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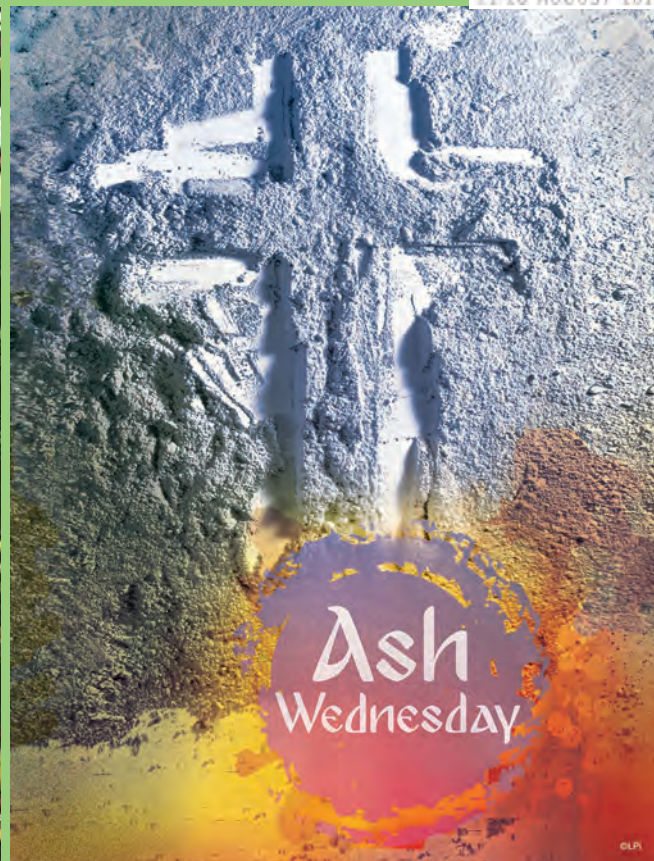
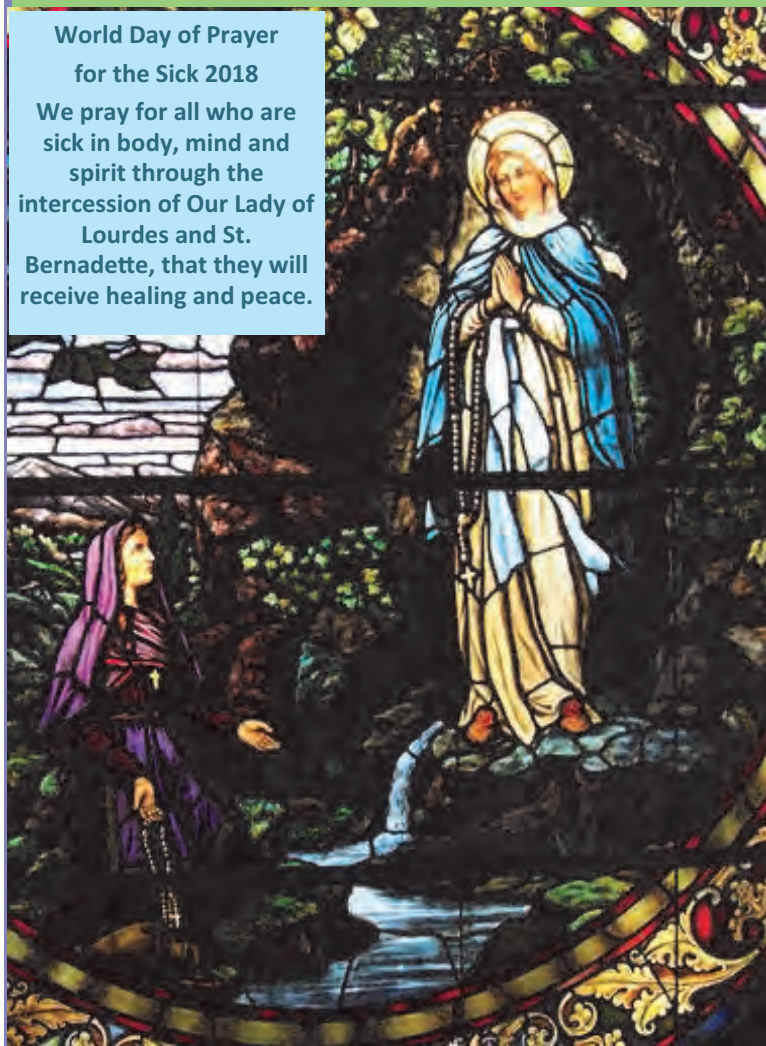


## Parish Newsletter

11th February 2018 ✕ 6th Sunday Ordinary Time ✕ Year B

### World Day of Prayer for the Sick 2018

We pray for all who are sick in body, mind and spirit through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette, that they will receive healing and peace.



