

## Parish Newsletter

13th May 2018 ✕ Ascension Sunday ✕ Year B



# the Ascension of the LORD

holy day of obligation

### We Are One Family

### We Keep One Faith

Brackenstown Parish invites you, your family and friends to join us for a Holy Mass and Blessing as part of World Meeting of Families. We would like to celebrate 10 Holy Masses, one for each area of the parish. The date and time area of the parish will be published later but will take place on Monday nights at 7:30pm in late May, June, July & early August.

During the Mass we will place a box in the middle of the Church where you can place your petitions and special prayer intentions. You can also include the names of deceased members of your family.

After Mass, each family will receive a bottle of Holy Water to take with you and bless your home.

Frs. Paul & Bibin



### INTERPARISH PICNIC

In preparation for the upcoming picnic of parishioners in Swords, Rivervalley & Brackenstown, help is required! After all Masses on weekend of 19/20 May, there will be clipboards at the back of the church for people to sign up. Volunteers are needed for roles like traffic stewarding, escorting Ministers of Holy Communion, distributing leaflets, set up and tidy up team, serve tea & coffee etc. We need enough stewards so that nobody is volunteering for more than an hour at a time. If you are available to help on Sunday 10th June please give your name and phone number after Masses next weekend or in the parish office on 01 8401188.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm:** Josephine Slevin (6th A)  
**9:00am:** Altar List of the Dead  
**11:00am:** Willie McKittrick (A)  
**12:30pm:** John Ryan (A)  
**5:30pm:** Jack & May Hughes (A)

### PRAY FOR

Gerard Brennan (A)  
Dermot Byrne (A)  
Jimmy Cooke (5th A)  
Teresa Murray-Hessian (RD)  
Michael Stokes (RD)

### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Seamus Mongan (19th A) & Tom Mongan (Rem)  
**Tues:** Special Intention (90th B'day)  
**Wed:** Holy Souls  
**Thurs:** Patrick Hartley (RD)  
**Pray for:** Marian Byrne (A)  
**Fri:** Special Intention  
**Pray for:** Eileen Hoey (Rem)  
**Sat:** John Jennings (MM)

**Please take this Newsletter home**



# Volunteer

for WMOF  
2018

Some of the criteria for applicants to become a volunteer:

- Be a resident of the island of Ireland at the time of application.
- Be over 18 years of age as of 1st January 2018; or between the ages of 16 & 18 if volunteering in a group with ratio of at least one adult to ten young people. (There is no upper age limit.)
- Be sensitive and respectful of our Catholic ethos.
- Be fluent in English – all training and management instructions will be in English.
- Be aware we will supply you with a volunteer uniform that you may keep as a souvenir.
- Be aware you will be given a lunch pack during your volunteering shifts.
- Must apply for Garda vetting as part of the application process in line with the procedure laid down.
- Be available to volunteer for a minimum of four (4) consecutive days between 18th and 29th August 2018. (Shifts will last up to 8 hours and you will be given adequate rest time).
- Be available for three mandatory training sessions which will be on Saturdays and will last 3 to 5 hours. They will cover Induction, Job and Venue Specific Training. Advance notice will be given of dates.
- Be able to provide the names and contact details for two referees in a position to give a character reference.

There are more details at: [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

Thousands of people will be travelling from very distant places to participate. Many would be unable to come if they also had to cover the cost of

Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August?

Do you have a spare room in your home and want to help?

Host a Family/Pilgrim



We are looking for host families in the Swords Area to welcome and accommodate families coming from outside of Ireland.

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

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

## 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

## 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)



The Family Mass Team invite any Primary School age children to be involved in a special Children's

## CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Word during the first part of the 12.30pm Mass on TRINITY SUNDAY, 27th May.

We ask any children who want to take part to gather at Our Lady/Sacred Heart shrines 5 minutes before Mass begins.

## Éigse Cholmcille 2018

Satharn 9ú Meitheamh 2018 (Lá Fhéile Cholmcille)

Paróiste Naomh Chrónán, Baile Uí Bhreacáin Clár an Lae

- 14.00 Teachtl le chéile i gCaisleán Shord Cholmcille agus óráid ghearr ar stair na háite
- 15.30. Fáiltiú go hÁras Pharóiste Bhaile Uí Bhreacáin, (Tae/caife/uisce/cisti/brioscaí)
- 16.00 - Léacht - (Ath Philip Baxter O.Carm), Áras an Pharóiste, Baile Uí Bhreacáin
- 18.30 Aifreann as Gaeilge (Comhceiliuradh), Séipéal Naomh Chrónán
- 20.00. le dreas ceoil



## Brackenstown Parish Pilgrimage to Poland 1-7 July

Based in Krakow to include Wadowice, Czestochowa, Auschwitz, Wieliczka Salt Mines and the Shrine of Sr. Faustina

Price: €835.00 per person sharing

The tour includes: Accommodation in Atrium Hotel 3\* [www.hotelatrium.pl](http://www.hotelatrium.pl)

Centrally located in the Old Town and just a short walk from the Market Square.

This tour includes: Return direct flight Dublin Krakow; Return airport transfers; 6 nights accommodation sharing twin room bed & breakfast; 4 dinners; Guided programme and coaching as per itinerary. Entrance fees where applicable.

