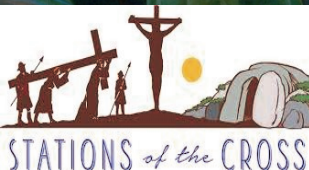


Parish Newsletter

25th March 2018 ✠ Palm Sunday ✠ Year B



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Families are invited to take part and get involved in the Stations of the Cross at noon on Good Friday. If you are interested, please contact Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker, 089 4614226 – peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie

“ I tell you solemnly, wherever throughout all the world the Good News is proclaimed, what she has done will be told also in remembrance of her”



MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Martin, Bridget & Carmel Grogan (A)
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
11:00am: John & Hannah Conroy (A)
12:30pm: Paddy Harrington (2nd A)
5:30pm: Brendan O'Reilly (3rd A)

PRAY FOR

May Corrigan (A)
Mary Field (1st A)
James 'Bomber' Cleary (A)
John Cleary (A)
Bartle Savage (A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Pat & Mary Moylam (RD)
Tues: Tom Greene (RD)
Wed: Dcsd Members of Duffy & Fitzpatrick Families
Pray for: Derek Moore (5th A)
Holy Thurs: No Mass
Good Fri: Morning Prayer
Holy Sat: Morning Prayer

Please take this Newsletter home

IDEAS FOR KEEPING HOLY WEEK HOLY

Today is the start of the holiest week in our Church year. You are welcome to join us as we gather together to reflect, pray, remember and celebrate. If you aren't able to, here are some other ideas for making this a special and holy week.

PALM SUNDAY



Today we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem. This was the day when some of the people recognised how special and important he was...

✧ Think about doing something special today
✧ Think about how important God is in your life... the blessings, comfort, support you have received through faith... and celebrate it!
✧ Try to spread some of the joy of today with those you meet... with a happy smile or a friendly word.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

Whilst these are not marked out as special days they give us chance to prepare for the important days at the end of the week...

✧ Think about using this time to make all your preparations for Easter so that you have more time to stop and pray at the end of the week... plan ahead, do the shopping, get organised so that you can join us for the various Masses and services...

HOLY THURSDAY



Today we remember the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples before his arrest and journey to the Cross. We are reminded of the importance of sharing a meal and, by the example of the Washing of Feet, the need to serve one another...

✧ Think about gathering round the table for a family meal... to spend time with each other and to enjoy eating together...
✧ Eucharist means 'thanksgiving' – what are you thankful for today?
✧ Be mindful of the ways in which people serve you and the ways you minister to others... perhaps give some thought to how you might get involved in one of the ministries in the parish... or how you might thank those who minister to you...
✧ Come along to our Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm
✧ Spend some time with the Lord from 9pm-10pm during our 'Watch & Pray'

GOOD FRIDAY



Today is a solemn day when we recall the journey Jesus made to his suffering and death on the Cross. It is not a day for sadness but a day for hope and trust in a God who loves us so much... a day to be reminded that sometimes there is a cost to our Christianity...

✧ As a day of fasting and abstinence from meat, why not also think about other things you can fast from today - TV, gossip... or go out of your way to do something for someone else - in your family, a friend or even a stranger
✧ Try to make some time for silence today... to be still... to be aware of God's love in your life
✧ Think of those who love you - perhaps take some time to thank them today
✧ Come along to Morning Prayer at 10am, our Children's Stations of the Cross at Noon, our Good Friday Liturgy at 3pm or our 'Gethsemane' evening service at 8pm

HOLY SATURDAY



Today begins with a sense of absence and waiting. Our Easter Vigil is the highlight of our year and celebrates Christ as the Light of the

World, who illuminates our darkness... we tell some of the important stories of our faith and recall the importance of our Baptism

✧ Light a candle after it goes dark... be aware of the need for light... how might you bring light to the darkness of others?

✧ Think about your own faith story... the important moments... the important people... if you can, share some of this with someone

✧ Think about your Baptism... when it happened... your parents and Godparents... what it means for you as a Christian today... bless yourself with water...

✧ Come along to Morning Prayer at 10am and our Easter Vigil at 9pm – bring a bell with you to ring during our Gloria song of praise to God.

EASTER SUNDAY



Today is a day of great rejoicing and celebration... when we remember Christ's victory over sin and death... the promise of new and everlasting life... and it is the start of 50 days of the season of Easter

✧ Make a list of all the things that bring joy and happiness to your life... plan to do some of them during the 50 days of Eastertide

✧ Come along to one of our Masses at 9am, 11am, 12.30pm or 5.30pm

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES



1 day Adult Ticket

Online Registration: €38

On the day Registration: €43

Single day attendance to Congress + Option Festival of Families

Ticket subject to availability at time of booking + guaranteed ticket for Final Mass

(€5 off for Pensioners, students & unwaged)

5 day Ticket: 22nd – 26th August 2018

Online Registration: €68

On the day Registration: €78

Attendance to the 3 day Congress + Guarantee ticket for Festival of Families + Ticket for the Final Mass

Children's tickets are Free but they must be named and registered as part of a Family Group.

FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES & CLOSING MASS

If you purchase either a 1 day or a 5 day ticket, you will be guaranteed a place at the Saturday night Festival of Families and Sunday's Closing Mass.

Should tickets become available for these two events, we are compiling a list of names in the Parish Office. There is no guarantee that these tickets will be available.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

Further details on the website:

www.worldmeeting2018.ie



The proceeds of Coffee Mornings on Thursday's during Lent will go to Trócaire. Also, Raffle Tickets for an Easter Egg & prizes are for sale each morning in aid of Trócaire.

Don't forget about your Trócaire Box.

They are still available in the Church and can be returned during Easter Week and Holy Week.

Trócaire

**DON'T GIVE UP
ON
HER
THIS
LENT**



PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
MARCH 2018	
24th	Do This In Memory Mass @ 6:30pm
25th	Do This In Memory Mass @ 12:30pm
APRIL 2018	
3rd	Parkinson's Group Meeting @ 10:30am
5th	Parents Preparation Meeting for Baptism @ 8pm
16th	DTIM Preparation Group Meeting @ 7:30pm
21st	Confirmation Retreat - Emmaus Retreat Centre
21st	Do This In Memory Mass @ 6:30pm
22nd	Do This In Memory Mass @ 12:30pm
28th	First Holy Communion - St. Cronan's JNS

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE



40 Hour Adoration & Prayer Vigil To Protect the 8th Amendment
St. Finian's Church, River Valley

**Begins at 7:00am Fridays
to 11:00pm Saturdays**

Friday 23rd March

- Saturday 24th March

Friday 20th April

- Saturday 21st April

Friday 25th May

- Saturday 26th May

Further information contact
Ann Murtagh 087 0544882



**Swords Meals on
Wheels are looking
for a Relief
Coordinator**

We are looking for a person who would be willing to provide back-up support to the existing co-ordinators e.g. provide cover for a short period or in an emergency when existing co-ordinator may not be in a position to do so. Generally the time requirement would be 3hrs per day for 2 days. The role is purely voluntary, unpaid. Please contact Paul McCormack on 0877699084.



HUMPTY DUMPTY PLAYGROUP

Every Thursday

at 10:30am - 12 noon

St. Cronan's Parish Pastoral Centre,
Brackenstown

Tea / Coffee / Biscuits / Toys supplied
€2 for members / €3 for non-members
BOOK EARLY - NUMBERS LIMITED!!

A wonderful opportunity for a
cup of tea and a chat and
for the little ones to make
new friends!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion & Confirmation gifts and souvenirs - prayer books, rosettes, medals etc. available in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

EASY EVANGELISATION!

Could you give 20-30 minutes per month to help spread the Good News? **Helpers needed to deliver the free Catholic Paper "Alive!"** in a number of areas of the parish... Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after week-end Masses or leave your name & phone no. with Louise in Parish Office.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

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 **Sundays of Lent from 4pm-5pm**. Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

FAMILY OFFERING

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

January Standing Order €4,186.00

Outdoor Collection €610.20

Annals/Half Yearly n/a

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

COLLECTIONS ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASSES

First Collection €645.85

Share Collection €473.30

COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

First Collection €973.64 (€297.39 recorded for tax rebate)

Share Collection (€223.99 recorded for tax rebate)

Crosscare Collection €1735.00

40 Hours Adoration for the
Year of The Family in
St. Sylvester's Church,
Malahide

25th March after 12:30pm
Mass - Monday 10:00pm

More information Stephen &
Elizabeth Byrne
0877509443 or 0874142407



**The next Parent Meeting is
Thursday 5th April**

Next dates for Baptisms:

Sunday 1st April at 11am & 12:30pm Masses

Saturday 14th April at 12:30pm

Sunday 29th April 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.



Saturday 7th April at 4:00pm

**and the First Saturday of each month
from March - August '18**

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**



Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for next Sunday:

Palm Sunday:

First Reading: Mark 11:1-10; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11; Gospel Mark 14:1-15:47

Easter Sunday:

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4; Gospel Mark 16: 1-7



PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times:
Weekday Mass:
Holyday Mass:
Confession:

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

Sunday (Sat. Vigil) 6:30pm, 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

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Mon to Fri. 9.30am - 1.00pm

View our Parish Webcam via the Parish Website



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CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

**24/25 March
Advocate Collection**

**31March/1 April
No Collection**

