

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

PARISH NEWSLETTER

12th February 2017 ✠ 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ Year A

Safeguarding Awareness Training

Over the past three weeks over 100 parishioners who exercise a ministry within the Parish have attend a Safeguarding Awareness Course run by Garry Kehoe of the Dublin Diocesan Safeguarding Service. For those working with children, vulnerable adults, employees and ministry leaders attend an all-day session. At present their Garda Vetting is being processed.



Child Safeguarding
& Protection Service

There is another Safeguarding Awareness Course on Tuesday 7th March. All those involved in ministry who have not already attended one of the courses are asked to make sure to attend this one. If there are any parishioners who would like to attend, please email Fr. Paul.

Creating a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults is the standard to which we are all working in the Church and in the Parish. To be sure that we have the best practice in our Parish these courses are necessary and I am very grateful that those involved in ministry in the Parish hold the same commitment and are engaged in an active way to ensure that we stick to what is asked of us by the Diocese and the State.

We have three Safeguarding Representatives in the Parish: Mary Liz Donoghue, Nicola Gregan and Colette Burke. Their role is to check that all that we have in place for safeguarding of children is done properly, this includes that the information signs in the porches are clear and are up to date, that all groups have a sign-in record for children, that children are properly supervised and that parents/guardians are informed of our Code of Conduct and procedures. They also receive directly information from the Diocese about promoting Safeguarding in our Parish.

If you have any concerns about the way that children, young people or vulnerable adults are treated or have been treated in our Parish you can contact Andrew Fagan, the Diocesan Designated Person, on 01 8360314 or Tusla 01 8708000 or Swords Gardaí 01 6664700



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 and to support them in this important moment in their lives. They will be attending the 11:00am Mass and after the Gospel they go to the Pastoral Centre to reflect on the Gospel and how it impacts on their lives.

An important part of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is how the community shares in this journey. By sharing our experience of faith and how we live it they will come to know the living God who guides our lives.

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:

Thursday 2nd March – The Teaching and Ministry of Jesus

Thursday 9th March – The Our Father

Thursday 23rd March – Understanding the Church

Thursday 30th March – The Creed

Thursday 6th April – The Meaning of the Easter Triduum



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.



MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Frank Moreland & Joe Logue (A)

9:00am: Altar List of the Dead

11:00pm: Jack Murphy (A)

12:30pm: John & Gretta Millington (A)

Dcsd Family Members

5:30pm: Mary Doyle (1st A)

PRAY FOR

Frank Egan (A)

Fr. Tom Colreavy (RD)

MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: James & Winifred Kirwan (A)

Tues: Special Intention

Wed: Special Intention

Thurs: Joe Barnwell, John Drumm & Dick Barnwell (A)

Fri: Fr. Anselm Kelleghan (1st A)

Sat: Kathleen McDonnell (MM)

Please take this Newsletter home

NOTE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Introduction of an envelope system for the 1st collection

Thank you to those who have returned First Collection envelope forms. If you intend to taking part in the scheme please return your form as soon as possible as the First Collection envelope books will be issued shortly. As mentioned there are substantial benefits to the Parish to be gained by using an envelope system for the First Collection at no extra cost to anyone. Normally cash placed in the First Collection does not qualify for Tax Relief as it cannot be traced back to the donor. Your participation in the scheme is only of added benefit to the Parish if you pay income tax. Information sheets on how this scheme works are available on the tables at the back of the church. We invite those who would like to participate in this scheme to return the forms as soon as possible. Thank you for your generous support of our Parish.

St Cronan Statue

St Cronan Statue for Church Grounds. 2017 marks 40 years since our Church was opened. The Parish has commissioned a significant piece of artwork to mark the occasion and to honour our patron, St Cronan. There will be donation envelopes available next weekend and we invite you to assist with the €5,302 cost of the project. All donations of €20 or more will receive a St Cronan Statue donation certificate. Thank you to all who already support the Parish finances so generously, it is much appreciated.



CHY3 Tax Refund Scheme

The Parish received €30,147 as a very welcome refund of PAYE tax paid by parishioners in 2015. CHY3 forms for 2016 have now been posted to parishioners who meet the qualifying criteria; we ask that parishioners please return these forms to the parish at your earliest convenience. We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those parishioners who help fund the running costs of the Parish through their Family Offering contributions.

Paddy O'Byrne, Parish Finance Committee

ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE

Would like to thank the parishioners of St. Cronan's Church for their support of the Coffee Morning in aid of the Hospice. We hope that you had a very enjoyable occasion and thank you for making every cup count. The amount raised was €1,302.50.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER-2017



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.



On the 11th December 1977 our Church was blessed, dedicated and formally opened for worship. Over those 40 years many people have prayed here, celebrated Sacraments and marked the passing of loved ones. Some work has been

done on three ways to mark this anniversary, on the 4th June Bishop Raymond Field will celebrate the 12:30pm Mass. We have commissioned a statue of St. Cronan which will be blessed that day. The Pastoral Council have set the dates of the 28th May to the 2nd June as our Parish Retreat.

On Tuesday 21st February at 8:00pm

there is an Open Meeting in the Pastoral Centre to which you are invited to discuss ideas to mark the 40th Anniversary and to look at what shape the Parish Retreat will take. Please come along and share your ideas.