Further details from Brackenstown Parish Office 8401188.



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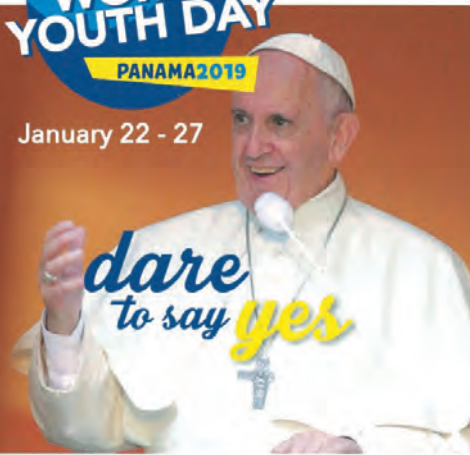
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**PARISH FAMILY PICNIC**

in Colaiste Choilm, Swords

Sunday  
10th June 2018

Meet at your Church at 11:45am to walk to Colaiste Choilm for Mass at 12:30pm

Bring: A Picnic Chair Blanket  
After Mass: Facepainting - Music Dancing - Balloons Ice cream - Games Children's Area and more

**All Are Welcome**

# PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
<b>MAY 2018</b>	
15th May	6th Amoris Conversations @ 7pm
18th May	Brackenstown Youth Group @ 6:30pm
19th May	First Holy Communion GSBB @ 10:00
19th May	First Holy Communion Swords & Thornleigh ETNS @ 10:00 Service of Light
21st May	Holywell, Swords & Thornleigh ETNS @ 7:30pm Confirmation
26th May	Holywell, Swords & Thornleigh ETNS @ 11am
28th May	DTIM Preparation Group Meeting @ 7:30pm

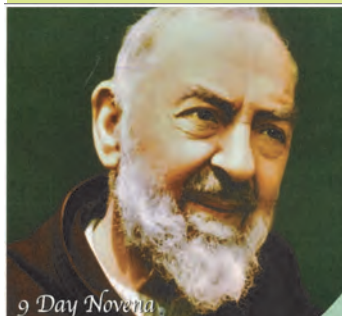
THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

## REPORT FROM THE APRIL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Parish programme for Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies was critically reviewed. Preparations for the Outdoor Mass/Tri Parish Picnic were discussed. Council members are continuing to reflect on how we can address pillars of liturgy & prayer, faith formation & education, mission & outreach and building community. Members acknowledged two parishioners for the recognition and honour they have brought to the parish: Mr Paddy O' Byrne for assisting the compilation and editing of an exhibition titled "Early Christian Swords" hosted in the Parish Pastoral Center and Sarah Donohue for completion of the Foundational Leadership Programme for Young Adults. A trained facilitator will be coming to expedite a planning discussion at the next PPC meeting on 21st May. We welcome all suggestions from parishioners, these can be put in the Suggestion Box in the front porch. We ask you to pray for the work of the PPC.

Willie Curtis (Chair)

Anam Cara North Dublin, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 16th May from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. Anam Cara North Dublin offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.



To explore the miraculous protection of the unborn through the intercession of St. Pio Novena begins May 17th to St. Pio's Birthday May 25th



THE MONTHLY PATRICIAN MEETING TAKES PLACE THIS WEEK!  
**"How Do We Revive the Family Rosary?"** is the title of the Discussion on **Thursday next, 17th May**, at 8pm in **Parish Pastoral Centre**. The Rosary is very popular and said by many people, but is it popular as a family prayer? What sacrifices would you make to help your family? *This discussion is open to everyone.* Spiritual Director will speak on the subject.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR OUR LADY?**  
 Why not do something new? Legion of Mary needs new members to help Our Lady bring Jesus to more people. Meetings: **adults - Tuesdays 10:30am** in Sisters' House, and **Wednesdays 7:30pm** in Sacristy and **we need more Junior members on Fridays 4:45pm** also Sacristy. Why not come and see what you can do!

## THE ROSARY

**Praying for a special intention?** The "Rosary Statue" was blessed for use in the homes of the parish at the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to pray the rosary again and have the rosary statue in your home for a week, or **get more information**, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass.

**EASY EVANGELISATION! SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!**  
**Could you give 20-30 minutes per month** to help spread the Good News? **Helpers needed to deliver the free Catholic Paper "Alive!"** in a number of areas of the parish... including **St. Cronan's, Park Ave.** Etc. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after week-end Masses or leave your name & phone number with Louise in Parish Office.



'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 the last Sunday of every month from 4pm–5pm. Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

## FAMILY OFFERING

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

**March Standing Order €3,109.00**

## 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:

**Ascension Sunday:** First Reading: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm: 46; Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-13; Gospel: Mark 16:15-20  
**Pentecost Sunday:** First Reading: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; Second Reading: Gal 5:16-25; Gospel John 15:26-27, 16:12-15.



**The next Parent Meeting is Thursday 7th June**  
**Next dates for Baptisms:**  
**Saturday 9th June at 12:30pm**  
**Sunday 24th June 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:**  
**Holyday 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  
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 01 8401188 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com  
 Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm

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