

Parish Newsletter

7th April 2019 ✕

Fifth Sunday in Lent ✕

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Neither do I condemn you....

Palm Sunday and Holy Week

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Masses are at the usual times but we ask you gather at the Main Door for the Blessing of Palms and Procession.

Holy Thursday: No Morning Mass. Mass of the Lords Supper is at 7:30pm followed by Watch and Pray until 10:00pm.

Good Friday: Morning Prayer at 10:00am

Stations of the Cross for Families at 12:00 noon followed by Confessions until 1:30pm

Passion of Our Lord and Veneration of the Cross 3:00pm followed by Confessions until 5:00pm.

Reflections on the Stations of the Cross at 8:00pm

Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer 10:00am

No Confessions in St. Cronan's Church,
Penance Service in St. Colmcille's at 11:00am
Blessing of Baskets 3:00pm



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**Fundraising Bingo
Sunday 14th April
in the Parish Centre
€10 per book; €2 for a sheet**

Confession: Saturday 10:30am-11:30am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm & After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: John McGrath & Marion Byrne (A)
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
11:00am: James & Kathleen Smith (A)
12:30pm: Jim Maguire (A)
5:30pm: Eileen Brown (7th A)

PRAY FOR

Catherine McNally (BR)
John Behan (A)
Tom Harford (1st A)
Betty Cronan (BR)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: John Jennings (1st A)
Tues: Marie Dillon (A)
Wed: Teresa (Pearl) Bryson (A)
Thur: Paddy Power (RD)
Pray For: Gerard Kenny (17th A)
Fri: Special Intention
Sat:



YOURPARISHAPP

The Brackenstown Parish App is now live. It is in the process of development and will contain all our Parish information and calendars etc.

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Parish Pilgrimages

KNOCK: Saturday 27th April departing from St. Cronan's Church at 7:30am returning 9:00pm approx. €20.00. Bring a packed lunch and be part of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage. Book in the Parish Office.



HOLY LAND: 13th—21st September

The Pilgrimage costs €1,765.00. It will be led by Fr. Paul Thornton and will visit all the main places in the life of Jesus. It will be some years before there will be a pilgrimage from the Parish. Limited places available. Please contact MAP Travel for booking 01 8783111.



LOURDES: 19th—24th September €759.00 Group Leader Susan Keane 01 8084445 or 085 847 1539. Staying at the Padoue Hotel. Agent is Pilgrimages Abroad.

The Parents Association of St. Cronan's Junior and Senior Schools are holding a Table Quiz on Thursday 11th April at 8:00pm in Swords Manor Inn €25 per table Great Raffle Prizes Great night of fun for all!



Church Gate Collection for Irish Guidedogs

You donated €1,615!

Thanks so much for your donation of €1,615.00 to support **David Hennessy** fundraising efforts for Mizen 2 Malin 2019.



Trocaire Lenten Campaign

The Trócaire Box Campaign each year makes a impact on the work that can be done in many countries. It highlights the plight of people whose world has fallen apart. It calls us to pray for them, support them and ask why are people the victims of injustice. Every cent you put in the box makes a difference. Be as generous as you can afford. Boxes can be returned to the Church at the end of



Looking for Soldiers, Apostles and Followers...

The Family Mass Group are looking for children to take part in the Stations for Families at noon on Good Friday. There will be a meeting after the 12:30 Mass on Palm Sunday to give out Parental Consent Forms and the times of practices. It is a great way for your child to learn about Jesus' love for us. If you want to get more details email: brackenstownpaish@gmail.com



Design of the New Altar

The architect has been working on a design for the new Altar. This is the design that he is proposing. The Lamb from the existing Altar will go in the front of the Altar. Let us know what you think either by email to the Parish Office or put a note in the Suggestion Box in the main porch.



Parish Delivery Team

Our Holy Week and Easter Cards are now ready for delivery. Please call to the Parish Office this week.



The Priory Institute, Tallaght Village

This year The Priory Institute are delighted to offer an online Holy Week retreat with reflections on the Holy Week and Easter Gospels. This online retreat is entirely **free of charge**. More information can be found on prioryinstitute.com/events/2019-holy-week-retreat.



Faithfest Retreat: Have you been to Faithfest? Are you in Secondary School? If so you are eligible for and will love our Faithfest Retreat. It is a chance to build friendships, enjoy adventure and get to know God. Ovoca Manor is our venue and is an adventure centre which combines adventure and exploring faith. If Interested, please download and fill in the consent form from www.evangelisation.ie. Please return it to the address advertised on the form to ensure your booking.

