



Parish Newsletter

25th February 2018 ✘ 2nd Sunday of Lent ✘ Year B



THE SAD PASSING OF PATRICIA O'DONOGHUE

It is with great sadness that we relate the untimely passing of our ex colleague and beloved friend Patricia O'Donoghue (nee O'Reilly). Patricia passed away recently following a short illness, bravely fought. Patricia is greatly missed by her husband Donal and four beautiful daughters Siobhan, Deirdre, Fiona and Roisin.

Patricia taught at St. Cronan's Junior School for 17 years. She then went on to teach at Belgrove Junior Girl's School Clontarf for 18 years, becoming a principal there after a few years.

Patricia was the kind of teacher every parent would wish to have for their child. She had a lovely rapport with the children, being warm, encouraging and fun. She was very ambitious for the children, working conscientiously to help them excel and become "the very best that they could be". Patricia prepared the children for their First Confession and Holy Communion. She taught them to be kind and good to each other through her example and words.

Patricia was much loved and respected by all our school community. She was wise, generous and such fun to be around. She will be greatly missed.

We extend our sympathies to Patricia's family, friends and relations and to the staff, pupils and community of Belgrove School, Clontarf.

Ni bheidh a leitheid ann aris. Ar dheis De go raibh a h-anam dilis.



"A voice came from the cloud
"This is my Son, the Beloved.
Listen to him."

Third National Collection for WMOF2018 - This Weekend

Dublin, Ireland has the great joy of hosting the 9th World Meeting of Families that will take place in just under seven month's time from the 21 – 26 August 2018. The main events of WMOF2018 will take place in Dublin but it is also anticipated that related events, including the hosting of international groups, will take place all over the island of Ireland.

The following key moments make up the 9th World Meeting of Families:

A **National Opening** on Tuesday 21 August which will take place simultaneously in each dioceses of Ireland;

A **Three Day Congress** from 22-24 August in the RDS, Dublin;

A **Festival of Families** on Saturday 25 August, comprising a reflective concert style event within a prayerful and joyful atmosphere, in which personal stories of faith will be shared by families from all continents;

A **Closing Mass** will be celebrated on Sunday 26 August with thousands of people from Ireland and across the world.

We are inviting families in our parish to join us on our journey of preparation for the World Meeting of Families and to be part of the events in Dublin from 21-26 August 018. Please support us by volunteering, registering to attend and donating to today's collection.

National Collection for the World Meeting of Families 2018

Please support the third National Collection for WMOF2018 which will be taken up in our parish this weekend (24 & 25 February).

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Betty Carolan (3rd A)

9:00am: Altar List of the Dead

11:00am: Thomas Reilly (A)

12:30pm: Kathleen Kearns (23rd A)

5:30pm: Mary Doyle (2nd A) & Andrew Doyle (3rd A)

PRAY FOR

Paula Moloney (2nd A)
Niall Brophy (A)
Bridget & Michael Kelly (A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Christine, David & Carmel Rooney (A)

Tues: Cyril O'Neill (B'day Rem)

Wed: Betty Daly (25th A)

Thurs: Lily & Willie McNamara (A)

Fri: Pauline Gallagher (A)

Sat: Gearóid Lynch (MM)

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Women, Men, and Unborn Children

The relationship between a mother and her unborn child is not simply physical and biological, but emotional and even spiritual. To hurt her child goes against everything that a mother is. We are aware that there are many factors which may influence the decision to have an abortion and that, in many cases, it is a painful and even shattering decision. The emotional and spiritual wound may take a long time to heal.

There is a regrettable tendency to associate abortion exclusively with women who have had abortions. The clear teaching of the Church is that those who promote, organise and carry out abortions are just as responsible and, in some cases, more responsible. Often the destructive act carried out against the unborn child is compounded by the failure of key individuals or institutions to support the mother in recognising and choosing other possibilities.

We understand that some people, including men themselves, feel that men have no contribution to make to this debate. We are aware that this question has already been raised in discussions at the Assembly. With due respect and sensitivity to the unique role of the mother who carries the unborn child in her womb, we would want to say very clearly that fathers are also parents, with all the responsibility that this involves. Similarly, when it comes to the right to life, men like women have a responsibility, which cannot be abdicated, to defend unborn children who have no other voice.

Pope Francis, in line with comments made by Pope Saint John Paul II, recently wrote:

"I wish to restate as firmly as I can that abortion is a grave sin, since it puts an end to an innocent life. In the same way, however, I can and must state that there is no sin that God's mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled with the Father."

