

## Parish Newsletter

25th November 2018 ❖ *Feast of Christ, the Universal King* ❖ Year B



Fr Paul & Fr Bibin with Fr. Francis Klivallickal CST, Superior General of Fr. Bibin's Order who visited the Parish last week.

### Congratulations!

Congrats to Declan Colgan who became a Candidate for Permanent Deacon for Dublin Diocese last weekend



### Well Done!

To our new Altar Servers who were commissioned at the 12.30 Mass last weekend



### Share Sunday

This Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> is Share Sunday. Share, the second collection, is an important funding lifeline for the many services that support the pastoral outreach of the diocese as well as providing support for poorer parishes. The Share newsletter is being distributed with information on the income of Share and how it is utilised. The financial statements of the Archdiocese and the Annual Diocesan report will also be made available on line on Sunday. Your support for the promotion of the work Share is appreciated. Archbishop Martin has said in his letter to parishes that he is "very much aware of the many financial calls that have been made within the Catholic Church in recent times and I am genuinely grateful for the generous response that has come, especially from Mass-going Catholics."

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

- 6:30pm: Thomas and Bridget Hickey (A)
- 9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
- 11:00am: Bridget and Andy McHugh (A)
- 12:30pm: Laurence Hoey (A)
- 5:30pm: Rosaleen Curran (A)

### PRAY FOR

*Maura Bentley  
(rec. deceased)*

### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

- Mon:** Rose Fernie (A)
- Tues:** Eamonn and Maureen Lawless (A)
- Wed:** Patrick Kearns (A)
- Thur:** Special Intention  
Pray for James Hatch
- Fri:** Patricia Lacey (A)
- Sat:**

**Confession:** Saturday 10:30am-11:30am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm & After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday

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## Prayer-By-Text

Each day during Advent you will be sent a line from the Sunday gospel for reflection. It will come at a different time each day and the idea is that you take a moment out of what you are doing to think about what this word of God means to you in the middle of your busy life.

To be part of this prayer please fill in your details on the purple cards that are on the tables around the Church and put them into the white letterboxes at the doors. Under the GDPR legislation we have not kept the phone numbers of those who took part in this prayer last year so you have to fill in the card to be part of it.

## Advent Carol Service

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm we will have our annual Carol Service to help us get ready for the feast of Christmas. We will have carols from around the world and celebrate the traditions of the several countries that make up our Parish. During the Carol Service we will take up a collection to support our "Brackenstown for Kerala" campaign to help the people there rebuild their lives after the devastating floods earlier this year.

## Church Refurbishment

The presentation of the design of the Altar, Ambo, Chair and other elements of the Sanctuary was received well last Sunday. The Pastoral Council and Finance Committee have signed off on the design which have now been given the go ahead for construction. The new carpet will be put down in early December and hopefully the Altar etc. will be in place for Christmas.



## The Garda Band Christmas Concert

In aid of Loreto College, Swords takes place on **December 4th at 7pm in St. Finian's Church, Rivervalley**. Tickets are €5 and available from the School. *Christmas Raffle will take place on the evening.*

St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society are holding a Mass of Thanksgiving for the gift of Priesthood on **Sunday, November 25th**, the Feast of Christ the King in **St. Andrew's Church Westland Row at 3.30pm**. The Mass will be concelebrated by priests from the Dublin Diocese, with the Chief Celebrant being Fr. Seamus McEntee Chaplain to the Society. Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy, who was ordained in 2017, will give the Homily. All are welcome

## PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
<b>NOVEMBER /DECEMBER 2018</b>	
<b>24th</b>	Do this in Memory Mass 6.30pm: Ms. Manton; Ms Ryan, Ms Lehany; Swords & Thornleigh ETNS
<b>25th</b>	Do this in Memory Mass 12.30: Ms. Hargadon, Ms Hanratty, Ms McSweeney, Ms McLoughlin & GSBB
<b>Dec 2nd</b>	First Sunday of Advent Children's Liturgy in Parish Centre at 12.30pm Mass
<b>Dec 3rd - 5th</b>	Confirmation Retreats for Students from St. Cronan's SNS
<b>Dec 8th</b>	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation</b>
<b>Dec 8th</b>	Confirmation Mass 6:30pm: Ms Morrissey, Ms Kelly, Ms Doyle & GSBB
<b>Dec 9th</b>	Confirmation Mass 5:30pm: Mr Gallagher, Ms Farrell, Ms Quinn, Holywell, Swords & Thornleigh ETNS

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## Travelling Crib



If your family would like to host our Parish Travelling Crib during Advent, please fill in one of the forms and put it in the box at the back of Church or hand into the Parish Office.