'If there is one of you that has not sinned, let you be the first to throw a stone!'



Prayer by Text now available on the Brackenstown Parish App

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Finance News

ANNUAL RECEIPTS have been posted out to all contributors. We have made every effort to ensure accuracy, but if you have any questions please contact the Parish Office.

EASTER DUES: the envelopes have been included with the receipts in an effort to use less paper. There will be Dues Envelopes also available at the back of the Church. This contribution together with the First Collection supports Fr. Paul and Fr. Bibin and the sick and retired priests in the Diocese. Please return in the collection on Sunday or to the white post boxes.

Please include both spouses' names on the Easter Dues envelopes

If you pay tax and you contribute more than €250 to the Parish in a calendar year, this then enables the Parish to reclaim the tax paid on your contributions. Your Easter Dues offering can be included as part of the €250 base figure. Unfortunately, the Revenue now only allow this if the name of the primary tax payer in the family is included on the Dues envelope. For instance: if we make up a fictional couple Michael and Mary Murray: they are married, with Mary being the primary tax payer. We wouldn't be allowed to include the Murray offering if their Dues envelope was only in the name of Michael Murray. **The ideal is to include both names**, Michael and Mary Murray, to be sure of inclusion in the tax reclaim. Also allowable would be the Murray Family or Mary Murray. Single or widowed contributors are not affected as their Dues offering will be in their own name anyhow.

Thank you to all who contribute so generously to the Dues offerings, it is very much appreciated. *Parish Finance Committee*

FAMILY OFFERING

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity to the ongoing running costs of the Parish.

January Standing Order €4009.00

Collections at Weekend

Family Offering	€1014.36	
1st Collection	€1272.14	Tax €348.00
Share Collection	€1242.53	Tax €262.75

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Wednesdays 8:00pm in BASE, Brackenstown Road
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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 last Sunday of every month from 4pm—5pm. Can you stay 1 hour with me? We encourage new people to come & join us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer Books, Rosary Beads, Rosettes, Medals, Souvenirs etc. for First Holy Communion & Confirmation available in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

SPIRITUAL READING

A selection of Booklets including Lent with Matt Talbot, Sacred Heart Messenger, St. Martin Magazine, Children's Books and Catholic Newspapers available from bookrack on back wall of Church.

HELP SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

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. St. Cronan's Estate and Swords Manor etc. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.

THE ROSARY

Prayer is of vital importance in our lives. We pray in praise, petition, thanksgiving. Our Lady asks 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.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

Praying with God's Word

5th Sunday of Lent: First Reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21;
Second Reading: Phil. 3:8-14; Gospel John 8:1-11
6th Sunday of Lent: First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Second Reading Phil 2:6-11 ; Gospel Lk 22:14-23:56



Fanning the Flame in Wembley

Ask any Englishman – Wembley is hallowed ground, sacred space. It's where every football team wants to play, and where every band wants to perform. It's also – and we're talking Wembley Arena here, not quite the stadium – where every other year, 10,000 young Catholics come together to celebrate their faith. Flame Congress started back in 2012. The newly-formed Catholic Youth Ministry Federation for England & Wales (CYMFed) decided to build on the success of their events for adult youth workers and



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their strong showing at the 2010 visit of Pope Benedict, by creating something not really seen in the UK before outside of those papal visits – a huge national gathering of Catholic young people, complete with the biggest speakers, the best musicians, and all supported

by pretty much every diocese, major religious order and new movement in the country!

That first Flame back in 2012 had a strong focus on the upcoming London Olympics. Two Christian athletes from Team GB gave their testimonies, along with a handful of others,

and we knew that something positive had begun. The next event followed in 2015, after which the decision was taken that from that point onwards Flame would be a bi-annual event, happening every odd-numbered year. This year's Flame was the best yet. In fact, I have to say, it's one of the best events I've been to in almost twenty years in Catholic youth and young adult ministry. There's so much about it that worked, but by far the best thing was the quality of the speakers and the fact that the organisers didn't try to overcomplicate the message.

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

Quote of the week

Following Jesus isn't about behaviour modification, it is about falling in love.

– Marcel Lejeune
(@MarcelLejeune on Twitter)



Challenge:

This week, make an effort to fall in love with the person of Jesus. Spend time in prayer, reading Scripture, and making Jesus' commands to love God and your neighbour a priority.

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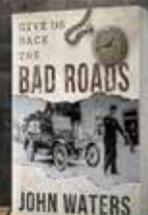
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