

# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✕ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

29th January 2017 ✕ 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ Year A



## Catholic Schools Week 2017



**Catholic Schools:**  
**Learning**  
**with Pope Francis**  
**to Care for**  
**Our Common Home**



The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is Catholic Schools: Learning with Pope Francis to Care for Our Common Home.

It is hoped that this theme will help schools to gain an understanding of the Pope's encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*. This is Pope Francis' second encyclical. Its title means 'Praise be to you' and it has the subtitle *On Care for Our Common Home*.

The encyclical letter, published on 24 May 2015, discusses the harm humankind has caused on earth and calls on 'every person living on this planet' to make necessary changes in our lives to protect our planet.

*Laudato Si'* deals with many environmental issues including pollution, climate change, drought, loss of biodiversity and the decline in the quality of human life. Pope Francis is asking us to work together to create a better world for future generations and to take care of, respect and value our common home.

Pope Francis addresses his letter to 'every person living on this planet' in order to start an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. Pope Francis calls on the Church and humankind to acknowledge the current environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. This encyclical is written with both hope and resolve, looking to our common future.

As Catholic schools, we can play an essential role in shaping the future of our planet by working together to care for our common home. Our world is a gift from God and we are called to act as both stewards and protectors during our time here. It is our responsibility to care for our world and make it a better place for the next generation. Through the encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us of the necessity and importance of caring for our common home.

In our Parish:

This week classes from St. Cronan's Senior School will join us for the 10:00am Mass:- Monday 3rd Class; Tuesday 4th Class; Wednesday 6th Class and Thursday 5th Class.

On Tuesday night the children from some of our 4th classes will take part in a Diocesan Liturgical Concert in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road at 7:30pm.

In St. Cronan's Junior School among other events they will celebrate Grandparents Day on Wednesday.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm:** Pdraig Keane (1st A)  
**9:00am:** Altar List of the Dead  
**11:00pm:** Thomas, Josephine & Donald Macken (A)  
**12:30pm:** John Hughes (A)  
**5:30pm:** William Bourke (4th A)

### PRAY FOR

Bill Shackley (1st A)  
Margaret O'Reilly (A)

### MASSES NEXT WEEK

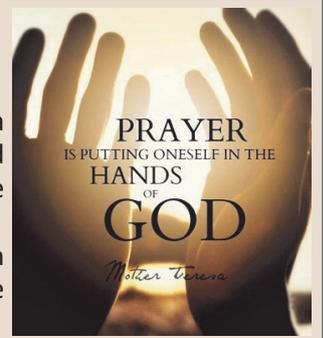
**Mon:** Dorothy Fox (A)  
Pray for: Bernard & Marie Laurence (A)  
**Tues:** Eric Fox (A)  
**Wed:** Margaret Fox (A)  
Pray for: Margaret Glancy (7th A)  
**Thurs:** Bernard Fox (A)  
**Fri:** Justin Moloney (A)  
**Sat:** John Kavanagh (MM)

# Please take this Newsletter home

## Week of Guided Prayer 26th – 31st March

During this week of guided prayer you will have the opportunity to meet a prayer guide on a daily basis who will help to direct and deepen your prayer life. At our Masses next weekend some Parishioners who took part in this guided prayer in 2012 will tell us their experience and encourage you to sign up for it.

This week is also a time where we will encourage a spirit of prayer in which everyone can participate. On Tuesday 21st February at 7:00pm we are inviting all the prayer groups of the Parish to meet and look at how they can bring people together in prayer during this week.



On the 11<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> May to the 2<sup>nd</sup> June as our Parish Retreat.

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

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> January and the 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



### FEASTDAYS THIS WEEK



On **Wednesday** we celebrate the Feast of St. Brigid. This strong woman of faith and leader of her people is a great inspiration through her trust in God and her ability to deal with people.

On **Thursday** we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple. It is the traditional end of our Christmas reflection after which the crib will be taken down. When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple the old man Simeon recognized who this infant was and declared that he is “the light to



enlighten the Gentiles and bring glory to Israel his people.” To mark this, candles are blessed on the day.



