



CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN BRACKENSTOWN PARISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

6th November 2016

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

Born out of an idea, a dream and a begging bowl! - A Tribute to Sr. Ellen



On Monday morning we got the sad news that Sr. Ellen O'Donoghue, S.M.R., had gone home to God. She was laid to rest in Mount St. Oliver Cemetery in Limerick after her funeral Mass in St. Joseph's Church on Wednesday, which saw huge crowds come to pay their final respects to a mighty woman.

It was twenty nine years ago in 1987 when Sr. Ellen was appointed to Brackenstown as a Parish Sister. It wasn't long after she arrived that herself and the then Principal of the Junior School, Ann Mac Mahon, saw there was a need to provide something for young mothers whose last child had started school. In the staff room of the school they began their first personal development class and in doing so launched the vision that was to go on to become BASE.

As the second group began the following year, Sr. Ellen could see the need for a building that would let what had started grow and develop, so when a pre-fab became available things really started to get going. Over the years they did language courses, cookery, crafts, whatever people wanted to try.

As time went on and again responding to the needs of the people of the Parish, the Fingal Counselling Service began. Like with that first class in the staff room, it grew to the great service it is today and continued to develop to the needs of the Parish. The key to Sr. Ellen being able to get things done was that once she heard you had a particular skill and she put her eye on you, there was no escape. So many people were drawn in to various roles in the Parish and in BASE and so many politicians, members of the V.E.C. and others were drawn into providing facilities by her direct no-nonsense approach to things.

What many remember above all is her feistiness, her sense of fun, her ability to talk and get on with people of all ages. She had a genuine concern for people and showed immense kindness to so many. It is hard to believe that it is 17 years since she left Brackenstown, because when people speak about her, you think it was only yesterday she left, such was the impact she had on people's lives.

Fr. Paul O'Driscoll sent me these words: Sr. Ellen entered the Marie Reparatrice Sisters when they were enclosed, and after Vatican II she adapted well to the new direction of things. She was wise and compassionate, someone who it was easy to turn to in any trouble, and many did seek her help. Loyal and practical with a great sense of humour and fun. Ellen was "an encourager" helping people to blossom and brought so many good ideas to concrete reality. "A little help is worth a lot of pity" she would say. She had the freedom to be herself and the wisdom to laugh at it!

After so many years of serving the Lord in Parishes and community, may she rest in peace, for her good deeds go with her. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dhílis.

**Books of Condolence are available in
St. Cronan's Church and BASE**

MASS INTENTIONS

- 6:30pm** Marion McCart, William & Amelia Wheatley (A)
- 9:00am** Altar List of the Dead
- 11:00pm** Bridget & Andy McHugh (A)
- 12:30pm** Vincent Millington (2nd A)
- 5:30pm** Patrick & Mary Cullen (A)

PRAY FOR

- Sr. Ellen O'Donoghue (RD)
- Annie Adams (RD)
- Michael Ward (RD)

MASSES NEXT WEEK

- Mon:** John Howard (A)
- Tues:** Dcsd Members of Legion of Mary
- Wed:** Winifred & James Kirwan (A)
- Thurs:** Dcsd Members of Legion of Mary Worldwide
- Fri:** Special Intention
- Sat:** Special Intention

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this Newsletter**

Faith For Life

An Adult Faith Development course for those who are searching or seeking to deepen their faith

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More details & application form available from Office for Evangelisation & Ecumenism 01 837 3732

If you are interested in taking part, please contact Peter, Pastoral Worker. The parish will cover part of the cost.

November Pledge

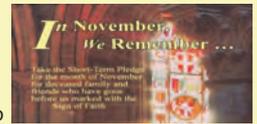
Could you last the month of November on the dry?

There are many reasons why you do it:

Health, remembering loved ones who have died; supporting a friend who might need to look at their drinking habit. It can be hard to do alone but with knowing that there are others taking on this challenge it can be a good support. The temporary pledge for November makes the challenge real and also it is clear in its goal.

If you want to sign up there will be cards at the back of the Church for the next two weekends. Fill them in and put them in the suggestion box in the porch.

You will be sent the pledge certificate and your details will be kept confidentially in the Parish Office. We will put the number of participants in the newsletter with some words of encouragement. Come on...take the pledge for the November.



