

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th February 2017 ✠ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ Year A

What is a Week of Guided Prayer?

The WEEK OF DIRECTED PRAYER is a way of making a directed retreat in the midst of our busy day. The retreat is **for everyone** and the structure is simple and can be adapted to the needs of each.

The Week of Directed Prayer begins on Sunday evening with a group session to introduce participants to the format of the week; to give some explanation of Praying With Scripture; to spend some time in prayer together; to introduce retreatants to their personal guide for the week; to give any other information that people may need at the start of their retreat ... and to share some light refreshments together!! The retreat is Scripture-based and the format is based on making a half hour prayer each day reflecting on a particular scripture passage, letting it speak to them in their present life situation, and then coming to the parish each day to talk about their prayer experience with a trained Prayer Guide.

These one-to-one sessions run from Monday to Friday at a time convenient to each retreatant. On the closing evening (Friday/Saturday?) everyone comes together again to share their experience and to bring the week to a prayerful closing.

Cost: Offering by envelope...

Week of Guided Prayer 26th - 31st March



MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Christina Walsh (A)
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
11:00pm: Pdraig Keane (RD)
12:30pm: Decsd Member Reilly & Monaghan Families
5:30pm: James & Mary Hesnan (A)

PRAY FOR

Bernadette Reilly (RD)
Paddy Moore (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Mary Leonard (A)
Tues: James Casey (A)
Wed: Elizabeth Gibbons (A)
Thurs: Jerry Hindes (RD)
Fri: Martin Maughan (Rem)
Sat: Vivian (V.) Delaney (MM)

Please take this Newsletter home

HISTORY OF ST CRONAN'S ADULT CHOIR

St Cronan's Choir was founded in February 1975 and consisted of about thirty singers, some of whom still sing with us today. The first director of the choir was John O'Rourke and the organist was Celine Hussey (R.I.P. 2000).

The choir made its début on St. Patrick's Day 1975, at the 11.30 Mass, in the school hall.

The first big occasion for the choir was the official opening of the brand new St Cronan's Church on December 11th, 1977. At that time, St Sylvester's Choir in Malahide was starting up and their members joined us for the opening ceremony. For some time afterwards, some of the St Cronan members sang with the Malahide choir on Sundays until both choirs became established.

Since its foundation in 1976, four people have been involved in training the choir to date. Áine Shields took over from John O'Rourke and Aileen Smyth, who started off as a chorister, succeeded Celine Hussey as accompanist. When Áine retired, Patricia Bourke directed the choir for several years. Since 1998 Aileen has been both choir director and accompanist.

Over the years the choir has had many outings, projects and workshops. Very early on we went out to Ballyboughal to do a wedding, travelling in very poor conditions due to snow and ice. When we got to the church, we discovered there had been a power cut and the organ wasn't working. An ancient harmonium with a bellows was produced, much to Celine's dismay. One person had to be appointed to keep the bellows going!

In 1979 we joined the massed choirs in the Phoenix Park on the occasion of the visit of Pope St John Paul II. We sang in a competition in Navan Choral Festival. We travelled to Ratharney Co. Meath and to Inistioge in Kilkenny as guest choir, joining in and sharing repertoire with the singers in these churches. We also had a very moving Celtic Prayer Service in the wonderful setting of Clonmacnoise.

We organised several workshops for the Fingal choirs, under the auspices of the Irish Church Music Association.



NOTE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Introduction of an envelope system for the 1st collection

Thank you to those who have returned First Collection envelope forms. If you intend to taking part in the scheme please return your form as soon as possible as the First Collection envelope books will be issued shortly. As mentioned there are substantial benefits to the Parish to be gained by using an envelope system for the First Collection at no extra cost to anyone. Normally cash placed in the First Collection does not qualify for Tax Relief as it cannot be traced back to the donor. Your participation in the scheme is only of added benefit to the Parish if you pay income tax. Information sheets on how this scheme works are available on the tables at the back of the church. We invite those who would like to participate in this scheme to return the forms as soon as possible. Thank you for your generous support of our Parish.

St Cronan Statue

St Cronan Statue for Church Grounds. 2017 marks 40 years since our Church was opened. The Parish has commissioned a significant piece of artwork to mark the occasion and to honour our patron, St Cronan. There will be donation envelopes available next weekend and we invite you to assist with the €5,302 cost of the project. All donations of €20 or more will receive a St Cronan Statue donation certificate. Thank you to all who already support the Parish finances so generously, it is much appreciated.



