

Parish Newsletter

19th August 2018 ✕ 20th Sunday ✕ Year B

Papal Mass 26th August

This week we celebrate the World Meeting of Families, which culminates with the Papal Mass next Sunday. Anyone who is unable to attend the Papal Mass is invited to gather in the Church at 2:30pm to watch the Mass being broadcast at 3:00pm from the Phoenix Park.

Holy Communion will be distributed during this gathering and it will fulfil your Sunday obligation.

Changes to Mass Schedule

Next weekend, Saturday 25th the Vigil Mass will be at 6:30pm. On Sunday 26th there will be only one morning Mass at 9:00am. There will be no 11:00am, 12:30pm or 5:30pm Masses.



TICKET COLLECTION FOR THE PAPAL MASS

Anyone who has booked a Mass and/or Coach Ticket for the Papal Mass with the Parish Office please collect them from the Parish Office from 9:30am - 1pm, Monday - Friday. There is a fee of €10 per person to cover the cost of the coach and we ask that this be paid when you come to collect your ticket. Please note there will be a walk of no further than 5km. Seating will not be provided in the Phoenix Park, however, portable seating will be allowed into the Park, so you are advised to bring a fold-up chair with you.

More information on this and what else you can bring into the Park is available on the WMOF2018 website (www.worldmeeting2018.ie).



To all who are involved in the World Meeting either as a volunteer, choir member, minister of the Eucharist or any other role and for all who are attending the Mass or events around the Papal Mass can you please send us in any pictures of you in your role so that we can display them and celebrate our part in this event. Pictures can be emailed to brackenstownparish@gmail.com.

CRAFT SALE

This weekend there will be crafts displayed & for sale at the back of the Church. These crafts are made by the mamas (ladies that look after the children) in Sanyu Babies Home in Kampala, Uganda. In 2010 we adopted our daughter from this home. The mamas work 10 hour days,

6 days a week, for €15 a month and most of them live in the slums. These women hope that proceeds from the sale of the crafts will cover their children's school fees and other essentials. The Angels are made from the banana plant and the necklaces are made from recycled magazines. There are also some cribs that are brilliantly made, with great attention to detail, which would make a lovely early Christmas present.

We have always kept in contact with them and send boxes with essentials on a regular basis, but this time we covered the cost of the shipping and they sent crafts that they made themselves to sell for them. Please support these women to help them help themselves and the children of Sanyu Babies Home.



Many thanks, Terri Burke.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Paddy O'Rourke (A)
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
11:00am: Michael Fields (14th A)
12:30pm: George & Mary Mulligan (3rd A)
5:30pm: George Murphy (A)

PRAY FOR

Catherine Bond (A)
Joan Kelly (B'day Rem)
Angela Nugent (RD)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: James & Ellen McGrath (B'day Rem)
Tues: Matthew Kelly (A)
Wed: Patrick, Kitty, Jack, Noel, George & Pete Cowley (A)
Thur: Patrick Walker (10th A)
Fri: Maureen Weadick (A)
Sat: James Boylan (3rd A)

Holyday Mass: Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am & 7:30pm

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

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CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

NEXT COLLECTION
1/2 September
VDP Collection

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IRISH MISSION Visitation of the large pilgrim Statue of St Michael the Archangel Veneration of the first class relic of St Faustina

All venues: For contact details and agenda on each event go to www.stmichaelthearchangel.info / RETREATS / IRELAND
Talks: St Michael and St Faustina | Knighthood of St Michael the Archangel with enrolment of the Knighthood and blessing of the scapulars after Mass
led by

Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA

General animator of the Knighthood of St Michael the Archangel. Marki, Warsaw

St. Cronan's Church, Brackenstown, Swords

15th and 16th September 2018

**Fr. Peter will deliver the Homily at Masses and bless people
with the relic of St. Faustina afterwards**



The Statue of St. Michael will be brought in Procession before the 6:30pm Vigil Mass

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 now
being taken through the Parish Office



Congratulations to Rita Long who participated in the Women's Mini Marathon and raised €205.00 for St. Francis' Hospice, Dublin. Many thanks to those who sponsored her.



Church Refurbishment Update

Following the consultation with Parishioners last week, the colour that the majority opted for was No. 2 which you can see behind the Organ. It is hoped that the painting will begin on the 20th August. There will be changes in where things take place both in the Church and the Pastoral Centre and we ask for your patience during this time. The Pastoral Centre will close for a week either the last week in August or the first week in September for painting. All groups will get a weeks notice.