### Ash Wednesday 14th February

The blessing and distribution of ashes will take place during 7:30am Mass, 10:00am 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.



**The Annual Collection for ACCORD** the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of **17th & 18th February 2018**. The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection. **ACCORD Dublin needs your support: PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY**

### MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm:** Margaret (30th A) & Bernard O'Reilly (A) & Dcsd Family Members

**9:00am:** Altar List of the Dead

**11:00am:** Dcsd Family Members of Cooney & Kennedy Families

**12:30pm:** Bridget & George Taylor (A)

**5:30pm:** Billy & Dolores Edwards (A)

### PRAY FOR

Bridget Green (A)

Thomas Cleary (B'day Rem)

Gearoid Lynch (RD)

### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Tom & Angela Dormer (A)

**Pray for:** Special Intention

**Tues:** Anne, Tom & Philomena O'Leary (A)

**Wed:** Maureen Meade (A)

**Thurs:** Kathleen McDonnell (A)

**Fri:** Special Intention

**Sat:**

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## Two Lives – One Love The Power of Language

We wish to refer briefly to the use of language with reference to unborn children. Words like “foetus” and “embryo” and “zygote” have specific technical meanings. We question why, in public discourse, healthy unborn children are always referred to as “the baby” while those who, in the opinion of some, do not measure up to expectations are routinely defined as the “foetus” or the “embryo”. We are concerned that language is being used with the intention of depersonalising certain categories of unborn children in a way which seeks to normalise abortion.

### The Positive Effects of Article 40.3.3 – A Culture of Life

Many thousands of Irish people are alive as a direct result of the enactment of the Eighth Amendment, who might otherwise never have been born. This is partly because there was an inevitable interval between the thought of having an abortion and that thought being put into action. That interval allowed women, often with the support of family members, partners or pregnancy care agencies such as our own Cura, to consider other, more constructive, options.

Quite apart from the numbers of lives that were saved as a result of Article 40.3.3, expectant parents who experience a crisis pregnancy have been culturally supported in making the decision in favour of life and in avoiding a decision which many of them may have regretted afterwards. This cultural support was not simply in the fact that Irish society had made a public statement of principle about the right to life, but also because the structures of society, including healthcare facilities, were not deployed, as they are in many countries, to promote or facilitate the taking of life as an appropriate social response to crisis pregnancy.

The goal of good maternal care would be to achieve a maternal mortality rate of zero. Sadly this is practically impossible because there are some potentially fatal medical conditions related to pregnancy which cannot easily be predicted for individual women. According to the most recent figures, published by the World Health Organisation in 2015, the maternal mortality rate for Ireland is 8 per 100,000 live births.[6] This places Ireland in the lowest, or best, category (number 26 out of 190 countries, and consistently ahead of the United States and the United Kingdom, where abortion is readily available).

Some ideas for  
**Lent this year**

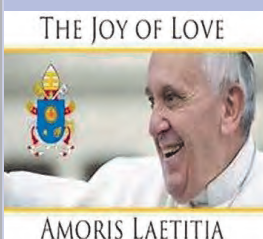
Get a Lenten ‘Scratch’ Card. Each day you scratch off a panel to reveal your daily challenge to **GIVE, PRAY, FAST**.

Each day there is a quote for reflection from the readings.

They are available from the Sacristy, Parish Office and Legion Shop.

This Lent, we will be reading Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on love in the family:

### ‘Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love’






A link for the text can be found on the Parish website. A morning and evening reading group will be set up. More details in next weeks newsletter.

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## Invitation to Give, Pray, Fast

# LENT 2018

14th February Ash Wednesday	15th February	16th February				
17th February	18th February Week 1	19th February				
20th February	21st February	22nd February	23rd February	24th February	25th February Week 2	26th February
27th February	28th February	1st March	2nd March	3rd March	4th March Week 3	5th March
6th March	7th March	8th March	9th March	10th March	11th March Week 4	12th March
			13th March	14th March	15th March	<b>GIVE PRAY FAST</b>
			16th March	17th March St. Patrick's Day	18th March Week 5	
			19th March St. Joseph's Day	20th March	21st March	
			22nd March	23rd March	24th March	
			25th March Palm Sunday	26th March Holy Week	27th March	
			28th March Holy Week	29th March Holy Thursday	30th March Good Friday	
			31st March Holy Saturday	1st April Easter Sunday	2nd April Easter Monday	

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## LENT 2018

### Invitation To Give, Pray, Fast

Scratch off the date to reveal your daily challenge

The colour code indicated by the Green, Blue and Red fonts is linked with the invitation to **GIVE, PRAY, FAST** inspired by the Gospel of Ash Wednesday (Matt 6:1-6, 16-18)

All daily quotations are taken from the readings of Ash Wednesday to Easter Monday.

