



# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN BRACKENSTOWN PARISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

24th January 2016 — Year C

**WORLD  
YOUTH  
DAY 2016**

KRAKOW, POLAND  
JULY 24 - AUGUST 1



Krakow  
**WYD**  
2016



In September of 2015, Pope Francis extended this invitation to young people around the world: "Dear young people, at the Shrine in Krakow dedicated to the merciful Jesus, where he is depicted in the image venerated by the people of God, Jesus is waiting for you. He has confidence in you and is counting on you! He has so many things to say to each of you," the Pope continued.

"Do not be afraid to look into his eyes, full of infinite love for you. Open yourselves to his merciful gaze, so ready to forgive all your sins. A look from him can change your lives and heal the wounds of your souls. His eyes can quench the thirst that dwells deep in your young hearts, a thirst for love, for peace, for joy and for true happiness. Come to him and do not be afraid!"

The World Youth Day Pilgrimages are an extraordinary thing to experience. I have been part of three of these in Germany, Australia and Spain. Like any enriching experience it is hard to put into words what the event is like, to gather with tens of thousands of young people who are there to explore, deepen and celebrate their faith in Jesus.

It is a festival of culture, an expression in many ways, languages and shared experiences of how the good news impacts on the lives of these young people from such diverse backgrounds. I am delighted that five young people from our Parish have taken up the invitation to be part of the Dublin Pilgrimage to Krakow in July: Sarah Donohue, Stuart Donnelly, Anita Okoye, Alex Haidurov and Seán Cantwell.

They have already begun their preparation with Br. Martin and over the next few months they will link up with other pilgrims from this area and throughout the Diocese.

They need our help and support to get to Krakow and as a Parish who is fortunate enough to have young people willing to make this journey, they deserve our help. The overall cost per pilgrim is €1,000.00. Each one has to pay one third of this. The Parish will meet another third and the remainder they have to fundraise.

Next weekend you will get the opportunity to meet our pilgrims who will speak at the Masses and afterwards there will be a Church Gate Collection. Please support them.

*Thank you Fr. Paul*



## WHAT IS THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY ALL ABOUT?

On **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January** at 7:30pm in the Pastoral Centre there will be an evening to explore the main themes of what this year sets out to do.

We will look at the document *Misericordiae Vultus*, which is Pope Francis' letter for this year, there will be some discussion, a time of reflection and out of this a question as what opportunities should there be in our Parish to celebrate this year.

Copies of the Pope's Letter will be available on the night as well as the Year of Mercy packs from the Dublin Diocese. All are welcome.

## MASS INTENTIONS

- 6:30pm** Danny Kelly (A) & D'csd members of Kelly Family  
**9:00am** Altar List of the Dead  
**11:00am** Cecilia & Kevin Maguire (A) & Alice Crothers (Rem)  
**12:30pm** John Hughes (A)  
**5:30pm** William Bourke (3rd A)

## PRAY FOR

Marie Lynch (A)  
David Carroll (7th A)  
Tommy & Claire Shortall (A)  
Carmel Kieran (A)  
Johnny O'Sullivan (MM)

## MASSES NEXT WEEK AT 10AM

- Mon: Dcsd Members of Deeley & Carr Families  
Tues: Tom Kennedy & Family (A)  
Wed: Liam Nolan (A)  
Thurs: John Kelly (RD)  
Fri: Catherine White (A)  
Sat: Paula O'Keeffe (MM)

**Please take this Newsletter home with you**

# PARISH DIARY

## UCD VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS



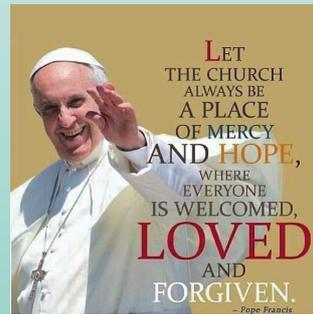
Sunday 17th January 2016

On June 17<sup>th</sup> I will be travelling to Tanzania, East Africa along with a group of 21 other volunteers.

We will be teaching in the mornings; English classes for the children and Computer classes for their teachers. In the afternoons we will hold Summer Camps for the children.

The main aim of UCDO is to create and provide a sustainable community in disadvantaged areas. I am delighted to have been chosen as part of this team and I would be very grateful for your support for this cause in today's Church Gate Collection. Thank you,

Matthew Rose-Nel



### THE ROSARY

The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in the 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.

### RELIGIOUS GOODS

Diocesan Guidebooks, Church Art Calendars, Confirmation Cards, medals, souvenirs etc. available from Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.

### LEGION OF MARY

Welcomes new members — over 18's — Tuesdays 10:30am in Sisters' House & Wednesdays 7:30pm in Sacristy. Junior members Fridays 5:00pm in Sacristy. Come and see.