THE JUBILEE OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO THE DIOCESAN DOOR OF MERCY SATURDAY 12th November 2016

1:00pm: Meet at Gardiner St. Church where we will enter the Holy Door and visit the shrine of Blessed John Sullivan & we will walk to Sean McDermott St. Church, enter through the Holy Door and visit the shrine of Ven. Matt Talbot.

We will then make our way to the Pro-Cathedral where we will enter the Diocesan Holy Door and visit the shrine of St. Laurence O'Toole, Patron of the Diocese. After an opportunity for some quiet prayer, we will visit the "Church & The 1916 Exhibition" in St. Kevin's Oratory. The plan is to meet in Gardiner St. but lifts can be organised for those in need.



ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING
20th November 2016
After all Masses in St. Cronan's Parish Pastoral Centre



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The Pro-Cathedral (Marlborough St., Dublin 1)

On Sunday 27th November 2016

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Reservations from The Pioneer Central Office,

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Introduction of an envelope system for the 1st collection at weekend Masses beginning in January 2017



What are the benefits of such a system and how will it work?

As you may be aware, a tax scheme exists whereby those who contribute €250 or more to a charity in a given tax year can allow the charity claim an additional sum (equal to almost 45% of the donation) from the Revenue Commissioners which is sent directly to the charity concerned. St. Cronan's Parish, Brackenstown has the status of a charity for tax relief purposes. And so any donation that is given to Brackenstown Parish is classed as a charitable donation. It is important to say that there is no loss or cost incurred by any taxpayer who is willing to be part of this scheme and that confidentiality will be assured in all aspects of this process.

With an envelope system in place we can then generate possibly substantial extra revenue for our parish at no extra cost. For example a person who contributes €5 per week in the envelope system for the 1st collection, it is possible for the Parish to receive up to an extra €2.25 per week on that donation. Thank you to members of the Finance Committee for their support in this initiative.



Dates for Baptisms:

10th December 4:00 pm

11th December 1:45 pm

17th December 4:00 pm

18th December 1:45 pm

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

The next Parent Preparation Meeting is
Thursday 1st December
at 8pm in St. Cronan's
Parish Centre.

PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
NOVEMBER 2016	
12th Nov	Confirmation Enrolment Mass 6:30pm
13th Nov	Confirmation Enrolment Mass 5:30pm
12th Nov	Pilgrimage through the Holy Door - Meet at 1pm
19th Nov	Do This in Memory 6:30pm
20th Nov	Do This in Memory 12:30pm

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

MSZE SWIETA

Msze Swieta w Jezyku Polskim w Niedziele 13 Lisopad, o godz 18:45.
(Spowiedz 18:15 – 18:40).



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 one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

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.

FAMILY OFFERING

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

September Standing Order €3,241
Outdoor Collection €
Annuals/Half Yearly €700.00

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. Glasmore Park, Ashton, Castlevie 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.

Brackenstown Bible Study



You are welcome to join us in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre on Monday nights 7.30-9pm. This week will be reviewing 1& 2 Samuel which covers the reigns of Saul & David. The reading plan for the coming week is 1 Kings which covers the reign of Solomon. Why not come along, ask questions or just listen. There are usually about 20 people present so you won't feel under any pressure to contribute if you don't want to.

NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

The November Altar List of the Dead envelopes are being distributed around the Parish. When you receive and complete your family list please return them to the white letter boxes in the Church. The new list begins at the end of November and we pray for your loved ones at the 9:00am Mass every Sunday, together with the intentions of all the Parishioners and people of the area.

If you have not received an Altar List at home, there are some available on the tables at the back of the Church.



SAOIRSE AA GROUP

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Every Wednesday 8:00pm
BASE Building, Brackenstown Road,
Phone: 087 620 6788 Anytime!

CRAFTERNOONS

Come & Join a new creative group for adults in our Parish Pastoral Centre.

**WEDNESDAY
9TH NOVEMBER
2PM - 4PM**

Enjoy creativity,
Discover new crafts
Share existing ones!

COST Places limited to 6 people, so booking essential through the Parish Office 01 8401188

PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times: 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

Weekday Mass:
Holyday Mass:
Confession:

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

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