

Parish Newsletter

30th September 2018 ❖ 26th Sunday ❖ Year B

LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP MARTIN

Archbishop Martin wrote to all priests in the Diocese following the World Meeting in Families in August. He is asking each of us to reflect on the World Meeting and on what might emerge from it. The Parish Pastoral Council is organising a gathering so that we can look at the letter together as a Parish. Further details will be available in due course.

Dear Father,

First of all, I want to thank the priests of the diocese and the religious working in the diocese for the manner in which you animated the memorable days of the World Meeting of Families. It was inspiring to see how Parishes united around their priests. I was especially struck by the presence of so many families with their children at the events.

The gathering in the Pro-Cathedral of young couples preparing for or who had recently celebrated the sacrament of matrimony was remarkable. It was a unique sign of a future of faith, of goodness and of love. This was a unique vision of a Church for the future, as these young couples reflected on the Pope's vision of lifelong commitment and on the beauty of passing on faith in Jesus Christ to the next generation.

The question now arises: where do we go forward now in the challenge of renewing the faith we carry in our own hearts and renewing the life of the Church?

Speaking in the Pro-Cathedral yesterday, I suggested that every parish or community might find concrete ways of reflecting on this challenge. I would ask parishes to do this in the weeks around the Feast of Saint Laurence O'Toole, Principal Patron of the Diocese, on the 14th November. It is not a question of a political style consultation, but a call to each believer and faith community radically to interiorise what the challenge of faith in Jesus entails.

Each parish and parish community can find its own path of reflection, with the help of the Parish Pastoral Council. The aim is not to provide instant answers but at least to begin to set out a realistic agenda for renewal of the Church in the years to come. Some would prefer me to give a more detailed outline of what I expect. I would prefer to let each parish come up with its own vision. I would like to gather a wide variety of ideas and not simply repeat the ideas of one or another group.

For me the questions that should be addressed are the deeper questions about faith in Jesus Christ. Why are we no longer captivating so many of our young people for the message of Jesus Christ? Which models of pastoral activity and reflection are most likely to win the hearts of young people for the message of Jesus? How do we teach young people about prayer? How can our parishes respond to these challenges? Which aspects of our dominant culture make it harder for people to understand the message of Jesus? I am thinking, for example, about a widespread individualism that invades everything from personal life to our economic vision.

I ask you to work with your Parish Pastoral Council to organise some form of parish assembly to discuss the future. You can then forward a short report of your findings to me directly. Once the reports have been analysed we will look at what processes we can adopt to move forward.

At the RDS Pastoral Congress, the enthusiasm of priests and people celebrating together was tangible. I hope that we can keep that positive atmosphere alive and build on those renewed relationships.

With renewed thanks for your ministry and with prayerful good wishes,

+Diarmuid Martin
Archbishop of Dublin

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS		PRAY FOR	10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK
6:30pm:	Vincent Cox (9th A)	Bridget Taylor Joan Hoey	Mon: Matt Bohan (A) & Angela Mlsek (1st A)
9:00am:	Altar List of the Dead		Tues: Christopher & Margaret Kenny (A)
11:00 am:	Noel Lowndes (1st A)		Wed: Marian Movement for Priests
12:30pm:	Mairead Reilly (A) & Marie Jackson (B'day R)		Thur: Special Intention
5:30pm:	Andrew, Mary, Bernard, Kathleen & Andrew Jnr Cawley (A)		Fri: Special Intention Sat: William Crosbie Snr. (MM)

Holiday Mass: Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am & 7:30pm

Confession: Saturday 10:30am-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
 29/30 Sept
 Young Priests Society
 6/7 Oct. SVP

Brackenstown Bible Study

Join us for *Acts, The Spread of the Kingdom* in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre, beginning January 2019. The study runs for a total of 20 weeks over Spring & Autumn 2019. Classes are 7.30-9pm on Monday nights, the cost is €25 and the class size will be limited to c.45 people. If interested please reserve your place by 12/10/18 as the study materials have to be ordered well in advance due to high demand for the course. To register for the study call Louise at 01-8401188 or via email: brackenstownparish@gmail.com.