THANK YOU

On the passing of Alexander Fitzsimons, his wife and family wish to express our grateful thanks to all our friends and neighbours who sympathised with us during the sad days of our great loss and those who supported us throughout the months since. Thanks for all the Masses, prayers and messages of sympathy and also to Fr. Paul for his support in this difficult time. Mass will be celebrated on 22nd March for this intention.

HISTORY OF ST CRONAN'S ADULT CHOIR ...continued from last week



The Millennium Year of 2000 was a very busy one for the choir. We organised a "Songs of Praise" for the choirs and congregations of the Fingal Deanery and invited the Rathfarnham Concert Band to accompany the hymns. However, the big project for the choir was to encourage congregational singing. Laminated hymns were supplied for the Liturgical Seasons and cantors were trained. Gradually our congregations began to join us in active participation and in 2004 things really took off with the introduction of PowerPoint. Now, we are well known in Liturgical music circles as a

parish where congregational singing and interaction between our choirs and the faithful is firmly in place. Of course we were blessed with having a number of priests who themselves were good singers and very supportive of the project and this was invaluable for its implementation.

In 2002 St Cronan's Parish celebrated its Silver Jubilee. Refurbishment work was done on the church which made it a far more comfortable, warm and inviting space. The choir sang at the Mass of Rededication which took place on Wednesday 11th December. RTE also did the outside broadcast of the Mass for Christmas Day in St Cronan's Church and the choir was joined by some of the children from the school. Our Mass of St Cronan was specially composed by Aileen Smyth for this occasion.

In June 2012 Ireland hosted the International Eucharistic Congress and our choir joined the massed choirs in Croke Park for a very memorable day. We also went to the parish of St Cronan in Roscrea where we took part in a pilgrimage walk as part of our IEC projects.



In May 2014 we were the official choir for the Dublin Diocesan pilgrimage to Knock, a most successful and enjoyable trip. In 2015, the choir was asked to pilot a new Mass (Mass of St Mel for Choir and Congregation). This Mass was composed by Dr John O'Keeffe, Professor of Sacred Music in St Patrick's College, Maynooth. It was specially commissioned for the rededication of St Mel's Cathedral. Dr O'Keeffe was invited to Brackenstown to hear our congregation sing and was very impressed with the level of participation.

At present the membership of the choir stands at twenty-six. We have been very lucky this year to welcome five new members, four ladies and one gentleman. We like to think our repertoire is intergenerational, keeping the best of the old, but always on the look-out for modern hymns that are scripture-based and appealing and will stand the test of time. We use guitars, flute, violin and cello for special occasions. We are always ready to welcome new members and musicians.



PARISH DIARY The Week of

DATE	EVENT
FEBRUARY 2017	
11th FEB	DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS 6:30PM
12th FEB	DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS 12:30PM
13th FEB	Service of Light - St. Cronan's
16th FEB	Confirmation - St. Cronan's
17th FEB	Confirmation - St. Cronan's
21st FEB	Meeting to Plan 40 Year Celebrations
MARCH 2017	
1st MAR	Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins
13 - 15 MAR	St. Cronan's JNS First Confessions @ 7pm
21st MAR	GSBB First Confessions @ 7pm
22nd MAR	ETNS First Confessions @ 7pm
26 - 31 MAR	Week of Guided Prayer

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Week of Guided Prayer
26th - 31st March

Directed Prayer begins on Sunday evening with a group session to introduce participants to the format of the week; to give some explanation of Praying With Scripture and to spend some time in prayer together. It is for everyone and the structure is simple and can be adapted to the needs of each.

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.

CONFIRMATION

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

FAMILY OFFERING

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

December Standing Order € 3,410
Outdoor Collection €845.00
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YOUTH EVENING PRAYER IN TAIZÉ STYLE
7:30pm Wednesday 15th February in Parish Centre. All Welcome
Taizé Chants - Prayer - Time of Silence

PARISH NEWSLETTER

We have the current Newsletter for over a year now. It has proved to be a great success as the presentation and quality of printing make it a very attractive publication. I would like to thank Louise who is responsible for the layout and does such a professional job. The Newsletter is made possible by Liturgical Publication Ireland (LPI) who are our publication partners. They print the Newsletter and source the advertisers. I encourage you to use the companies that advertise with us and to tell them where you got their information. Christine is the advertising manager and is looking for new companies to advertise on the Newsletter. If you are in business yourself or work with a company who would be interested in advertising, please contact her. Each weekend 600 newsletters are handed out and a further 600 are emailed as well as the Newsletter being available on the website. It is great to have such a good publication in our Parish please support the businesses in whatever way you can.



Fr. Paul

The Sacrament of Confirmation



Congratulations to the pupils from Gaelscoil Bhrian Boromhe who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday. It was a beautiful and prayerful ceremony led by Fr. Paddy Boyle. The music provided by the School Choir and Banna Ceoil added to the joy and vibrancy of the Mass.

On Thursday 16th and Friday 17th February the pupils from St. Cronan's SNS will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. To facilitate this the daily Mass on each day will be at 9:30am. There will be car park restrictions on both days. Please pray for the children who have received Confirmation and those who continue to prepare.

During the 12:30pm Mass on 19th February Luca Santi will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep him in your prayers.

PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times:

Weekday Mass:

Holyday Mass:

Confession:

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,
Fr. Joseph Njanackal, C.S.T., C.C.
Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker
Louise Donnelly, Secretary

Sunday: 6:30pm (Sat. Vigil); 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm
Monday to Saturday 10:00am
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Saturday 10:30am to 11:00am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm
After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday
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