

Parish Newsletter

10th March 2019 ✠ First Sunday of Lent ✠ Year C



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LIFE IN THE EUCHARIST

BEGINS THIS TUESDAY IN THE
PARISH CENTRE AT 7.30PM.
TO SIGN UP, PLEASE CONTACT
THE PARISH OFFICE @ 8401188

Brackenstown Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

13-21 September 2019

Information Evening

Thursday 14th March 8:00pm

St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre

A representative from MAP Travel

will go through the details of the Pilgrimage

There will be a slide presentation of the places we will visit.

During Lent we journey with Jesus through the wilderness to Jerusalem. Would you like to go on a physical journey and visit all these places? Over recent weeks in the gospel we have heard about the wedding in Cana, Jesus in the synagogue in Nazareth, Jesus at the Sea of Galilee and on the Mount of Beatitudes. Over the first few Sundays in Lent we will hear about Jesus returning from River Jordan, being tempted in the wilderness, at the Temple of Jerusalem, and his Transfiguration on Mount Tabor. These are all real places in the Holy Land and it is amazing to visit them. Would you like to stand in the River Jordan or go in a boat across the Sea of Galilee? It's amazing how the gospels come alive when you visit these places and the memories stay vivid for a lifetime.

Mass Times for St. Patrick's Day

Vigil Mass (Sat): 6.30pm

Sunday, March 17th: 9am & 10am

Please note that there is NO 12.30 pm or 5.30pm Mass

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Margaret Kearns (A)
9:00am: Altar List
11:00am: Sheila & Kevin Maguire
& Jim & Alice Crowthers
12:30pm: Patricia Cooney
5:30pm: James and Grace Greene

PRAY FOR

Ambrose Dunne (A)
Damien Byrne (A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Special Intention
Tues: Tom and Angela Dormer
Wed: Rose and Patrick Duffy (A)
Thur: Special Intention
Fri: Evelyn & Peter Costello
and Paddy O'Donnell (A)
Sat:

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BRACKENTOWN PARISH
PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

19 - 24 SEPTEMBER 2019

Accompanied by a Spiritual Director

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FOR FURTHER DETAIL:-
 Susan Keane 018084445 / 085 847 1539



Congratulations to the members of the 12.30 Choir who took part in the 'Emmanuel' music festival in the Helix last week. Ladies, you did yourselves, your families and your Parish proud!



LENTEN WORKSHOPS FOR MINISTRIES

During Lent, there will be workshops for different ministry groups in the Parish. Each of these gatherings is an opportunity to reflect on our ministry and we can best serve the Lord through serving His people.

FUNERAL MINISTRY TEAM

Tuesday, March 12th; 7.30pm
 Facilitated by Bryan Nolan

MUSIC MINISTRY

(CHOIR LEADERS & MEMBERS)

Wednesday, March 20th; 7.30pm – 9.30pm
 Facilitated by Giovanna & Ephrem Feeley

MINISTERS OF THE WORD (READERS)

Wednesday, March 27th; 7.30pm – 9.30pm
 Facilitated by Fr. Paddy Boyle

FINANCE COMMITTEE, COLLECTORS, HOSPITALITY, COUNTERS, SAFEGUARDING

Wednesday, April 3rd; 7.30pm – 9.30pm
 Facilitated by Mr. Garry Kehoe

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Wednesday, April 10th; 7.30pm – 9.30pm
 Facilitated by Fr. Damien McNeice

TROCAIRE
 Working for a Just World

Trocaire Boxes are available from the back of the Church. This year's Lenten Campaign highlights the different ways land is stolen from vulnerable people - by corporate land grabs, by war or simply because they are women. Lent 2019 asks people in Ireland to show their love by supporting people in the world's poorest countries who are often defenceless against these attacks.

Say to the Lord: **Prayer by text**
 'My refuge,
 my stronghold,
 my God in whom I trust!

To register to receive Prayer by Text for Lent, please fill in one of the forms at the back of the Church or contact the Parish Office 01 8401188.

CHY Tax Rebate: We ask those who have received a CHY Tax Reclaim form recently to return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. The CHY Tax Rebate scheme allows the Parish reclaim tax for all qualifying **recorded contributions of €250 and over**. If you are not a PAYE or Self-Assessed donor, unfortunately we cannot claim tax back on your donations but please let us know in order to avoid receiving future CHY documentation. Sincere thanks to all those who support the running of the Parish through your financial offerings.