BT Shop for Change in aid of the Irish Cancer Society

On the 16th October, 150 volunteers from BT Ireland will manage the retail shops of the Irish Cancer Society with the aim of raising €150,000 for this great charity. To hit this ambitious target we need to collect items of unwanted clothing, bric-a-brac and saleable items for this one day extravaganza. Your local shop in Swords is involved in the challenge this year.

How can you help?? We are asking that on the weekend on **7th October** that you will bring all items that you would like to donate to the Church. We will provide the bags in advance. We are not collecting any money, just donated items.

Church Refurbishment Update

The painting of the Church advanced well this week with the closure of the Church on Tuesday and Wednesday. Next week the Church will be closed on Monday and Tuesday and Mass will take place in the Pastoral Centre. Adoration on Monday after Mass will be in The Nunnery (Meeting Room 2).

Volunteers are needed to wash the church lampshades. If you can lend a hand please come to the Pastoral Centre after Mass on Monday.

While work on the benches is still a long way off, a question was asked about the brass plaques. Even though the layout of the seats will be different we will make sure that the plaques are placed as close to the original placement as possible. If you have a concern please talk to me about it.

Thank you for your co-operation during the works.

Fr. Paul

A Counselling Service for your Community

Fingal Counselling Service is a community based voluntary counselling service providing confidential, non-directive counselling on a one-to-one basis, to couples and individuals. The service offers a safe and confidential environment where clients are encouraged and supported while working through their difficulties.

Hospitality in the Pastoral Centre

GIVE US A HAND!

Help is needed for the week-day Coffee Mornings
On Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays.

If you can help,
please contact the Parish Office on 01
8401188



NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING WEEK

Our Public Health Nurse facilitated breastfeeding group runs every Wednesday from 11.30-12.30 in the Parish Centre. All Mothers and their children are very welcome to come join us. For National Breastfeeding Week we are hosting a coffee morning on the 3rd Of October from 11.30-13.30 in the Parish centre. We would love to see you all there to celebrate your breastfeeding journey. Every breastfeed makes a difference!! For more information contact the Swords PHNs on 018902200.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Supporting Vocations to the Priesthood Worldwide

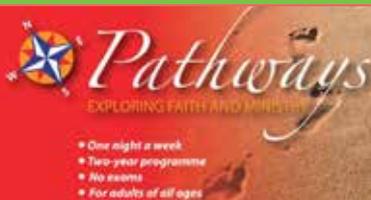


The Society is a Catholic lay organisation, founded by Mrs. Olivia Taaffe in 1895. Its sole purpose is to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life, by prayer, financial help, and the witness of our Christian living. Last year the Society assisted 84 Irish seminarians and 536 overseas. Seminarians who are supported by the Society are very appreciative, remembering all those who contribute to their education to the priesthood. How can you help? By praying for vocations and making a contribution to our church gate collection this weekend 29/30 September. Mass is offered daily for our members and benefactors, both living and deceased. We thank you for your help.

FAITH Life

Deepening the connection between Faith and Life

Faith for Life takes place over four weekends in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe: **Called to Become (6/7 October); Church in and for the World (17/18 November); The Word of God (12/13 January); & Living Faithfully (23/24 February)**. St. Cronan's Parish offers financial support for anyone wishing to do this course.



- One night a week
- Two-year programme
- No exams
- For adults of all ages

Pathways is a two-year, one night a week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith.

The course begins in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe on Thursday 27th September 2018 (7pm-9:30pm). St. Cronan's Parish offers financial support for anyone wishing to do this course.

