

Parish Newsletter

15th July 2018 ✕ 15th Sunday ✕ Year B

Brackenstown Pilgrimage to Krakow

The first week in July a group of 23 parishioners and friends went on pilgrimage to Krakow. On arrival they were greeted by rain, which was a welcome relief from the heat, though did you ever think you would hear an Irish person saying that! The Pilgrimage included visits to the Divine Mercy Shrine, Salt Mines, Wadowice (birthplace of St. John Paul II), Auschwitz, and also taking in the sights and atmosphere of this beautiful city. Our thanks to MAP Travel for facilitating the Pilgrimage and all those who worked to make it happen.



Our next Parish Pilgrimage will be to the Holy Land in October 2019.



Do you know someone who wants to become a Catholic?

Last Easter we welcomed three adults into our Church at the Vigil. It was a wonderful moment in their lives and also in the life of our Parish. The journey to Baptism for an adult is one of coming to listen to God calling them through reflection on God's word, coming to understand our Catholic faith and experiencing the Parish community gathered for worship. Each year we begin this journey in September, but the length of the time that each individual spends preparing is down to them and the team who accompany them. Through participation in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process, each person is brought at their own pace through the various stages of the liturgical calendar until they discern they are ready for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you are reading this and either for yourself or someone you know would like to find out more about becoming a member of our faith community then please contact Fr. Paul on pauljthornton@gmail.com or 087 7404729 to arrange a meeting.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Ann Brown (2nd A)
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
11:00am: Edward McGovern (1st A)
12:30pm: Leo Bracken (5th A)
5:30pm: Matthew Weldon (A) & Patsy Kealy (Rem)

PRAY FOR

Patsy Kealy (1st A)
 Brigid Hughes (A)
 Geraldine McNamara (4th A)
 Patricia Russell (A)
 Gerry Bates (A)
 Dcsd Members of Russell & McKenna Families
 Mary Cassidy (A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Special Intention
Tues: Mary & Bernadette Leggett (A)
Wed: Paddy & Kathleen Lowndes (A)
Thurs: Margaret & Sean Pepper (A)
Fri: Deirdre Meissl (RD)
Pray for: Tony & Betty Whelan (A)
Sat:

Holyday 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

14/15 July
 No Collection

21/22 July
 No Collection

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Church Refurbishment

Earlier in the year when we gave an account of the Parish finances we also pointed towards the next project that needs to be undertaken which is the redecoration and refurbishment of the Church.

It is over 10 years since the Church was painted and as you look around you can see that it is now time to attend to this. We also need to replace the benches and Altar Furniture as well as other works around the Church.

The plan has been split into two phases the first of which we hope to complete by Christmas this year and the second by Christmas 2019.

Phase One: repainting the Church, Pastoral Centre and Sacristy. Upgrade the Altar, Ambo, Chair and ancillary sanctuary furniture. Carpet the Sanctuary. New noticeboards for the porches and literature racks inside the Church. Put proper opening mechanisms on the Church windows. Attend to the Church roof. New signage outside the Church and Pastoral Centre. Refurbishment of the Sacristy.

We are currently seeking quotes for the above works.

Phase Two: replace the Church seating and carpet the Church. Next week we will have further details of Phase One with an image of what the Sanctuary Furniture will look like. We welcome your feedback, as it is on your behalf these works are being carried out. You can email brackenstownparish@gmail.com or place your comments in the suggestion box in the main porch or talk to Fr. Paul or Paddy O'Byrne (Finance Committee). It is only with your support that we can continue to upgrade the Church and we are very grateful for your generosity and commitment.

Early Christian Swords Exhibition in Fingal County Hall

During April a number of interested parishioners organised the Early Christian Swords exhibition in the Pastoral Centre. Swords is extremely rich in history and the area was very important to the early Irish Church. The exhibition was a great success and as a result we were invited to exhibit in the atrium of Fingal County Council, Main Street, Swords. The exhibition has now opened on the ground floor of Fingal County Hall and will run until Friday 20th July. The atrium is open to the public during business hours; Monday-Thursday 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4.30pm. It is well worth a visit!