The Table of the Word

In the reforms of the Liturgy in the Second Vatican Council, the different elements of the Liturgy of the Word were brought together to highlight their connection, importance and relationship. The Liturgy of the Word begins with the First Reading, usually from the Old Testament, which is responded to by the Psalm which should be sung, the Epistle/Second Reading from the New Testament, The Gospel, Homily and Prayer of the Faithful. All of these have great importance and no element should be left out except for a serious Pastoral consideration or for Masses with Children.

In the Latin Mass the Liturgy of the Word was split up differently and the books would move from one side of the Altar to the other with the Gospel being proclaimed from the left side. Since the reforms of the Liturgy the different elements of the Liturgy of the Word hold importance and it is the place of the Word that is important. There is no direction given as to whether this should be from the left or right side of the Sanctuary, but it should be a place that shows the importance of all the elements together. The direction, like that for the location of the Tabernacle (last weeks newsletter) is given in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal which says:

"The dignity of the word of God requires that the church have a place that is suitable for the proclamation of the word and toward which the attention of the whole congregation of the faithful naturally turns during the Liturgy of the Word.

It is appropriate that this place be ordinarily a stationary ambo and not simply a movable lectern. The ambo must be located in keeping with the design of each church in such a way that the ordained ministers and lectors may be clearly seen and heard by the faithful.

From the ambo only the readings, the responsorial Psalm, and the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet) are to be proclaimed; it may be used also for giving the homily and for announcing the intentions of the Prayer of the Faithful. The dignity of the ambo requires that only a minister of the word should go up to it.

It is appropriate that a new ambo be blessed according to the rite described in the Roman Ritual before it is put into liturgical use."

FAITH 'N' FUN



Music, fun and games were enjoyed by the children who took part in the Faith 'N' Fun for kids which was held on Thursday afternoons in the Parish Centre. The children enjoyed quizzes, games, Bible stories & crafts organised by Legion of Mary. Well done to all!! Special thanks to all the members of Legion of Mary for organising this event.

Praying with God's Word

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

20th Sunday:

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 33; Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 15-20; Gospel: John 6:51-58

21st Sunday:

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Psalm 34; Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32 ; Gospel: John 6:60-69



Have you got a head for heights? Why not take part in Irish Wheelchair Association's Abseil in Croke Park on Saturday 6th October
To register or to find out more check out www.iwa.ie/abseil

Please note the webcam in the Church is only switched on when a Mass/Service is happening in the Church. This is due to the new Data Protection regulations.



Next Parent Meeting
Thursday 6th September

Next dates for Baptisms:

Saturday 15th Sept 12:30pm

Sunday 30th Sept 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.



GDPR - A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), is being introduced on 25 May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

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 of leave your contact number with Louise in the 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 the last Sunday of every month from 4pm–5pm. Can you stay 1 hour with me? We encourage new people to come & join us.

THE 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 Masses.



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FAMILY OFFERING

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

June Standing Order €3,187.00

Outdoor Collection €906.44

Annals/Half Yearly n/a

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

COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

First Collection €1418.50 (€401.86 recorded for tax rebate)

SHARE Collection €1098.50 (261.10 recorded for tax rebate)

Every Sunday in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm
Doors open at 7:30pm - Everyone welcome!



Homing in on Why we Pray

One of my fellow students, when trying to explain why people prayed, said that he found a partial answer while pursuing one of his hobbies. As a youth, he used to keep racing pigeons in a loft at home. He was fascinated by them.

Each week he entered them in competitions and had to transport them in boxes to some far-off location. They were hom-



ing birds and each had an identification tag. Many competing birds were dispatched from their home territory to this starting

point for the race. The winner was the one who arrived home first. After you left your bird with a starter you dashed back to your home pigeon loft. You knew at what time the birds would be released and where they were being released from. The only thing you didn't know was when your bird was going to get back or if it was going to return at all. That's where the excitement lay.

All other owners had the same hopes as you. They believed that only a catastrophe would prevent their charge from

getting home. They were sure that each bird possessed an instinct deep down that compelled it to return to base and that the bird would not be at ease until it reached home. My fellow student wondered whether we humans have a similar homing instinct that directs us back to God. To support his thinking, he quoted St Augustine: "We were made for God and will not be happy until we rest in Thee."

Extract from *Harvesting Hope* with Anthony de Mello by John Callanan SJ
(www.columbabooks.com)

Quote of the week

"Jesus invites us to build the civilization of love together in the situations we are called to live every day."

– Pope Francis



Challenge:

How I can build a more loving civilization around me in the things I do today? What can I do to spread love in my daily life?

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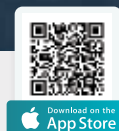
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