Parish Finance Committee



Rivervalley Parish resumes it's Bible Study course on Friday 8th March at 10.30am in the Oratory. They will continue the study of St Luke's Gospel. This is the ideal course to meet like-minded parishioners and to examine your faith and reliance on the Bible. The course will again run for six weeks each Friday morning; it is free and includes tea and coffee afterwards! Attendance at the previous course is not required. All are welcome!

MEDITATION AND RELAXATION BRACKENTOWN PASTORAL CENTRE

STARTING: FRIDAYS 8TH MARCH 2019;
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PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
MONTH OF MARCH	
March 11th	Preparation Meeting for Do this in Memory
March 12th	Life in the Eucharist @7.30pm
March 12th	Funeral Ministry Team Gathering @ 7.30pm
March 14th	Holy Land Information Meeting @ 8pm
March 16th	Vigil Mass for Feast of St. Patrick @ 6.30pm
March 17th	Feast of St. Patrick Mass at 9am and 10am PLEASE NOTE: NO 5.30pm Mass
March 19th	First Confession: Gaelscoil Briain Boroimhe @7pm
March 19th	Life in the Eucharist @7.30pm
March 20th	Music Ministry Gathering @ 7.30pm
March 21st	First Confession ETNS @7pm

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE



Next Parent Meeting is
APRIL 4th
Next available dates for Baptisms:
MAY 26th

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 & the following Sunday:

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Dt 26:4-10; Psalm: 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Second Reading: Rom 10:8-13 Gospel: Lk 4:1-13

Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 115:12-19
Second Reading: 1 Thess 2:1-8; Gospel: Luke 5:1-11



FAMILY OFFERING

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

January Standing Order €4,009.

Family Offering: €913.62

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

Collections at the weekend Masses

1st Collection €1365.65 (Tax €395.45)

Share Collection €1012.24 (Tax €260.45)

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday 12th March at 10:30 am in the Parish Centre. All are most welcome.

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

4-5pm for the Sundays of Lent.

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.

HELPERS NEEDED

Do you live in St. Cronan's Estate or Swords Manor? New Helpers are needed to deliver the "Alive!" Catholic paper in these areas. If you could give 20 - 30 minutes a month you could do great work to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Please contact a member of the Legion of Mary table in the main porch after Sat. Evening or Sun. Morning Masses or leave your contact number with Louise in the Parish Office.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation gifts, cards, medals, souvenirs etc. available from Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.

The Rosary

Why not do something special this Lent? 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 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



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

Starting With Alpha

When a few brave people decided to start running The Alpha Course in Schools a few years ago, no one could have anticipated what would happen by 2019, with thousands of students attending Alpha. "I was expecting to be met with older people on this retreat who were going to try and prove to us that we should have faith. I was also expecting to have activities exercising trust. I am very happy that my expectations were wrong and the people talking to us about faith were around our age and



they didn't force anything upon us but just talked to us about their experiences. The main thing I'm taking away is that I want to actively and openly search for the Holy Spirit" (Dublin Student). "I have discovered that God is like a father. Since I never

had a father, this has been amazing for me" (Waterford Student). "Since Alpha classes I now consider God as a close friend, someone who is close to me and will always be there for me" (Tullamore Student). I could fill this whole article

with quotes of God moving young people's hearts and changing minds in schools around the country. Suffice to say, Transition Year students take this ten-week course in around 35 schools, and it works. We can't keep up with demand, and we need help. We can reach around 2,000-3,000 youth - we need to reach many more.

Great things are happening. What on earth are we doing with these kids? It's really simple: a double period is filled up with a film and a discussion - specifically, the Alpha Youth Film Series (see alphaireland.org), and group discussion led by Alpha staff and volunteers.

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Read more from Dominic Perrem in this week's *Cornerstone*.

Quote of the week

Lord, deliver us from the temptation to want to save ourselves, and our reputations; help us to acknowledge our guilt and to seek humble and concrete answers together, and in communion with all the People of God.

– Pope Francis



Challenge:

This week, seek the truth and mercy above all else.

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