

**4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday**



26th April 2015

MASS INTENTIONS

- 6:30pm** Enda Rogers (B'day Rem)
- 9.00am** Altar List of the Dead and Intention of all Parishioners
- 11.00am** Hilda Slevin (A)
- 12.30pm** Eileen Brown (3rd A)
- 5.30pm** Joe Gallagher (9th A)

PRAY FOR

- Marie Dillon (5th A)
- Joan Harvey (B'day Rem)
- Michael Halligan (A)
- David McEvoy (RD)

MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

- Mon:** Dcsd Members of Hanlon & McDaid Families
- Tues:** Peter Blanche (5th A)
- Wed:** Annie, Tom & Philomena O'Leary (A)
- Thurs:** Nan & Mattie Clarke (A)
- Fri:** May Shinnors (A)
- Pray for:** Lena Walsh
- Sat:** Brendan O'Reilly (Rem)

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

The upcoming Church Gate Collections are:
25/26 April – Dublin Seminarians
2/3 May – St. Vincent de Paul
9/10 May – No Collection
16/17 May – No Collection
23/24 May - Crosscare

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 4 - 5 pm.

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUND

The total raised for the Parish Pastoral Centre Fund Raising Appeal is to date €17,395.00. Many thanks to all who have kindly contributed.

FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund. The March standing order figure is €3,794.00. The Weekly Outdoor collection for last week amounted to €890.50 and annuals/half yearly contributions totaling €0.00. The Family Offering Envelope/Standing Order Collection is the ONLY one which supports the daily running costs of the Parish and the upkeep of the Church. Thank you for your commitment to this collection.

EASTER DUES

The Easter Dues Offering envelopes have been delivered with the Easter Card. Together with the First Collection at Mass these contributions are to support Fr. Paul and Fr. Joseph, other priests in the Diocese and those who are sick and retired. We thank those who have returned their offerings and we are very grateful for your commitment and support. Envelopes can be put in the pouches at Mass, the white letter boxes at the doors of the Church or handed into the office.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

Spread the Good News this year! Retired from your work? Volunteers needed to deliver the free Catholic Paper "Alive" in Brackenstown Village, Ard Cian, Aston etc. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after weekend Masses or leave your name and phone number with Louise in Parish Office.

BAPTISMS

The next dates for Baptisms are in May. Please check our website for details. Congratulations to the following babies who have been Baptised recently in St. Cronan's:

- Dara Patrick Clarke*
- Grace Ella Harney*
- Orlaith Beth Kennedy*
- Olivia Margaret Leen*
- Sean Luke McCann*
- Mia Aisling McGeown Gaskin*
- Noah Stephen Morgan*
- Fionn Patrick O'Neill*
- Eoin Adrian Quinn*
- Ruby Éabha Warren*
- Jacob Joseph Woods*
- Maya Wioletta Zbikowska*

If you would like to be a part of the Baptism Ministry here in St. Cronan's, please contact any of the Priests in the Parish, a member of the Baptism Team or the Parish Office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion medals, beads, prayer books, cards etc. available main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

SWORDS PARISH GROUPING

**Swords Parish Grouping Holiday 2015
Monday 29 June – Saturday 4 July
Splendours of Poland
based in Krakow**

Cost: €725.00 per person sharing
Booking and further details at
Parish Office Tel: (01) 8407277

This holiday is organised by: MAP Travel

TRÓCAIRE

Many thanks to all who have left back their Trócaire Boxes. If you have a Box to be returned, you can leave it into the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE STUDY

A group of about 25 meet each week to study the New Testament, you are very welcome to join us. We will be meeting this week on Monday 27/04/15, at 7.30-8.30 pm in the Parish Meeting Room for a review & discussion on Luke chapters 8-14. The reading plan for next week is Luke 15-21. The weekly reading guide is available on Monday night, copies are also available on the rack in the church porch.

