



CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN BRACKENSTOWN PARISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th September 2016
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

St. Vincent de Paul

*"As soon as we empty ourselves of self,
God will fill us with himself"*



27th September



FEAST
OF THE
ARCHANGELS

SEPTEMBER 29

1st October



JUST AS THE SUN SHINES ON
ALL THE TREES AND FLOWERS
AS IF EACH WERE THE ONLY
ONE ON EARTH, SO DOES GOD
CARE FOR ALL SOULS IN A
SPECIAL MANNER.

— St. Therese of Lisieux

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm	Anne Smith (1st A)
9:00am	Altar List of the Dead
11:00pm	Rose, Joe & Vera Ryan (A)
12:30pm	Maria Carey (A)
5:30pm	Gerard McGrath (A)

PRAY FOR

Eda & Gustavo Cafolla (A)
Maureen Weadick (A)
Phil Fitzpatrick (MM)
Margaret Kenny (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon:	Jim & May McKay (A)
Tues:	Mai Warren (A)
Wed:	Vincent Cox (7th A)
Thurs:	Lizzie Banbrick (A)
Fri:	Paddy O'Hare (A)
Sat:	Special Intention (A)

Please take home this Newsletter



A Big Thank You

It's not often that I'm either lost for words or don't know that something is going on but last Wednesday (14th) that is exactly what happened. It was really beautiful to see so many in the Pastoral Centre to celebrate the 20th anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood and the beginning of my ministry. Thank you to all who organized it, baked for it and celebrated it.

It may be a bit unusual to celebrate 20 years but it coincides with an even greater achievement, my parents golden wedding anniversary. They were married on the 13th September 1966 by Fr. Sean O'Neill, my Dad's cousin, and some thirty years later I was ordained on the same date in Churchtown.

Looking back over twenty years is like looking to yesterday, it has passed so quickly. There have been high points and low points, challenges and changes that took courage to face. Twenty years ago it was the priests who looked at the direction of the Parish now it is the shared vision through the Pastoral Council. The stand alone Parish was to be protected at all costs whereas now there is a greater shared mission by the Parishes in an area. These are welcome changes.

The thing that I am most grateful for over the years is the privilege it is to be with families at the significant moments of their lives. Some of these are the moments of happiness in baptisms, marriage, communion and confirmation. Then there are the times of heartbreak in facing illness and losing a family member.

Answering the call to be a priest is not a once off decision it is a constant change and growth into where God continually calls me. It is an unpredictable path, but one that you have to learn that it's God's path, trust in him.

The only thing that after twenty years that is amusing is that I am still in the top 15 youngest priests! Please pray for vocations and if you are reading this and think that you or someone close to you is being called by God to be a Priest, Deacon or Religious Sister come and have a chat, that's where my path to priesthood began.



The Adult Choir is seeking new members, all voices. If you would like to help us in this important Ministry, please contact Aileen at 087 2356 226 or just come and talk to us after 11:00am Mass. The only requirement is that you can hold a tune and do a short scale test to place your voice. Instrumentalists very welcome (violin, flute etc.) Rehearsals on Tuesdays, 8pm-9.30pm.



Brackenstown Bible Study

You are welcome to join us in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre on Monday nights at 7.30pm. There are usually about 25 people present, you can just come along and listen if you like. This Monday we will be reviewing the book of Exodus. The reading plan for the coming week is the book of Numbers.

The Parish Office will be open from 10am—12 noon from Monday 26th September to Friday 1st October inclusive.

Normal office hours, 9:30am—1pm will resume on Monday 3rd October.



Brackenstown Forget-Me-Not Cafe

Brackenstown Forget-Me-Not Cafe is a safe and secure environment where individuals with dementia, their family and friends, carers and health professionals can come together for support and information on dementia. The cafe is a warm and welcoming place where everyone can chat, share experiences and learn about dementia.

The Cafe is run by health professionals, held on the last Tuesday of every month from 7pm until 9pm in the Brackenstown Parish Centre.

Admission: FREE

All welcome to attend.

Next Café: Tuesday 27th September at 7pm

The topic for discussion on the night: "What is dementia?"

Join us on Facebook at Brackenstown Forget-me-not Cafe

Contact us: 0894986007 or brackenstownforgetmenot@gmail.com



The Medugorje Prayer Group meets every Monday night at 8pm in Sister's House. Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We pray for our families and our Parish. All welcome to join us.

Our Lady's Message—Holiness in the Home

“Dear children! I am full of joy because of all you who are on the way to holiness, and I beg you to help, through your witness those who do not know how to live in holiness. Therefore, dear children, let your family be a place where holiness is born. Help everyone to live in holiness especially your own family. Thank you for your response to my call.”

PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
SEPTEMBER		
26th—30th	Parish Pilgrimage to Rome	
SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION FEBRUARY 2017		
9th	Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe	11:00am
16th	St. Cronan's S.N.S.	1100am
17th	St. Cronan's S.N.S.	
MAY 2017		
20th	Swords/Thornleigh/Holywell ETNS	11:00am
SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST MAY 2017		
6th	Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe	10:00am
6th	Swords/Thornleigh ETNS	12:00 noon
13th	St. Cronan's J.N.S.	10 & 12

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

MORNING STAR HOSTEL FOR HOMELESS MEN

"Thank you" most sincerely to the Parishioners of St. Cronan's Parish for your wonderful generosity to our collection, week-end 10/11 September. The amount collected was **€1,418.74**. This hostel receives no Government Aid and all the workers are unpaid volunteers. Your support is very much appreciated. **Once again, thank you very much.**

ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION

Annual Candlelight Procession in honour of Our Blessed Lady will take place on **Tuesday 4th October** at 7:00pm. It will be followed by Holy Mass at 7:30pm. Why not keep the evening free and come out to honour Our Lady in the month of the Rosary?!

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 one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR OUR LADY?

Legion of ary needs new members to help Our Lady bring Jesus to more people. Meetings Tuesdays 10:30am in Sister's House, Wednesdays 7:30pm in Sacristy and for under 18's on Friday's 4:45pm also Sacristy. Why not come and see what you can do!

FAMILY OFFERING

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

June Standing Order €3,356
Outdoor Collection €682.77
Annals/Half Yearly €500.00

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

In this Year of Mercy, help needed to deliver the free Catholic Paper "Alive!" in a number of areas of the parish ... eg. Glasmore Park, Ashton, Castlevew. If you could give 20-30 minutes per month, you could do a lot to spread the Good News. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after week-end Masses or leave you name and phone number with Louise in Parish Office.

CATHOLIC SINGLES

is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0044 161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicssingles.org.uk or email info@catholicssingles.org.uk

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PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times:

Weekday Mass:

Holyday Mass:

Confession:

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

Sunday: 6:30pm (Sat. Vigil); 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
 01 8401661 – 087 7404729 – pauljthornton@gmail.com
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