As a Church, for over forty years, through Cura's professional counselling service, we have been supporting expectant mothers and fathers who find themselves facing a crisis pregnancy. Our hope is for a Church and a society which, while rejecting abortion, reaches out to women who have had an abortion, with a listening ear and an understanding heart. Most of all, we believe that the common good is best served by a Church and a civil society which, while rejecting abortion, continues to offer women real alternatives and real support.

SAVE THE DATE!
SAT 10.03.18
DUBLIN RALLY
TO SAVE THE 8TH
 #save8rally

"All God's Creation Is Very Good!"
 Women's World Day of Prayer
 2018 from Suriname

Service takes place:
 Date: 2nd March 2018
 Time: 8.00 p.m.
 Venue: St. Columbas Church, Swords,

Children's Rosary

Starting this Saturday 3rd March at 4:00pm
 and the First Saturday of each month from March - August '18

St. Cronan's Church, Brackenstown

A wonderful opportunity for parents and guardians of the parish to bring their children together in prayer!

For more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary, St. Cronan's Church Main Porch after weekend Masses

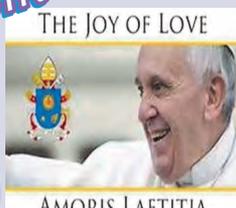
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The proceeds of Coffee Mornings on Thursday's during Lent will go to Trócaire. Also, Raffle Tickets for an Easter Egg & prizes are for sale each morning in aid of Trócaire.



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.

Invitation to Give, Pray, Fast

LENT 2018

Day	Scratch Panel	Daily Challenge	Reflection
1st Lent	Scratch Panel 1	Give: 10c	Pray: 10c
2nd Lent	Scratch Panel 2	Give: 10c	Pray: 10c
3rd Lent	Scratch Panel 3	Give: 10c	Pray: 10c
4th Lent	Scratch Panel 4	Give: 10c	Pray: 10c

GIVE PRAY FAST

Scratch off the day to reveal your daily challenge

www.worldmeeting2018.in

PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
MARCH 2018	
5th	DTIM Preparation Group Meeting @ 7:30pm
6th	Parkinson's Group Meeting at 11am
6th	Sacrament of Penance @ 7pm - St. Cronan's
7th	Sacrament of Penance @ 7pm - St. Cronan's
8th	Sacrament of Penance @ 7pm - St. Cronan's
10th	Do This In Memory Mass @ 6:30pm
11th	Do This In Memory Mass @ 12:30pm
12th	Sacraimint na hAithrí @ 7pm
13th	Sacrament of Penance @ 7pm

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE



Children's tickets are Free but they must be named and registered as part of a Family Group.

1 day Adult Ticket

Online Registration: €38

On the day Registration: €43

Single day attendance to Congress + Option Festival of Families Ticket subject to availability at time of booking + guaranteed ticket for Final Mass (€5 off for Pensioners, students & unwaged)

5 day Ticket: 22nd – 26th August 2018

Online Registration: €68

On the day Registration: €78

Attendance to the 3 day Congress + Guarantee ticket for Festival of Families + Ticket for the Final Mass

We need a diverse mix of people with various skills and experiences to ensure the success of this event. Whatever your reasons or your focus, we know your skills and experience can help us and we would welcome your support in creating a successful, historic and joyous event.



for WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

Further details on the website:
www.worldmeeting2018.ie

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR OUR LADY?

Why not do something new this Lent? Legion of Mary needs new members to help Our Lady bring Jesus to more people. Meetings: **adults - Tuesdays 10:30am in Sisters' House, and Wednesdays 7:30pm in Sacristy and we need more Junior members on Fridays 4:45pm also Sacristy.** Why not come and see what you can do!

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation gifts & cards, children's books, Bibles, as well as other religious items etc. available in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

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.

January Standing Order €4,186.00

Outdoor Collection €760.98

Annua/Half Yearly n/a

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

COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

First Collection €1,306.62 (€311.90 recorded for tax rebate)

Share Collection n/a

ACCORD Collection €2,107.00

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:

Second Sunday of Lent:

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Psalm 115;

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34; Gospel Mark 9:2-10

Third Sunday of Lent:

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 18:8-11; Second Reading 1

Corinthians 1:22-25; Gospel John 2:13-25



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

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

PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times:
Weekday Mass:
Holiday Mass:
Confession:

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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Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm

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

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