounds.

To our Secretary Louise who deals with so many different things through the Parish Office in a very efficient and friendly way and to Tony, Bríd, Mary and Ana who assist in the smooth running of things.

To our Flower Arranger Maura who creates such a beautiful environment for prayer and for special occasions.

To Margaret, Colm, Doris and Pat who clean the Church and Shrines and keep an eye on lights and bulbs.

To our hospitality team in the Pastoral Centre and to the group who developed the Pastoral Centre, and the group who now manage it.

To the many people who collect the envelope, take up the collections at Mass, and distribute our Parish information throughout the year.

To our counters who keep a close eye to recording all the monies that come in through various collections.

To those who prepare people for the Sacraments - our Baptism Team, Do This In Memory First Communion Programme and the You Shall Be My Witnesses Confirmation Programme.

To the various groups of the Legion of Mary including Junior Legion who help share and nourish our faith through the good works.

To the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Group whose prayer creates a solid basis for our Parish.

To the Parish Pastoral Council who provide such good leadership and who are always watching for and listening to the needs of the Parish.

To the Finance Committee whose stewardship of your contributions allows us to be able to do so much here.

To Fr. Joseph for his ministry and kindness to so many people.

To our new arrivals Peter Siney our Parish Pastoral Worker and Br. Martin Bennett OFM Cap. our Deacon, both of who have enriched the life of the Parish through their ministry.

Finally to all of you for your support, kindness, prayers and willingness to be active in our family of faith.

A heartfelt thank you and prayer that this will be a blessed year for each one of you.



Fr. Paul

MASS AND CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Friday 1st January 2016

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 11:00am

Church will close at 12 noon

Saturday 2nd January:

Normal Schedule Resumes

Wednesday 6th January 2016 (Feast of the Epiphany)

Vigil Mass (Tuesday) 7:30pm and Mass

(Wednesday) 10:00am & 7:30pm

LEGION OF MARY

Calendars, Church Art, Padre Pio, diaries etc. available from Legion of Mary in main porch after Sunday morning and Saturday evening Masses.

Personal or family prayer is very beneficial. Did you ever pray the rosary? Would you like to find out about ways in which it can help you? Contact members of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUNDRAISING

The following are weekly totals:

Buy-A-Brick Appeal € 20,258.28

Pastoral Centre Donations; €25,776

Parish Centre Appeal Total €46,034.28

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

Many thanks to all who have kindly contributed.

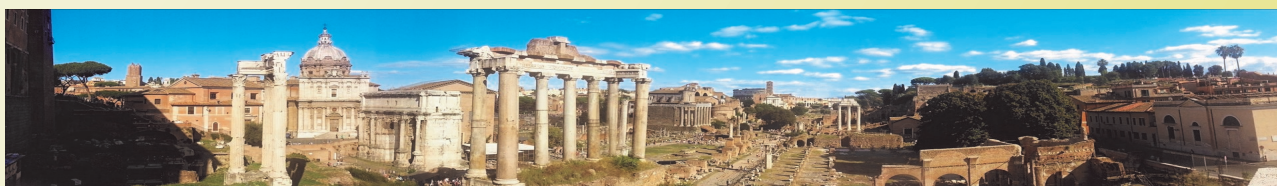
EXTRACT FROM *MISERICORDIAE VULTUS* (THE YEAR OF MERCY DOCUMENT) BY POPE FRANCIS

The Jubilee year will close with the liturgical Solemnity of Christ the King on 20 November 2016. On that day, as we seal the Holy Door, we shall be filled, above all, with a sense of gratitude and thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity for having granted us an extraordinary time of grace. We will entrust the life of the Church, all humanity, and the entire cosmos to the Lordship of Christ, asking him to pour out his mercy upon us like the morning dew, so that everyone may work together to build a brighter future. How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the Kingdom of God is already present in our midst! Para. 5



YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

26th September—1st October 2016



Booking is now open for this Pilgrimage. Booking forms are available from the Parish Office either by calling in or by email. Deposits of €150.00 need to be paid by 30th January 2016. Cheques made payable to St. Cronan's Church. Please note total cost is €795. The dates are the 26th September to the 1st October 2016. Full details on the Notice Board and on the Parish Website.

EPIPHANY GIFTS APPEAL



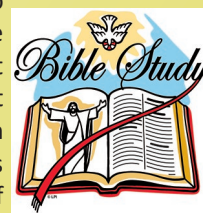
On the Feast of the Epiphany (Tuesday 6th January) when we celebrate the visit of the Magi bearing gifts to the infant Jesus, we invite you to bring any extra gifts you have received for Christmas that you would like to pass on to someone else. We give these gifts to Alice Leahy's Trust, a day-care facility for the homeless based in the Iveagh Trust

Buildings. The kind of things that are useful are: chocolates, sweets, scented candles, toiletries, scarves, gloves etc. Bring them to the crib in the Church and the Pastoral Council will pass them on.

**Epiphany Gifts can be
brought to all Masses**

THE GREAT ADVENTURE AN 8 WEEK BIBLE STUDY COURSE

On Sunday 10th January you are invited to come to the Parish Centre after any of the Masses for a short presentation on next year's Bible Study Programme. The Great Adventure brings you through the main sections of the Old and New Testaments and helps you see the development of God's relationship with his people.



The eight week course will be run on Monday evenings in the Parish Centre. We are also willing to offer it on Tuesday mornings if there is sufficient interest.

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.

Br. Martin Bennett, OFM Cap. Deacon

Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker

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CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

2/3 January

SVP Monthly Collection

9/10 January

No Collection

16/17 January

No Collection

23/24 January

Matthew Rose–Nel UCD
Volunteer Overseas

Shona Bhliain Nua

