



Parish Newsletter

5th August 2018 ✕ 18th Sunday ✕ Year B

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES PAPAL MASS Sunday 26th August 2018



We as a parish have been successful in booking tickets and coaches for the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park on 26th August for anyone who has put their name down in the Parish Office. The tickets should be available for collection from the Parish Office within the next couple of weeks. There is a fee of €10 per person to cover the cost of the coach and we ask that the €10 be paid when you come to collect your ticket. There are no more tickets available for any of the World Meeting of Families events.

Please note there will be a walk of no further than 7km. 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 will be available soon - please check the WMOF2018 website (www.worldmeeting2018.ie). There are also a range of facilities on site to help you on the day. Designated rest zones, food and drinks stations, medical facilities, as well as toilets and baby changing facilities are all at the Park, gates and transport hubs. There will also be volunteers throughout the Park and special facilities for people with accessibility issues and their carers.

The Papal Mass will be broadcast in St Cronan's Church, Brackenstown at 3.00pm on Sunday, 26th August.

Papal Visit 25th & 26th August 2018 - Changes to Mass Schedule

On the weekend of the 25th and 26th August there will be a different Mass Schedule to facilitate those attending the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park and also to provide a gathering for those unable to attend.

On Saturday 25th the Vigil Mass will be a 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. In the afternoon we invite people 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 fulfills your Sunday obligation. **There will be no 5:30pm Mass.**

WMOF PARISH MASSES

A huge thank you to the Parish World Meeting of Families Planning Group, Fr. Bibin, Peter Siney, various Praesidia of The Legion of Mary and all those who delivered invitations around the parish.

Thanks also to the various people who ministered at the Masses: Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Cantors and Sacristans. All the Masses were important occasions for us to remember and pray for all those who live in the various parts of our parish 'Family of Families'.



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS	PRAY FOR	10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK
6:30pm: Margaret & Thomas Collum & Patrick Breen (A)	George Daly (RD) Sr. Aine Cullen (RD)	Mon: Patrick Lally (A)
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead	Michael Cox (Rem)	Tues: Marian Movement for Priests
11:00am: Níall Connor (A)	Catherine McNally (A)	Wed: Eileen Amis (A)
12:30pm: May Corrigan (3rd A)	The Most Reverend	Thurs: Margaret & Patrick McGrane (A)
5:30pm: Baby Sophie Lyons (3rd A)	Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Dublin	Fri: Special Intention
	Fiachra O'Ceallaigh, OFM (RD)	Sat:

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

CONTACT	View our Parish Webcam via the Parish Website www.brackenstown-parish.com		CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS	
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	Fr. Bibin Jacob C.S.T., C.C. 01 8408926 – 089 4238775 brackenstownparish@gmail.com			4/5 August VDP Collection NEXT COLLECTION 1/2 September VDP Collection

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Church Refurbishment

Phase One: repainting the Church, Pastoral Centre and Sacristy. Upgrade the Altar, Ambo, Chair and ancillary sanctuary furniture. Carpet the Sanctuary. New noticeboards for the porches and literature racks inside the Church. Put proper opening mechanisms on the Church windows. Attend to the Church roof. New signage outside the Church and Pastoral Centre. Refurbishment of the Sacristy. The painting will begin on 20th August.

Phase Two: replace the Church seating and carpet the Church.

We welcome your feedback, as it is on your behalf these works are being carried out. You can email brackenstownparish@gmail.com or place your comments in the suggestion box in the main porch or talk to Fr. Paul or Paddy O'Byrne (Finance Committee).

It is only with your support that we can continue to upgrade the Church and we are very grateful for your generosity and commitment. The picture gives us a good idea of what is proposed. Our beautiful Crucifix, though not in the picture will be staying in place. We really look forward to hearing your comments.

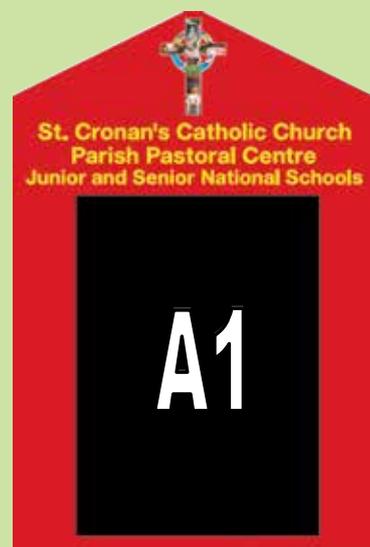


Church Refurbishment Further Information



The sign for the Parish Centre

Outside the Church we will be long overdue new signage. In listening to suggestions from people, the current sign on the Brackenstown Road cannot be read when you are driving. There will be two new roadside signs set at an angle so you can read it from both directions. They will have A1 snap frames which will contain a poster highlighting events in the Church, Liturgical Seasons etc. so that we can let people know about events and seasons in the Parish.



