

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH



PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th February 2017 ✠ 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ Year A



On Tuesday 21st February 2017 Cardinal Desmond Connell passed away peacefully in his sleep. He had served as Archbishop of Dublin from 1988 until 2004 and was made a Cardinal by Pope John Paul II in 2001. He was born in Dublin and studied for the priesthood in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe. He was ordained in 1951 and spent much of his ministry teaching in UCD. May he rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Elizabeth (Betty) Carolan (2nd A)
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
11:00pm: Valerie O'Donoghue (A)
12:30pm: Kathleen Kearns (22nd A)
5:30pm: Kevin Harford (A)

PRAY FOR

Cardinal Connell (RD)
Danny Gillespie (RD)
June O'Hare (MM)
Emilio Selvi (A)
Giovanni Cafolla (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Anette Bedford (A)
Tues: Special Intention
Wed: Special Intention
Thurs: Kathleen McDonnell (A)
Fri: John & Hannah Conroy (A)
Sat: Alexander Fitzsimons (MM)

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

VALUABLE

"Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?" —Mt 6:26

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

On Ash Wednesday 1st March

The blessing and distribution of ashes will take place during the 7:30am Mass, 10am Mass & 7:30pm Mass.

We are looking for Ministers of the Eucharist to help with the distribution of ashes in the Church. If you can help, please leave your name into the parish office by Tuesday.

We are also looking for Ministers of the Eucharist to bring ashes to St. Cronan's Primary School, only Ministers who have attended the Safeguarding Training can volunteer for this. Again, please leave your name into the parish office.



Please take this Newsletter home

Some ideas for Lent this year



Prayer by text 

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.

Trócaire



This year's Lenten Trócaire Boxes can be collected from the parish if you have not received one through the schools. When you donate to Trócaire you're not just giving. You're joining the fight for justice.



Week of Guided Prayer 26th – 31st March



This year we will welcome Zanda and Charlotte into our Parish through Baptism at the Easter Vigil. Their journey to that moment has begun and we ask you to keep them in your prayers.

Over the next few weeks we are going to have a series of faith talks which will be an input, discussion over coffee and prayer on the following Thursday evenings in the Pastoral Centre. It is open to anyone who wishes to join us: **2nd March – The Teaching and Ministry of Jesus;**

9th March – The Our Father;

23rd March – Understanding the Church;

30th March – The Creed;

6th April – The Meaning of the Easter Triduum

On the first Sunday of Lent 5th March, they will be presented to the Archbishop at the Rite of Election in the Pro Cathedral.

This is a way of making a directed retreat in the midst of our busy day. The retreat is for everyone and the structure is simple.

It begins on Sunday evening with a group introduction to the format of the week; some explanation of Praying With Scripture; some time in prayer together; meeting your personal guide; a chance to ask any questions...and share some light refreshments together!!

Each day you are asked to spend time reflecting on a particular scripture passage, letting it speak to you in your present life situation, and then coming to the parish each day to talk about it with a trained Prayer Guide for half an hour.

These one-to-one sessions run from Monday to Friday at a time convenient to you. The week ends with everyone coming together to share their experiences. To take part please fill in and return the Guided Prayer leaflet, which you can get from the back of the Church or the Parish Office by Sunday 12th March. Cost: Offering by



For Carers & People Coping With Dementia

Why not come to the Brackenstown Forget Me Not Café in the Parish Centre for support and information on dementia on Tuesday 28th Feb from 7pm until 9pm. Run by Health Professionals, Admission Free

Enjoy refreshments and a chat in an informal setting. All Welcome

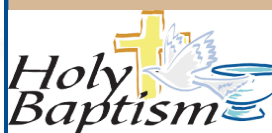
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Please note one Month's Notice to be given & a copy of baby's Birth Cert is required when booking a Baptism.

The next Parent Meeting is Thursday 2nd March at 8:00pm in St. Cronan's Parish Centre

Next dates for Baptisms:

11th March 12:30 pm
12th March 1:45 pm



FAMILY OFFERING BOXES ARE READY FOR DELIVERY/COLLECTION. IF YOU CAN HELP WITH DELIVERING THE BOXES, OR IF YOU CAN CALL TO THE CHURCH AND COLLECT YOUR BOX WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL...



We are looking for new Altar Servers!

We have a great tradition of Altar Servers here in St. Cronan's. We are looking to take on some more servers aged between 9 and 12 years old. They will serve at the Masses that they usually come to with their families.

There will be a meeting on Monday 27th February after school at 3:00pm in the Pastoral Centre. If your child would like to be an Altar Server please get a registration form from the Sacristy, Parish Office or on the Parish Website.

Ministers of Holy Communion

We are looking for people to share with us in this very important ministry. We hope to take on 12 new Ministers and to prepare them during Lent to be commissioned at the Mass on Holy Thursday where we will be inviting all Ministers of the Eucharist to renew their Ministry. If you would like to be a Minister of the Eucharist please call into the Sacristy, Parish Office or go to the Parish Website to get a form. Please return the forms by 1st March to the Sacristy or Parish Office.



PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
MARCH 2017	
1st MAR	Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins
2nd MAR	Teaching & Ministry of Jesus - Parish Centre @ 7:30pm
9th MAR	The Our Father - Parish Centre @ 7:30pm
13 - 15 MAR	St. Cronan's JNS First Confessions @ 7pm
21st MAR	GSBB First Confessions @ 7pm
22nd MAR	ETNS First Confessions @ 7pm
23rd MAR	The Creed - Parish Centre @ 7:30pm
27th MAR	Altar Servers Meeting - Parish Centre
26 - 31 MAR	Week of Guided Prayer
THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE	

School Bus Escort

Part-time Bus Escort required to accompany children with Special Needs being transported to and from school. Experience with children essential. The successful applicant will require Garda Vetting before taking up the position.

Closing date for receipt of completed applications is 7th March 2017.



Applications to:
Chairperson – Mr Ray Murphy
St Cronans Junior National School,
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World Day of Prayer



This year the World Day of Prayer will take place in **St. Cronan's Church on Friday 3rd March at 7:30pm**. The theme this year is "*Am I Being Unfair to You*" and has been prepared by women of the Philippines.

Our local group, made up of representatives of the three Parishes are preparing our Prayer Service and as part of International Women's Day it is an important time to come together to pray.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thank You

Josie and family wish to say thank you to Fr. Paul, friends and neighbours who supported them on the sad and sudden loss of V. Delaney. A Mass will be said for your intentions.

CAN YOU HELP?

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....e.g. **Knocksedan, Glasmere Park, Ashton, Castlevue etc.** Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after weekend Masses or leave your name & phone no. with Louise in parish office.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Cards, gifts and souvenirs available in main porch, after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

THE ROSARY

Why not start the year with joy and peace? Book the "Rosary Statue" for a week and notice the difference praying the Rosary brings. It is simple....Just leave your contact details with a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses and arrangements will be made to suit you.



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 the 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.

January Standing Order € 4,158
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BINGO

Every Sunday in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm
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St Cronan's JNS Open Day

St Cronan's JNS will be holding an Open Day on Saturday, 4 March 2017 from 10 am - 12 noon. This is an opportunity for prospective parents and children to visit the school and view the facilities and work of the school. All welcome. Closing date for receipt of completed applications is 7th March 2017.

PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times:

Sunday: 6:30pm (Sat. Vigil); 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

Weekday Mass:

Monday to Saturday 10:00am

Holyday Mass:

Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am

Confession:

Saturday 10:30am to 11:00am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm

After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,
Fr. Joseph Njanackal, C.S.T., C.C.

Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker
Louise Donnelly, Secretary

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