### 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.

Could you not watch one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
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### JANUARY

26th	The Year of Mercy – What is Pope Francis Vision?	7:30pm Pastoral Centre
30th	Final booking for Rome Pilgrimage	Office
31 – 6	Catholic Schools Week	

### FEBRUARY

1st	St. Cronan's Service of Light	7:30pm Church
1 <sup>st</sup>	The Great Adventure Bible Study Begins	7:30pm Pastoral Centre
2 <sup>nd</sup>	The Great Adventure Bible Study Begins	12:00noon Pastoral Centre
8th	Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe Service of Light	7:30pm Church
10 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sacrament of Confirmation St. Cronan's SNS	11:00am Church
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sacrament of Confirmation St. Cronan's SNS	11:00am Church
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sacrament of Confirmation Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe	11:00am Church
20 <sup>th</sup> – 28th	Parish Retreat Led by the Capuchin Retreat Team	7:30am; 10:00am 12:00noon; 7:30pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Do This In Memory	6:30pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	Do This In Memory	12:30pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	First Confession St. Cronan's JNS	7:00pm Church

#### Blessing and Dedication of the Pastoral Centre

The Pastoral Council will invite Archbishop Martin to celebrate the 12:30pm Mass some Sunday after Easter. This will be followed by blessing of the Pastoral Centre.

### THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

## YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

26th September – 1st October 2016

**Closing Date is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016.** Cheques made payable to St. Cronan's Church. Please note total cost is €795. Full details on the Notice Board and on the Parish Website.

### PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUNDRAISING

The following are weekly totals:

**Buy-A-Brick Appeal € 20,398.28**

**Pastoral Centre Donations; €26,386**

**Parish Centre Appeal Total €46,784.28**

The Certificates for all who contributed are now ready to be collected at the Parish Office. 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.

**December Standing Order €3,685**

**Outdoor Collection €880.93**

**Annuals/Half Yearly €130.00**

### ST CRONAN'S JNS

Is currently enrolling for Junior Infants. Closing Date for completed applications is 31 January 2016. Application form and enrolment policy available from the secretary's office. Tel: 018402194. Website: [www.stcronansjns.ie](http://www.stcronansjns.ie)





## MISERICORDIAE VULTUS - POPE FRANCIS LETTER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze, we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity. The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness. "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8,16), John affirms for the first and only time in all of Holy Scripture. This love has now been made visible and tangible in Jesus' entire life. His person is nothing but love, a love given gratuitously. The relationships he forms with the people who approach him manifest something entirely unique and unrepeatable. The signs he works, especially in favour of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion. Jesus, seeing the crowds of people who followed him, realized that they were tired and exhausted, lost and without a guide, and he felt deep compassion for them (cf. Mt 9:36). On the basis of this compassionate love he healed the sick who were presented to him (cf. Mt 14:14), and with just a few loaves of bread and fish he satisfied the enormous crowd (cf. Mt 15:37). What moved Jesus in all of these situations was nothing other than mercy,

with which he read the hearts of those with which he read the hearts of those he encountered and responded to their deepest need. When he came upon the widow of Nain taking her son out for burial, he felt great compassion for the immense suffering of this grieving mother, and he gave back her son by raising him from the dead (cf. Lk 7:15). After freeing the demoniac in the country of the Gerasenes, Jesus entrusted him with this mission: "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you" (Mk 5:19). The calling of Matthew is also presented within the context of mercy. Passing by the tax collector's booth, Jesus looked intently at Matthew. It was a look full of mercy that forgave the sins of that man, a sinner and a tax collector, whom Jesus chose – against the hesitation of the disciples – to become one of the Twelve. Saint Bede the Venerable, commenting on this Gospel passage, wrote that Jesus looked upon Matthew with merciful love and chose him: miserando atque eligendo. This expression impressed me so much that I chose it for my episcopal motto. *Paragraph 8.*

### 2016 BRACKENSTOWN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Accompanied by a Spiritual Director  
22nd—27th September 2016

Hotel Padoue—€729 per person sharing  
incl. Airport Taxes & Free Insurance

Deposit €200 per person—

Single Room Supplement €175

Contact Susan Keane 01 8407100 / 085 847 1539

### THE GREAT ADVENTURE for Lent 2016

An eight week course for anyone who wants an overview of the key books of the Bible. If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. Brackenstown Parish will begin Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible on Monday 1st February at 7:30pm in the Pastoral Centre. For more information or to sign up, contact the Parish Office 01 8401188 or brackenstownparish@gmail.com or fill in a form and place it in the white post boxes in the Church. There will be a charge of €20 for the workbook. If you intend to sign up please let us know by this Tuesday 26/01/16 as we need to know how many workbooks to order.



### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2016

The Annual Conference will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm at the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan Road, Co. Dublin.

Speakers include Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Bishop Donal Murray and Professor J. Bernard Walsh, who will reflect on the Lourdes experience.

For further information please contact Trish Conway on [087 6220349](tel:0876220349). The Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick is on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00 pm in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Merrion Road (opposite St. Vincent's Hospital). Main Celebrant: Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. All are welcome to attend.

### LITURGY SEMINAR

The next liturgy seminar will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January from 9.30 am - 1.00 pm in Clonliffe College. Input will include further liturgical resources for the Jubilee of Mercy in addition to workshops on two recent publications - one on liturgical music and the other on gathering on a weekday when Eucharist is not celebrated.

If you would like to represent the Parish at this Seminar please give your contact details to Louise at brackenstownparish@gmail.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

#### Holyday Mass:

Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am

#### Confession:

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

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

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### CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

23/24 January

Matthew Rose–Nel UCD

Volunteer Overseas

30/31 January

World Youth Day Collection