CHY3 Tax Refund Scheme

The Parish received €30,147 as a very welcome refund of PAYE tax paid by parishioners in 2015. CHY3 forms for 2016 have now been posted to parishioners who meet the qualifying criteria; we ask that parishioners please return these forms to the parish at your earliest convenience. We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those parishioners who help fund the running costs of the Parish through their Family Offering contributions.

Paddy O'Byrne, Parish Finance Committee



On the 11th December 1977 our Church was blessed, dedicated and formally opened for worship. Over those 40 years many people have prayed here, celebrated Sacraments and marked the passing of loved ones.

Some work has been done on three ways to mark this anniversary, on the 4th June Bishop Raymond Field will celebrate the 12:30pm Mass. We have commissioned a statue of St. Cronan which will be blessed that day. The Pastoral Council have set the dates of the 28th May to the 2nd June as our Parish Retreat.

On Tuesday 21st February at 8:00pm there is an Open Meeting in the Pastoral Centre to which you are invited to discuss ideas to mark the 40th Anniversary and to look at what shape the Parish Retreat will take. Please come along and share your ideas.

PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
FEBRUARY 2017	
6th FEB	Service of Light - GSBB
9th FEB	Confirmation - GSBB
11th FEB	DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS 6:30PM
12th FEB	DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS 12:30PM
13th FEB	Service of Light - St. Cronan's
16th FEB	Confirmation - St. Cronan's
17th FEB	Confirmation - St. Cronan's
21st FEB	Meeting to Plan 40 Year Celebrations
MARCH 2017	
1st MAR	Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins
13 - 15 MAR	St. Cronan's JNS First Confessions @ 7pm
21st MAR	GSBB First Confessions @ 7pm
22nd MAR	ETNS First Confessions @ 7pm
26 - 31 MAR	Week of Guided Prayer

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Our Parish is committed to best practice in the participation of children and vulnerable adults in our community. The legal requirements recently changed and a new form of Garda Vetting was introduced. Now everyone who is working with children must be Garda Vetted and complete a Training Day on Child Safeguarding. In addition to this the Archdiocese has stipulated that anyone visiting vulnerable adults must also do this training and be Garda Vetted. All those who work with children in the Church as well as those who bring Holy Communion to people at home, our Funeral Ministry Team and those employed by or hold positions of leadership in the Parish, will do their training on the 11th February in the Pastoral Centre.

All people who participate in Ministry in any way in the Parish will have to attend a Child Safeguarding Awareness Talk which will take place on 7th February or 7th March. They are not being asked to be Garda Vetted but their attendance at the talk is required.

All of these measures are to continue our best practice in caring for our children and vulnerable adults in the Parish.



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

Dates for Baptisms:
 11th February 12:30 pm
 12th February 1:45 pm
 25th February 12:30 pm
 26th February 1:45 pm

The next Parent Meeting is
Thursday 2nd February
at 8:00pm in
St. Cronan's Parish Centre

PRAYER MEETING

Spend One Hour....**Tuesday next, 7th February 8pm - 9pm.**
 Sisters' Oratory, **29 Brackenstown Village.** This Prayer Meeting honours Servant of God, Frank Duff, Founder of Legion of Mary.

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 4pm—5pm. Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday 10:30am - 5:45pm. Jesus is inviting you to come to Him with all your worries and burdens and He will refresh and console you. Come let us adore Him in this peaceful Church.

CAN YOU HELP?

If you could give **20-30 minutes per month**, you could do a lot to spread the Good News. Help needed to deliver the free Catholic Paper "Alive!" in a number of areas of the parish... e.g. **Knocksedan, Glasmore Park, Ashton, Castlevue** etc. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after the weekend Masses or leave your name & phone no. with Louise in parish office.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Cards, gifts and souvenirs available in main porch, after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

FAMILY OFFERING

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

December Standing Order € 3,410
Outdoor Collection €825.42
Annals/Half Yearly €0.00



EVERY SUNDAY in the

Pastoral Centre at 8:00pm

Doors Open at 7:30pm Everyone welcome



Dance Fitness for Over 55's
 Where? Senior Citizens Club, Chapel Lane Car Park, Swords
 When? Classes run Friday mornings 11-12pm from Friday 3rd February How Much? €5 per class
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PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times:

Weekday Mass:

Holyday Mass:

Confession:

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,
Fr. Joseph Njanackal, C.S.T., C.C.
Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker
Louise Donnelly, Secretary

Sunday: 6:30pm (Sat. Vigil); 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
 01 8401661 – 087 7404729 – pauljthornton@gmail.com
 01 8408926 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com
 089 4614226 – peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie
 01 8401188 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com
 Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm



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