New noticeboards will be placed to the left of the Main Door so that people can read the notices when the Church is closed or when they are passing through the grounds. The advantage of moving the Notice Boards outside the porch is that when the Church is closed or when parents are collecting their children from school they can read what is going on in the Church and Parish.

The front porch will have no noticeboards as the current ones get affected by the wind when the doors are open. With the repainting, and reducing the amount of things in the Porch, it should be a more welcoming entrance to our Church. In the next couple of weeks we will share the suggested plan for the Sacristy. Again we welcome suggestions and comments about the refurbishment and all decisions to make changes will be explained clearly.

Do you know someone who wants to become a Catholic?

Last Easter we welcomed three adults into our Church at the Vigil. It was a wonderful moment in their lives and also in the life of our Parish. The journey to Baptism for an adult is one of coming to listen to God calling them through reflection on God's word, coming to understand our Catholic faith and experiencing the Parish community gathered for worship. Each year we begin this journey in September, but the length of the time that each individual spends preparing is down to them and the team who accompany them. Through participation in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process, each person is brought at their own pace through the various stages of the liturgical calendar until they discern they are ready for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you are reading this and either for yourself or someone you know would like to find out more about becoming a member of our faith community then please contact Fr. Paul on paulithornton@gmail.com or 087 7404729 to arrange a meeting.



Congratulations



to Larry & Anne
O'Donohoe
who recently celebrated
50 years of marriage

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.



PASTORAL SYMPOSIUM



Launch Out:
Lay Pastoral
Leadership Roles

An opportunity to gather and listen to Cardinal John Dew Archbishop of Wellington
Followed by an invitation to take part in a Pastoral Conversation

VENUE:
HOLY CROSS COLLEGE
CLONLIFFE ROAD
DUBLIN 3
29th AUGUST 10am - 1pm

To register contact
E: evangelisation@dundubindocese.ie
T: 01 837 3732 - ext 247/248
W: www.evangelisation.ie

9.45 am	Arrivals
10 am	Keynote Address
11.45 am	Tea, Coffee and Cake
12.10 pm	Pastoral Conversations

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



Faith 'n' Fun
 Bible stories, Crafts & loads more!

 FREE - to all aged 6-11 yrs
THURSDAY 9th August
 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre
 Brackenstown Road, Swords
 Organised by Legion of Mary.
 Registration forms available
 St. Cronan's church main porch,
 Parish Office - Phone no. 8401188

Praying with God's Word
 Below are the readings for this Sunday and the following Sunday:
18th Sunday:
 First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Psalm 77;
 Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17,20-24; Gospel: John 6:24-35
19th Sunday:
 First Reading: 2nd Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 33; Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2; Gospel: John 6:41-51



Next Parent Meeting is 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.

FAITH 'N' FUN
 "Faith 'n' Fun" for children aged 6 - 11 on **Thursdays 9th August**, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in St. Cronan's **Parish Pastoral Centre**. Registration Forms and information from Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. There is no charge.



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 and 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 yourhome 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

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 €462.92
Annuals/Half Yearly €620.00

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

COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES
First Collection €1,230.00 (€300.06 recorded for tax rebate)
SHARE Collection €1,024.56 (€226.56 recorded for tax rebate)



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



God's faithfulness gives our faith the character of trust. God is frequently portrayed with images such as 'rock' or 'fortress'. Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock ' (Isaiah 26:4). Faith means heartfelt trust in this God who is reliable, solid, sure. It is like a little child resting in its mother's arms (Psalm 131:2). Trust is also a trust in the process. God is a God of promise, leading us into God's future. Faith as heartfelt trust means confidently

allowing ourselves to be led by God's promise. It is not all plain sailing. Trust is tested; by misfortune, by illness, by injustice, by death. One major test for God's people was the apparent unfairness of life, how the innocent suffer while the wicked people prosper. God seems unmoved, and people are oppressed by God's silence. This makes faith-as-trust real. It is not naïve - it has been through the mill. For Christians, Jesus is the true face of God, God's faithfulness incar-

nate. Faith is a relationship with him. Jesus is the good shepherd, the one who can be totally trusted (John 10:11). Again and again in the Gospels, we come upon this relationship of trust. Again and again Jesus says to people he heals, 'your faith has made you well' (Matthew 9:22). In faith they are responding to his invitation to trust: 'come to me ... and I will give you rest' (Matthew 11:28)."e.
 Extract from *Tomorrow's Parish* by Donal Harrington (www.columbabooks.com)

Quote of the week
A failure to realise that mission belongs to the entire Church, and not to the individual priest or bishop, limits the horizon, and even worse, stifles all the initiatives that the Spirit may be awakening in our midst. – Pope Francis

Challenge:
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Please do not hesitate to call us should you need our advice or expertise.

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