

Parish Newsletter

9th September 2018 ❖ 23rd Sunday ❖ Year B



Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin
 Annual Collection for Community and Homeless Services
NEXT WEEKEND 15/16th September
 This collection replaces the normal SHARE collection.

My Dear People,

Next weekend the Annual Collection to support the work of *Crosscare* with vulnerable adults takes place and replaces the Share Collection at all Masses.

Crosscare is the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin and sets out to address the harsh consequences of poverty and disadvantage. For more than 75 years now *Crosscare* has mirrored the loving kindness of Jesus Christ by providing food, accommodation, information, education and support to those who are most in need.

We are all aware of the crisis of homelessness and poverty that persists across our Diocese. This time last year, *Crosscare* had just opened its new family service in the former Mater Dei premises. In addition to offering dignified temporary accommodation for homeless families, since it's doors opened the new service has sourced over 80 families with more permanent accommodation suitable for their needs. This is a great example of how your support helps *Crosscare* achieve real results for vulnerable adults, children and families.

Your continued generosity enables *Crosscare* develop new ways of working with vulnerable adults and provide support services across our parishes that will help build a better future for all.

On behalf of the staff, volunteers and vulnerable adults in *Crosscare*, I would like to thank you for your generous support over the years. I know that all who work at *Crosscare* take their work and responsibility very seriously and I urge you to support them once again in this appeal.

Yours sincerely,
 +Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin

IRISH MISSION
Visitation
 of the large pilgrim Statue of
St Michael the Archangel
15th and 16th September 2018
St. Cronan's Church, Brackenstown, Swords
 Veneration of the first class relic of St Faustina
 led by
Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA
General Animator of the Knighthood of St Michael the Archangel, Marki, Warsaw
The Statue of St. Michael will be brought in Procession
before the 6:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass
Fr. Peter will deliver the Homily at all Masses
and bless people with the relic of St. Faustina afterwards




New Parish Pastoral Worker

On Monday 17th September we will welcome our new Parish Pastoral Worker. Her name is Niamh Morris and is a native of Co. Galway. Niamh has been working in the Parish of Balbriggan for the last number of years. She brings with her a wealth of skill and talent particularly in the area of working with young people. We welcome Niamh to our Parish and pray that in the years that she will be with us that God will bless and guide her ministry.

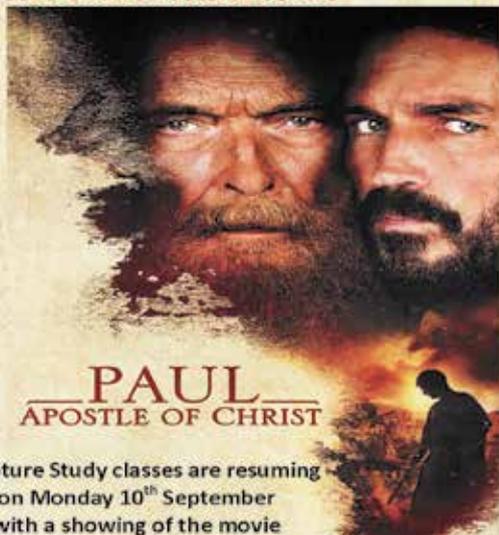
SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS	PRAY FOR	10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK
6:30pm: Larry Nolan (1st A)	Laura Daly (MM)	Mon: Maureen Walker (B'day Rem)
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead	Alicia Duff (A)	Tues: Alicia Duff (A)
11:00 am: Joe & Una Ryan (A)	Michael Smith (A)	Wed: Special Intention
12:30pm: Daniel Kelly (A)	Paddy Tierney (30th A)	Thur: Thomas Reid (A)
5:30pm: Colm Prew (A)		Fri: Brian Lyons & Bridie McNally (A)
		Sat: Michael Byrne (5th A)

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

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CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS
 15/16 September
 Crosscare Community & Homeless Services
 29/30 September
 Young Priests Society

Morning Movie
Paul, Apostle of Christ
Monday 10th September @ 7:30pm
Tuesday 11th September @ 11am
St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre



Scripture Study classes are resuming on Monday 10th September with a showing of the movie

Our study nights resume at 7.30 on Monday 10th September in the Pastoral Centre. We will be watching a viewing of the 2018 movie "Paul Apostle of Christ" which has been very well received by faith groups around the world. Paul, Apostle of Christ focuses on St Paul and St Luke who, between them wrote much of the New Testament. The movie will serve as an introduction for our 2019 Scripture Study which will be the "Acts of the Apostles". Acts was of course written by St Luke, with the main characters being St Peter and St Paul. The movie has a runtime of 108 minutes. Our first weeks reading will be Matthew chapter 18, which speaks of the characteristics that should be evident in a Christian Community. Newcomers welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The first Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Monday 17th September. If you have any items that you would like discussed please place them in the Suggestion Box in the Main Porch or email them at: brackenstownparish@gmail.com



Next Parent Meeting is
Thursday 4th October
Next dates for Baptisms:

Saturday 13th October 12:30pm
Sunday 28th October 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.