Holy Baptism
The next Parent Meeting is **Thursday 2nd August**
Next dates for Baptisms:
Saturday 11th Aug at 12:30pm FULL
Sunday 19th Aug 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.

Faith 'n' Fun
Bible Stories, Crafts & Loads More!

Free to all aged 6-11 years
Thursday 26th July, 2nd & 9th August 2018
2:00pm - 4:00pm
St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre
Brackenstown Road, Swords



SWORDS CASTLE MUSIC NIGHT

Swords & District Lions Club present their annual music night with ABBAESQUE followed by DJ GOOD VIBRATIONS (Sound and Spirit of the 60s) at Swords Castle on Friday 20 July 2018 at 8pm. Open 6.30pm - Seats taken by 7.45pm. Food and refreshments available. Event supported by Fingal Co Co - Proceeds go to local Lions Club charities.

Tickets €25 from Fingal Tourism Office in the Castle 01 8400891, or Lions members: Sean 087 2440834; Maurice 086 8305917; Declan 086 3835053; Anne 087 2716777; Greg 086 2598397.

2018 BRACKENSTOWN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Accompanied by a Spiritual Director Fr. Kevin O'Connor

22nd - 27th September 2018

Hotel Padoue - €739 per person sharing including airport taxes & free insurance
Deposit €200 per person - Single Room Supplement €180

Further details from Susan Keane

Ph: 8084445 or 085 8471539



Papal Visit 25th & 26th August 2018 - Changes to Mass Schedule

On the weekend of the 25th and 26th August there will be a different Mass Schedule to facilitate those attending the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park and also to provide a gathering for those unable to attend.

On Saturday 25th the Vigil Mass will be a 6:30pm. On Sunday 26th there will be only one morning Mass at 9:00am. **There will be no 11:00am or 12:30pm.** In the afternoon we invite people to gather in the Church at 2:30pm to watch the Mass being broadcast from the Phoenix Park. Holy Communion will be distributed during this gathering and it fulfills your Sunday obligation. **There will be no 5:30pm Mass.**

WMOF PARISH MASSES

As part of World Meeting of Families 2018, we as a parish are celebrating a Mass for each area of our parish in St. Cronan's Church. Each home will receive an invite, which you are asked to bring to the Mass with the names of loved ones you would like remembered. You are invited to attend your Parish Mass on the following date:

WEEK 6 - 16th July

Ormond, Swords Manor & Parkview

WEEK 7 - 23rd July

Brides Glen, Bunbury, Millers Glen & Knockedan

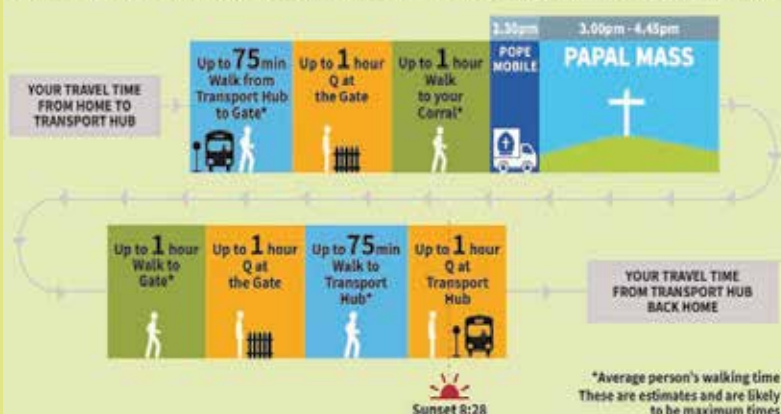
WEEK 8 - 30th July

Applewood, Thornleigh, Thornleigh Apts & Jugback

WEEK 9 - 13th August

Castlevew & Ashton Broc

TIME REQUIRED TO ARRIVE AT AND LEAVE THE PAPAL MASS AT THE PHOENIX PARK



Dates & Times of Upcoming Cemetery Sundays

Sunday 15th July at 3:30pm Donabate Cemetery
Sunday 22nd July at 4pm Balbriggan Cemetery
Sunday 5th August at 6.30pm Grallagh
Sunday 12th August at 4.00pm Balcadden/
 Flemington
Wednesday 15th August at 6:45pm Ballyboughal
Sunday 2nd September at 6.30pm Naul
Sunday 7th October at 4:00pm Hollywood

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 and join us.

Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for this Sunday and the following Sunday:

15th Sunday:

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 84; Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14; Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

16th Sunday:

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 22; Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18; Gospel: Mark 6:30-34



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Faith 'n' Fun for children aged 6-11 on Thursdays 26th July, 2nd & 9th August. More details next week.

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. Meetings: **adults - Tuesdays** 10:30am in Sisters' House, and **Wednesdays** 7:30pm in Sacristy and **we need more Junior members on Fridays 4:45pm** also Sacristy. Why not come and see what you can do!

ROSARY

Praying for a special intention? Praying for Peace? 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 again 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 Mass.

EASY EVANGELISATION! SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

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... including **St. Cronan's, Park Ave.** etc. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after week-end Masses or leave your name & phone number with Louise in Parish Office.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

FAMILY OFFERING

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

May Standing Order €3,569.00
Outdoor Collection €607.72
Annals/Half Yearly €50.00

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

COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

First Collection €1,230.32 (€307.75 recorded for tax rebate)
SHARE Collection €946.66 (€222.05 recorded for tax rebate)

BINGO

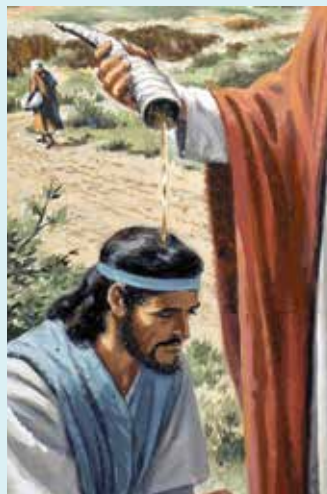
Every Sunday in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm
Doors open at 7:30pm - Everyone welcome!



The Image of Messiah

'Messiah' is one of many titles given to Jesus in New Testament writings. 'Christ' is sometimes mistakenly thought to be a family name for Jesus. It is, in fact, a significant title that Jesus used to identify himself, and it tells us who the first Christians thought Jesus was. In Jewish history, Messiah was a title preserved for the one who would be the ideal leader of the Israelites. The Jews believed God would send them a messiah to lead Is-

rael to national greatness. The Hebrew title Messiah pointed to 'the anointed one' as the one chosen by God. Because the Israelites thought their ideal ruler would be a king, they asked the Judge, Samuel, to find a king 'to govern us'. Samuel prayed to the Lord and the Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to their voice and set a king over them' (1 Sm. 8:22). Samuel chose Saul to be the first Israelite king. He took a vial of oil and poured it on Saul's head, saying, 'The



Lord has anointed you to rule over his people Israel. You will save them from the hand of their enemies all around them.' (1 Sm. 10:1)

How was the title Messiah for Jesus preserved and handed on to Christians in the decades after Jesus death-resurrection? First, they were handed on through the preaching of the apostles and disciples. The community proclaimed Jesus 'the Christ' shortly after his death-resurrection. Later, other titles were added through preaching and church prayers, including hymns.

Extract from Trinity: A Story of Deep Delight by Anne Marie Mongoven OP (www.columba-books.com)

Quote of the week

Lord, let me walk in the light of your grace and mercy today suffused with the knowledge that you have first loved me.

– Fr James Mallon

Challenge:

Be open to God's mercy this week. Remind yourself of God's infinite love for you.

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