## Order of Malta Christmas Dinner

The Order of Malta are hosting Christmas Dinner on December 8th for those who are housebound or living alone. If you know of anyone who would enjoy the chance to get out please leave their name with Louise in the Parish Office. The Order of Malta will provide transport to and from the dinner and they can accommodate wheelchairs both manual and electric.

Over the next two Sundays at the 12.30pm Mass, we will have a Children's Liturgy where Children are invited to process to the Altar with the priest and then go the Pastoral Centre where there they will hear about the Gospel of the day and have an activity that ties in with the message of the day. We encourage you to sign you child up before Mass begins. These sessions are led by the Family Mass Team, all of whom have been Garda Vetted.

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**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 every Sunday for Advent from 4pm—5pm. Can you stay 1 hour with me? We encourage new people to come & join us.

**SACRED SPACE ITEMS**  
 For all children participating in the 'Do this in Memory' programme, holy water bottles, crosses, statues and other religious items perfect for a child's sacred space are available from members of the Legion of Mary in the main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

**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 Sat. Evening or Sun. Morning Masses or leave your contact number with Louise in the Parish Office.

**CALENDARS**  
 Church Art Calendars for 2019 now available in the porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

**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 recent Candlelight Procession. 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 Masses.

 "LIKE" Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords.

All-night Vigil in Knock Shrine takes place on Friday, December 7th. Bus will leave from Stars Pub at 6.15pm. For more information or to book your place, please phone 8404247 or 0863292329

**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

  
**Next Parent Meeting is Thursday 6TH DECEMBER**  
**Next dates for Baptisms:**  
**Saturday 8th December 12:30pm**  
**Saturday 29th December 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.

**Praying with God's Word**  
 Below are the readings for this Sunday and the following Sunday:

**Feast of Christ the King**  
 First Reading Daniel 12:1-3 ; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1] ;  
 Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

**First Sunday of Advent (year C)**  
 First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm; 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14  
 Second Reading: 1 Thess 3:12—4:2; Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

**FAMILY OFFERING**  
 We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund.  
**October Standing Order €n/a**  
**Outdoor Collection - €n/a**  
**Annually/Half Yearly - n/a**  
*All of the above contributions are recorded for the tax rebate.*

**COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES**  
**First Collection - € (recorded for Tax)**  
**Share Collection - € (€ recorded for Tax)**

# Go - make disciples

In family life, time is a scarce resource. Parents leave for work early in the morning and often return just in time to put the children to bed. They work hard all day, just to earn enough to pay the mortgage and to provide the material necessities of family life. A young mother told me not so long ago: "I seem to rush from place to place, bringing the children from one activity to another - and I'm not even sure if I am doing it for them or for me". In the midst of all the frenetic activity, many are



asking themselves where they can find time and energy to nourish their own relationship and to spend quality time with their children. Parishes and Dioceses can be like families in that respect. Much of our energy goes into preparing and celebrating the liturgy, printing newsletters, fixing leaky

roofs, attending meetings, and filling out forms, all of which are important. Every now and then, however, we need to sit down and ask ourselves what we are actually trying to achieve and whether there might be better ways of doing it. How do the various activities in which we are engaged actually

contribute towards building community, nourishing faith and serving the mission of the Church which "exists in order to evangelise".

Historically, priests and bishops were formed to take sole responsibility for the mission of the Church. This contributed to a vision of the Church as a provider of spiritual services in which the lay faithful are recipients or consumers. Over fifty years after Vatican II, while there is undoubtedly a much greater engagement on the part of the lay faithful, the required transformation is far from complete.

*Bishop Doran was writing in this week's Cornerstone section of The Irish Catholic.*

**Quote of the week**  
*Do not follow Jesus only when you feel like it, rather, seek Him every day. Find in Him the God who loves you always, the meaning of your life and the strength to give of yourself.*  
 - Pope Francis

**Challenge:**  
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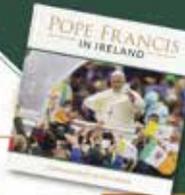
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