### GIVE

These quotations challenge us to take some positive action in keeping with Gospel values. Giving of ourselves is an essential element of the season of Lent no matter how small the idea. Saint Paula, born in 4th century Rome, later settled in Bethlehem where she built a hospice, a monastery and a convent out of her own money.


### PRAY

These days offer quotations for reflection or contemplation. They can also be used as a mantra to calm our minds and to suspend the inner dialogue with our thoughts. This recalls the tradition of Evagrius, a 4th century Egyptian Desert Father, who collected a large number of scripture passages to counter different kinds of distracting thoughts.

### FAST

These suggestions point to ways of fasting from habits that are not wholesome or Christian. They recall the tradition of fasting during Lent as a time of Baptismal preparation. Saint Catherine of Alexandria, who lived in 4th century Egypt, undertook vigils of fasting as she waited for her initiation into the Christian community.

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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.



# PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
FEBRUARY 2018	
12th	Service of Light - St. Cronan's SS @ 7:30pm
13th	Aifreann an Chóineartaithe - GSBB @ 11am
14th	Ash Wednesday
14th	St. Joseph's Young Priests Society @ 10:30am
22nd	Confirmation - St. Cronan's @ 11am
23rd	Confirmation - St. Cronan's @ 11am

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE



The next meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will be in St. Cronan's Parish Centre next Wednesday 14th February at 10:30am. This is changed from Tuesday 13th February.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on the pupils from Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe on Tuesday 13th February at 11:00am. To facilitate this the daily Mass will be at 9:10am. The Car Park will be closed at 9:30am. Thank you for your co-operation.



Sunday Morning Tea and Coffee

After 9:00, 11:00 & 12:30pm Masses Sunday 18th February in aid of TROCAIRE.

Please come in a join us in the Pastoral Centre.



Next Sunday our RCIA candidates Esther, Eddie and Kornel with their sponsors will participate in the Rite of Election where their request to become full members of the Catholic

Church will be received by Archbishop Martin. Please pray for them as they make this important step in their journey of faith.

## St Valentine's Day Gift Tokens

St Valentine's Day 13th February 2018  
Think outside the Chocolate Box!



- 1 - A journey down memory lane - taking time to remember how we met
- 2 - A special meal cooked by me
- 3 - A technology free evening together
- 4 - Time together to pray
- 5 - A hand-in-hand walk together
- 6 - Loads of tender hugs
- 7 - A family outing
- 8 - Praying you find that special someone



The next Parent Meeting is Thursday 1st March

Next dates for Baptisms:

Sunday 1st April at 11am & 12:30pm Masses  
Saturday 14th April at 12:30pm  
Sunday 29th April at 1:45pm

## PATRICIAN MEETING

"What Does Lent Offer Us?" is the title of the discussion on Thursday 15th February at 8:00pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. What is Lent? How does it impact on our family? How can it bring us closer to Christ?

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation gifts & cards, children's books, Bibles, as well as Church Art Calendars and other religious items etc. available in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. Religious Calendars provide a picture to remind us of a feast, season or devotion each month and also tell us of the main Feast Days during the year. They cost €1 & €1.20

## EASY EVANGELISATION

Could you give 20-30 minutes per month to help spread the Good News? Helpers needed to deliver the free Catholic Paper "Alive!" in a number of areas of the parish.... Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after weekend Masses or leave your name & phone number with Louise in parish office.

## ROSARY

Honour the Mother of God & begin the New Year with the Rosary. Let us help you get started by having the Rosary Statue in your home. Just leave your contact details with a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses and suitable arrangements will be made for you.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

## 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 Sundays of Lent 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.

December Standing Order €3,308

Outdoor Collection €878.62

Annals/Half Yearly €240.00

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

## COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

First Collection €1,441.30 (€491.90 recorded for the tax rebate)

Share Collection €1,003.27 (€0 recorded for the tax rebate)



## BINGO

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

## Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for next Sunday:

First Sunday of Lent:

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 24; Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22; Gospel Mark 2:12-15



## PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times:  
Weekday Mass:  
Holyday Mass:  
Confession:

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,  
Fr. Bibin Jacob Mukkadackal C.S.T., C.C.  
Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker  
Louise Donnelly, Secretary

Sunday: (Sat. Vigil) 6:30pm, 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm  
Monday to Saturday 10:00am  
Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am  
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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10/11 March  
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