On **Friday** we celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise, Patron of Sore Throats. After Mass the blessing of throats will take place.



Dates for Baptisms:

11th February 12:30 pm  
12th February 1:45 pm  
25th February 12:30 pm  
26th February 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 Meeting is  
Thursday 2nd February  
at 8:00pm in  
St. Cronan's Parish Centre**

## Brackenstown Bible Study 2017



During 2017 we will study Jeff Cavins 23 week DVD course “The Bible Timeline; The Story of Salvation” The course will consist of 12 classes in the spring and 11 classes in the autumn. This is the foundational study in *The Great Adventure* Bible Study Series that has helped hundreds of thousands of Catholics learn to read the Bible. *The Bible Timeline* is a fascinating study that takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible. They will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. Using a unique color-coded system, they will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith.

**Course Duration:** Spring classes commence Monday 30/01/17; twelve sessions. Autumn classes commence Monday 04/09/17; eleven sessions.

**Course Cost:** €20.00 to cover the cost of the DVDs & the study book

**Venue:** St Cronan's Parish Pastoral Centre

**Course Time:** Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9.00 pm **Contact:** Louise 01-8401188; Email brackenstownparish@gmail.com

# PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
<b>JANUARY 2017</b>	
29 JAN-4 FEB	Catholic Schools Week
30th JAN	"The Bible Timeline" Bible Study
<b>FEBRUARY 2017</b>	
1st FEB	Feast of St. Brigid - Patron of Ireland
2nd FEB	Presentation of the Lord - Blessing of Candles
3rd FEB	Feast of St. Blaise - Blessing of Throats
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

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

## NOTE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Parish Finance Committee members & helpers will be manning our annual finance tables at the back of the church at all Masses this weekend, 28th & 29th January.

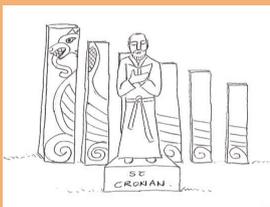
(1) The Family Offering is the main source of income to meet the running costs of the Parish. It pays for the day to day costs of running the Parish as well as maintaining the Church buildings. If you are not already contributing and would like a standing order form or box of Family Offering envelopes please leave your contact details

(2) New First Collection Envelopes; If you have any queries regarding the new procedure please ask. Thanks to all who have already returned forms requesting envelopes. The scheme is only of added benefit to the Parish if you are paying tax. If you are a tax payer and make recorded contributions of €250 or more in a calendar year then the Parish can reclaim the tax on your contribution. This applies to contributions made by way of the Family Offering, Christmas & Easter Dues, First Collection envelope or any recorded donation such as towards the statue of St Cronan. The refund is by way of the CHY charity tax refund scheme

(3) 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.

*Paddy O'Byrne, Parish Finance Committee*



## CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

Catholic Newspapers and Magazines, as well as a selection of booklets, available from bookrack on back wall of Church.



## 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.

## THE ROSARY

Why not start the New Year with joy and peace? Book the "Rosary Statue" for a week and notice the difference praying the Rosary brings. It is simple....Just leave your contact details with a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses and arrangements will be made to suit you.

## 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, Castlevew** 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.

## 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**  
**Annuals/Half Yearly €300.00**

## FOR CARERS & PEOPLE COPING WITH DEMENTIA

Why not come to the Brackenstown Forget Me Not Café in the Parish Centre



For support and information on Dementia on

**Tuesday 31st January from 7pm until 9pm**

Run by Health Professionals

**Admission Free**

Enjoy Refreshments and a chat in an informal setting

**All Welcome**

Phone: 089 4986007 or [www.brackenstownforgetmenotcafe.com](http://www.brackenstownforgetmenotcafe.com)

## PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times:

Sunday: 6:30pm (Sat. Vigil); 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

Weekday Mass:

Monday to Saturday 10:00am

Holiday Mass:

Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am

Confession:

Saturday 10:30am to 11:00am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm

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

After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday

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Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm



## CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

**28/29 January**  
DCU Beg Borrow Steal Campaign

**4/5 February**  
VDP Monthly Collection



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