ALONE RECRUITMENT

ALONE are currently recruiting Befriending Volunteers across Dublin. If you are interested in visiting an isolated older person in your area please come along to our Information Session on Monday 27th April at 6.30 in The Central Hotel, Exchequer Street, Dublin 2. Please confirm your attendance by email: enquiries@alone.ie or call 01679 1302.

THE ROSARY

The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in homes of the parish at the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to pray the rosary and have the statue in your home for a week, or to get more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Sunday morning Masses.

SAOIRSE AA GROUP

Alcohol problem? You are not alone. AA Meeting every Wednesday at 8:00pm in BASE, Brackenstown Road, Swords. Ph: 087 6206788 anytime.

ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE FUNDRAISER

Doreen McKittrick would like to thank everyone who helped her fundraising for St. Francis' Hospice, Raheny. Those who knit chicks, those who sold them, all those who bought them and to JC's Supermarket who allowed me to sell them.

The sum of €2,430 was raised and forwarded to the Hospice. Thank you all.

EMMAUS

Please see the notice board for details of upcoming Workshops and Seminars in Emmaus Retreat Centre, Swords.

REFLECTIONS FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Every single person has a vocation, a calling, a dream held for us by God as to who God would have us be and what God would have us do with our lives. When we speak "praying for vocations" it is somewhat inaccurate. Vocations are freely given by God. What we are really praying for is God's help to find and follow our own particular call.

At this time in our part of the world, the call to a life of service and ministry in the Church is not very popular, for a variety of reasons. It's not so much that God is not calling, so much as people might not be tuned in too well to listening! Another element is that whilst God does the calling, it is up to us to do the informing and inviting; that is telling people about religious life and priesthood – the fulfilment and joy it can bring – and actively inviting/encouraging them to think about it as a possible choice.

Imagine if, in every parish and faith community, people were encouraged to spend a few minutes discerning who in their midst might be a possible candidate for religious life/priesthood! Then, if they gently and sensitively shared the fruit of their reflection with that person, saying what they saw in the person and then left it for him/her to think and pray about it! What would happen? Only God knows!

As well as full time ministry, every community has a need for willing people to serve as readers, ministers of the Eucharist, Mass servers, catechists or members of various committees. God's Kingdom needs people willing to say yes and give their hands, feet and hearts.

God is saying, "Whom shall I send?"

What are you saying in reply?

ON VOCATION:

"The world looks to the priest, because it looks to Jesus! No one can see Christ; but everyone sees the priest, and through him they wish to catch a glimpse of the Lord! Immense is the grandeur of the Lord! Immense is the grandeur and dignity of the priest!"

*Pope John Paul II
Rome October 13, 1979*

4th Sunday of Easter 26th April 2015

THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS ON PRIESTHOOD AND VOCATION

"Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community... This is why Jesus said: "Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest," that is, God the Father, "to send out labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38). Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit. I am pleased to stress this today, which is the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." Let us invoke the intercession of Mary who is the Woman of the "yes". Mary said "yes" throughout her life! She learned to recognize Jesus' voice from the time when she carried him in her womb. May Mary, our Mother, help us to know Jesus' voice better and better and to follow it, so as to walk on the path of life!" "Wherever there is life, fervour and a desire to bring Christ to others, genuine vocations will arise."

The tiredness of priests! Do you know how often I think about this weariness which all of you experience? I think about it and I pray about it, often, especially when I am tired myself. I pray for you as you labour amid the people of God entrusted to your care, many of you in lonely and dangerous places. Our weariness, dear priests, is like incense which silently rises up to heaven. Our weariness goes straight to the heart of the Father.

Know that the Blessed Virgin Mary is well aware of this tiredness and she brings it straight to the Lord. As our Mother, she knows when her children are weary, and this is her greatest concern. "Welcome! Rest, my child. We will speak afterwards..."

Vocations are born in prayer and prayer, and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit..."

Pope Francis

The Second Collection this Sunday is to support those who are studying for the priesthood in the Dublin Diocese.