

Parish Newsletter

18th November 2018 ✠ 33rd Sunday ✠ Year B

Our Annual Remembrance Mass for all those who died in our Parish in the past year was held last weekend. This is such an important occasion in the Church year when families have the opportunity to gather to remember their loved ones and be reminded of the prayerful support of their Parish Community. One of the most moving times of the Mass is the calling out the names of those who have died. This year, each family received a hyacinth bulb, which hopefully bloom on time for Christmas. Another special part of the evening is our Memory Book. Each family was invited to submit their memories and a picture of their loved one, which were gathered together in the Memory Book. It is lovely to read what each family shared and to hear how much each person was and is loved.

Our sincere thanks to all those who helped on the evening. To our Funeral Team who visited each family at the time of bereavement and again before the Remembrance Mass, to the Choir who provided the music, to those who organised the hospitality for after Mass, to our Sacristan. In naming people, there is always a danger in leaving someone out! To each and every one who helped in any way, thank you.

A very special word of thanks to the families who came along. We hope that in some small way, the evening was a comfort to you and reminded you that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

The Parish Team



An old Mexican custom uses the idea of people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelling around the village, knocking at doors to see who will give them hospitality. We have adapted this custom with our very own Travelling Cribs. The crib boxes contain Nativity Figures, a candle and a Storybook. Our cribs will be blessed at the 12.30pm Mass on the First Sunday of Advent, December 2nd. They

will move from home to home so that, by Christmas, our Cribs will have travelled round Brackenstown, arriving at the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve. If you are interested in taking the crib, please talk to the Family Mass Team after the 12.30pm Mass on Sunday or email Niamh at niamh.morris@dublindiocese.ie

Over the next three Sundays at the 12.30pm Mass, we will have a Children's Liturgy where Children are invited to process to the Altar with the priest and then go the Pastoral Centre where there they will hear about the Gospel of the day and have an activity that ties in with the message of the day. We encourage you to sign you child up before Mass begins. This is a great chance for younger parishioners to learn about the Gospel message in an age-appropriate way. These sessions are led by the Family Mass Team, all of whom have been Garda Vetted.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Paddy Barrett (A)
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
11:00am: Catherine Antley (1st A)
12:30pm: Madge Taaffe (A)
5:30pm: Martha Boland (A)

PRAY FOR

Willian O'Brien,
recently deceased

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Ursula Fogarty (A)
Tues: Michael and Joan Harvey (A)
Wed: Patrick McGuire (A)
Thur: Noel Hoey (A)
Fri: Terence Beamish
 Pray for Bernadette Pender (MM)
Sat: William and Eileen Byrne

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

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View our Parish Webcam via the Parish Website www.brackenstown-parish.com



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Gianna Care

Gianna Care are holding an information evening in St. Cronan's Church Parish Centre, Brackenstown, Swords, Tuesday 20th November at 7.00pm sharp.

Gianna Care is a non-profit organisation that is committed to providing compassion, accurate information and practical support to anyone facing an unexpected pregnancy. Their services are free of charge and accessible to all. Gianna Care rely 100% on donations. They also rely on volunteers for tasks such as office work and meeting the mothers-to-be for coffee and a chat. Please support them by attending this event.

Gianna Care would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to their Church Gate Collection on November 10th/11th. The amount collected was €1,100. Our thanks also to the volunteers who collected despite the inclement weather.

Swords Senior Citizens Centre are holding an Ecumenical Service of Remembrance on Tuesday, November 20th at 2.30pm. Everybody welcome

Order of Malta Christmas Dinner



Last year the Swords Unit of the Order of Malta had a Christmas Dinner in the Pastoral Centre. They tried to focus on people who wouldn't get a chance to go to an event like this as they are housebound or living alone. It was a great success. This year they are going to host it again on the 8th December. If you know of anyone who would enjoy the chance to get out please leave their name with Louise in the Parish Office. The Order of Malta will provide transport to and from the dinner and they can accommodate wheelchairs both manual and electric.

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service is holding a blood donation clinic in FINGALLIANS GAA CLUB, LAWLESS MEMORIAL PK WED 21ST & THURS 22ND NOV 2.30PM to 5PM & 7PM TO 9PM

If you can, please support this vital service. For more info, see their website

giveblood.ie



The Garda Band Christmas Concert

In aid of Loreto College, Swords takes place on

December 4th at 7pm in St. Finian's Church, Rivervally

Tickets are €5 and available from the School.