EUCCHARISTIC 40 HOUR ADORATION

- 40 Hour Adoration will begin Friday 5th October after 7.30am Mass
- Directed Holy Hour will be from 8.00pm – 9.00pm on Friday
- Benediction to end 40 Hours at 11.30pm on Saturday 6th October
- In St. Cronan's Church, Brackenstown Parish

UNTIL WE HAVE A PASSIONATE LOVE FOR OUR LORD IN THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
WE SHALL ACCOMPLISH NOTHING. ST. BERTHOLD

The Junior Choir

We are looking for LOTS of new members to sing at
12:30pm Mass on Sundays
New Rehearsal Day & Time:
Tuesdays 6 - 7pm in the Church



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 4th October
Next dates for Baptisms:

Saturday 13th October 12:30pm
Sunday 28th October 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:

26th Sunday:

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9; Psalm 114; Second Reading: James 2:14-18 ; Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

27th Sunday:

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Psalm 33;
Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17 Matthew 28:16-20



FAMILY OFFERING

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

August Standing Order €3,302

Outdoor Collection - €590.00

Annuals/Half Yearly - N/A

All of the above contributions are recorded for the tax rebate.

COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

First Collection - € N/A (recorded for Tax)

SHARE Collection - € N/A (recorded for Tax)



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 1 hour with me? We encourage new people to come & join us

Prayer Meeting

Spend One Hour... Tuesday, 2nd October 8-9 pm Sisters' Oratory, 29 Brackenstown Village. This Prayer Meeting honours Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary. Everybody most welcome.

Children's Rosary

Saturday 6th October 4:00pm in St. Cronan's Church, Brackenstown. A wonderful opportunity for parents and guardians of the parish to bring their children together in prayer! For more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary, St. Cronan's Church Main Porch after weekend Masses.

Annual Candlelight Procession

Annual Candlelight Procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady will take place on Monday 8th October at 7:00pm. It will be followed by Holy Mass at 7:30pm approx. Why not keep the evening free and come out to honour Our Lady in the month of the Rosary? Candles will be available in the Church.

Would you like to work for Our Lady?

Why not do something new? Legion of Mary needs new members to help Our Lady bring Jesus to more people. You could help! Meetings: **Adults - Tuesdays 10:30am** in Sisters' House and **Wednesdays 7:30pm** in Sacristy and **we need more Junior Members on Fridays at 4:45pm** also Sacristy. Why not come and see what you can do!

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 Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses or leave your contact number with Louise in the Parish Office.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

GDPR - A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), is being introduced on 25 May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

Young people are not a problem to be solved

Renowned Catholic speaker David Wells has said that the Church in Ireland must not view young people merely as "a problem to be solved". Wells, a UK catechist who regularly talks at conferences around the world, was speaking ahead of the Engage Youth Ministry Conference in Dublin on 8th December 2018. Churches throughout the Western world "are failing at a parish level and it's just not working for young people", he



continued. What is needed, Wells said, "is a new theology of accompanying young people", which requires "free and cheerful missionaries" who understand that "a joyful church will attract young people anyway".

The best way of doing this is to start a process of accompanying young people

on their faith journeys. The Church must "rethink what we're actually asking in terms of parish. We must help clergy to get to grips with the whole idea of accompaniment. It's not a new thing, it's not a new initiative. This is exactly what Pope Francis is asking of us," continued Wells. Key to getting

this right, though, is ensuring that "we get to grips with the notion that we're not looking for fully fledged Catholics right from the beginning of the process. We must look to small signs of progress instead". Invariably this means investment in better training and developing a more incisive strategy.

"Most of all, young people want to know that they are loved and loveable, and that there is a role for them in the Church today. This is where true meaning comes from."

Read more in this week's Cornerstone section of *The Irish Catholic*

Quote of the week

"If you want to reach the heart of God, take the way of mercy, and allow yourself to be treated with mercy."

– Pope Francis



Challenge:

This week, make a real effort to take the way of mercy each day. Also, allow yourself to be treated with mercy by others.

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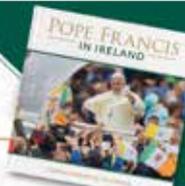


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