All Welcome to next meeting of
St. Joseph's Young Priests Society
In St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre

Tuesday 11th September from 10:30am
NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. Coping effectively with bereavement is a skill we can all learn. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

Next Coping Programme will commence on Wednesday 5th September 2018 for 7 Wednesday evenings, at 7.15pm in White Friars Community Centre, Aungier St., Dublin 2 For further information phone 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com. www.beginningexperience.ie

Church Refurbishment Update

The painting of the Church will resume on Thursday 13th September. Between now and then a new door into the storage area in the front porch and a rail for the schools to hang their artwork for Sacraments will be installed. The new signs and noticeboards will be put in place outside the Church. The notice boards inside the main porch will be removed and notices for the new noticeboards have to be handed in to the Parish Office. There will be a further consultation on the following:

- The permanent placement of our copy of the Icon from the World Meeting of Families. We can create a shrine where the family tree was at the back of the Church or we can put it in the Glasmore Abbey Room in the Pastoral Centre.
- The creation of a shrine at the picture of Matt Talbot to pray for his Beatification and also to pray for people with addictions.
- The organization of the Sanctuary furniture ie: the Ambo (Table of the Word) has been moved to allow a clearer view of the Tabernacle and also to keep the reverence towards the Tabernacle when people are waiting to read at Masses. The Chair being on that side of the Sanctuary allows greater respect for where the Tabernacle is placed.
- In the General Instruction to the Roman Missal there is no direction as to which side the Ambo should be placed. What it does emphasize is that the Table of the Word and the Table of the Eucharist should be simply decorated so as not to take away from the integrity of what happens in these two spaces. The Tabernacle should be placed where due reverence and respect is shown.
- But the placement of the Ambo and Chair remains a local decision on which you will be consulted.

It is planned that the new Sanctuary Furniture will be in place for the First Sunday of Advent.

Fr. Paul

SACRAMENTAL DATES 2019

Confirmation Retreats

3rd – 5th December St. Cronan's SNS
 7th December Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe
 30th March Swords, Thornleigh and Holywell ETNS

Service of Light

Monday 4th February 7:30pm St. Cronan's
 Monday 11th February 7:30pm Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe
 Monday 27th May 7:30pm Swords, Thornleigh and Holywell ETNS

Confirmation

Thursday 14th and Friday 15th February at 11:00am St. Cronan's SNS
 Thursday 28th February at 11:00am Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe
 Saturday 8th June 11:00am Swords, Thornleigh and Holywell ETNS

First Confession

Tuesday 19th March 7:00pm Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe
 Thursday 21st March 7:00pm Swords and Thornleigh ETNS
 Monday 25th , Tuesday 26th , Thursday 28th March 7:00pm St. Cronan's JNS

First Holy Communion

Saturday 11th May 10:00am & 12:00noon St. Cronan's JNS
 Saturday 18th May 10:00am Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe
 Saturday 18th May 12:00noon Swords and Thornleigh ETNS
 Graduation Mass for St. Cronan's SNS
 Tuesday 25th June at 7:30pm in St. Cronan's Church



You are cordially invited to the launch of
TÉARNAIGE OPEN MEETING

at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin Airport

Wednesday 12th September at 7pm

Meetings will be held on 2nd Wednesday of each month



The Junior Choir



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New Rehearsal Day & Time:
 Tuesdays 6 - 7pm in the Church
 Beginning next
 Tuesday 11th September

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KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

The Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock will take place on **Sunday 30th September**. If you would like to travel on this Pilgrimage, please book with Legion of Mary members in Main Porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses. Details on posters.



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 & join us.

THE ROSARY

Praying for a special intention? The Holy Father recommended that we pray the Rosary. Why not give it a chance and experience the peace that many people receive from the Rosary? The "Rosary Statue" was blessed for use in the homes and it helps many to set a prayer date. If you would like to pray the Rosary and have the Rosary Statue in your home for a week, or **get more information** please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass.

HELPERS

New Helpers needed to deliver the "Alive!" Catholic Paper. If you could give **20-30 minutes a month**, you could do great work to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Enquire at Legion of Mary table in the main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses or leave your contact number with Louise in the Parish Office.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for this Sunday and the following Sunday:

23rd Sunday:

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 145; Second Reading: James 2:1-5; Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

24th Sunday:

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9; Psalm 114; Second Reading: James 2:14-18; Gospel: Mark 8:27-35



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 being taken through the Parish Office



are hosting a talk by Nuala Casey on "How Bethany Helped me on my Grieving Journey" in St. Xavier's Church, Gardiner Street on Wednesday 19th September at 7:30pm. All welcome - no charge. Contact 087 9905299 or email bethanysupport@eircom.net

FAMILY OFFERING

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

July Standing Order €4,255.67
Outdoor Collection - €808.03
Annals/Half Yearly - €100.00

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

COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

First Collection - €1,413.44 (€380.25 recorded for Tax)
 SHARE Collection - €1,025.55 (252.86 recorded for Tax)

Turning Faith

Into Action

Our biggest obstacle to a revival of faith in Ireland today is the system of parish life we have grown up in. This is not a model that has ever invited most Mass-goers into a serious mode of participation.

Turning faith into action is what it means to be a missionary disciple. Many people can be put off by the phrase "missionary disciple". Part of this has to do with the language - which can seem alien in a Catholic environment - but it's also partly that most people have never been asked to talk about it. Often, when you ask someone to discuss how they live out their faith in the small, everyday ways, you will find that they are already living as a missionary disciple.



I have been struck recently by a number of parishes who really wanted to see where they were going as a parish. These groups invited along parishioners to be part of the process. When this group gets together, invariably the question asked is "why

doesn't the parish council do this?" The truth is that parish councils would not usually be in the headspace for this kind of work and so these groups have to bypass the council. You can see how, in these instances, there is a problem with communication and vision. But the very fact that there are parishes out there who are thinking outside the box and trying to engage parishioners in the process of moving into mission gives me great hope for the Irish parish of tomorrow.

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 Donal Harrington in this week's Cornerstone - the new parish section of The Irish Catholic.

Quote of the week

"The world needs a revolution of love; let that revolution begin with you and your families."

- Pope Francis at St Mary's Pro Cathedral



Challenge:

How can I bring a revolution of love to my own family this week? Choose one simple place to start and put it into action.

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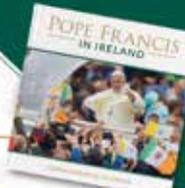
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