PARISH DIARY

DATE

EVENT

NOVEMBER 2018

13th

Confirmation Meeting for Parents from Swords & Thornleigh ETNS & GSBB

17th

Confirmation Mass 6:30pm: Ms Morrissey, Ms Kelly, Ms Doyle & GSBB

18th

Confirmation Mass 5:30pm: Mr Gallagher, Ms Farrell, Ms Quinn, Holywell, Swords & Thornleigh ETNS

24th

Do this in Memory Mass 6.30pm: Ms. Manton; Ms Ryan, Ms Lehany; Swords & Thornleigh ETNS

25th

Do this in Memory Mass 12.30: Ms. Hargadon, Ms Hanratty, Ms McSweeney, Ms McLoughlin & GSBB

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE



St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society are holding a Mass of Thanksgiving for the gift of Priesthood on **Sunday, November 25th**, the Feast of Christ the King in **St. Andrew's Church** Westland Row at **3.30pm**. The Mass will be concelebrated by priests from the Dublin Diocese, with the Chief Celebrant being Fr. Seamus McEntee Chaplain to the Society. Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy, who was ordained in 2017, will give the Homily. All are welcome



Siel Bleu are a not for profit organisation who provide life enhancing exercise programmes to older adults and people with chronic disease. Programs are designed to with overall aim of improving the

wellbeing of all who take part.

If you would like to take part in a Class in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre, please contact 012096889 or email info@seilbleu.ie

If you need assistance from the St. Vincent de Paul Society, you can contact 01-8550022 or email nfo.east@svp.ie. There are a wide range of supports we can offer you, from practical help and advice, to a friendly ear all in the strictest of confidence.



Altar List of the Dead

You are still most welcome to return your completed Altar List to the White Letterboxes in the Church. The 9:00am Mass every Sunday is offered for the Intentions of all our Parishioners, all the people who live in this area and all the names on the Altar List of the Dead.

Please bring this Newsletter home with you

or you may like to bring one for a neighbour who may enjoy the read

SAOIRSE AA GROUP
Wednesdays 8:00pm in BASE,
Brackenstown Road
ALCOHOL PROBLEM? YOU'RE NOT ALONE!!
Phone: 087620 6788

**IS GAMBLING RUINING
YOUR LIFE?**
GAMBLER'S ANONYMOUS
Contact 0879771142
for more information



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 1 hour with me? We encourage new people to come & join us.

Faith Development

The monthly Patrician Meeting takes place this week! "Brave in our faith in difficult times" is the title of the discussion on Thursday next, 15th November at 8:00pm in the Pastoral Centre. This discussion is open to everyone. Spiritual Director will speak on the subject.

Rosary

Praying for a special intention? Praying for Peace? 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.

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. **You** could help! Meetings: **Adults - Tuesdays 10:30am** in Sisters' House and **Wednesdays 7:30pm** in Sacristy and **we need more Junior Members on Fridays at 4:45pm** also Sacristy. Why not come and see what you can do!

Helpers

New Helpers needed to deliver the "Alive!" Catholic Paper. If you could give **20-30 minutes a month**, you could do great work to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Enquire at Legion of Mary table in the main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses or leave your contact number with Louise in the Parish Office.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

Altar Servers

We are taking on some new Altar Servers. If your son or daughter would like to be part of our Altar Server team then please talk to Fr. Paul or Fr. Bibin after Mass or send a message to the Parish Office by email: brackenstownparish@gmail.com

Brackenstown Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019

We are planning a Holy Land Pilgrimage. The approximate dates are: 26th Oct-3rd Nov '19.

Agent will be MAP Travel.

Names are being taken through the Parish Office



Next Parent Meeting is
Thursday 6TH DECEMBER
Next dates for Baptisms:

Saturday 8th December 12:30pm
Saturday 29th December 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.

Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for this Sunday
and the following Sunday:

32nd Sunday:

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 145; Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28; Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

33rd Sunday:

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 15; Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32



FAMILY OFFERING

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

October Standing Order €n/a

Outdoor Collection - €n/a

Annuals/Half Yearly - n/a

All of the above contributions are recorded for the tax rebate.

COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

First Collection - €(recorded for Tax)

Share Collection - € (€ recorded for Tax)