



# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN BRACKENSTOWN PARISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

23rd October 2016  
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C



**This weekend 22/23<sup>rd</sup> October** we begin our week of thanksgiving for the providence and goodness of the Lord in our lives. When we look at the world around us there is so much upheaval in Haiti following the natural disaster, in Syria and particularly in its capital Aleppo where there has been so much loss of life especially among the young, in the lives of those who have fled their homes and homelands. Closer to home we continue to face the plight of so many who are homeless, those in emergency accommodation and many living on or below the poverty line. In recent times there has also been an increase in racial attacks both verbal and physical as the political realities have changed and these voices have emerged.

It is against all of these shades of darkness that we need to look for light, for hope and for the presence of God. Each Sunday that we celebrate the Eucharist we come together to give thanks for the presence and action of God in our lives and throughout history. Giving thanks for the small things in our lives helps us to recognise the place of God in the bigger things in our lives. Thankfulness leads us to hope and being people of hope guides us to help others both as individuals and as a community to bring light into the darkness of peoples lives.

In this week of thanksgiving you are invited to write something you are thankful for (on a yellow post it) in your life and place it on our prayer tree (between the Divine Mercy Shrine and St. Francis Shrine) and also to pray for a person or situation where there is a difficulty (on an orange post it), either close to home or the situations mentioned above.

## A TIME TO



### FOOD DRIVE

On Wednesday the children in St. Cronan's Junior School will have their Harvest Thanksgiving where they will bring an item of non-perishable food to be used in the local Crosscare Foodbank. Their response to this is always amazing.

Next weekend we ask you to bring some non-perishable foods and place them around the Altar. These will also be passed on to the local Crosscare Foodbank. (In Advent the Archbishop will have a Diocesan wide food drive **but we do it NOW** in order that the long established food drive by the Lions Club for the St. Vincent de Paul is not affected.)

Bringing an offering to the Mass next weekend is both an expression of thanks and a response to God's call to look after those in need. At the very heart of the year of Mercy have been the Corporal Works of Mercy which ask us to feed the hungry, give a drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked etc. As we come to the end of the Jubilee of Mercy let us make a special effort to contribute to this food drive.

### MASS INTENTIONS

- 6:30pm** Philip & Jim O'Donoghue (A)  
**9:00am** Altar List of the Dead  
**11:00pm** Nellie Lowndes (A)  
**12:30pm** Muriel Kennedy (9th A) & Patricia Butler (7th A)  
**5:30pm** Elizabeth Kelly (nee Flynn) (A)

### PRAY FOR

- Fr. Roy Drummey (B'day Rem)  
Tom Mongan (A)  
Seamus Mongan (A)  
Susan Clifford (A)

### MASSES NEXT WEEK

- Mon:** Holy Souls  
**Tues:** Eamonn Lawless (A)  
**Wed:** Michael & Bridget Kelly (A)  
**Thurs:** Maura, Seamus & Pdraig Fitzgerald (A)  
**Fri:** Joe Prendergast (RD).  
**Sat:** Special Intention

**Please take home this Newsletter**

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If you are interested in taking part, please  
contact Peter, Pastoral Worker. The parish will  
cover part of the cost.

## Cleaner Required

Cleaner Required for St Cronan's Junior National School. Applications in Writing only to the following address: The chairperson, Board of Management, St Cronan's Junior National School, Brackenstown Road, Swords, Co Dublin.

Closing date for receipt of written applications is Tuesday, 1st November 2016.



## November Pledge

Could you last the month of November on the dry?  
There are many reasons why you do it:

Health, remembering loved ones who have died; supporting a friend who might need to look at their drinking habit. It can be hard to do alone but with knowing that there are others taking on this challenge it can be a good support. The temporary pledge for November makes the challenge real and also it is clear in its goal.

If you want to sign up there will be cards at the back of the Church for the next two weekends. Fill them in and put them in the suggestion box in the porch.

You will be sent the pledge certificate and your details will be kept confidentially in the Parish Office. We will put the number of participants in the newsletter with some words of encouragement. Come on...take the pledge for the November.

## Family Mass

The 12:30pm Mass on a Sunday just isn't the same without the involvement of the children and their families in the Liturgy. It was right that the Family Mass Team who had prepared the Mass for the last 12 – 15 years decided to step down. They got involved so that their children could take part in an active way in the Sunday Mass and at the special Liturgical Seasons during the year.

I really feel that it is important that we have a family Mass where children are involved, where teenagers share the word of God and where families feel comfortable to bring younger children. Over the next two Sundays I am going to make an appeal for new members for the Family Mass Team. There will be forms at the back of the Church and Peter or a member of the Pastoral Council will be there to take the names.

In reality we need 8 to 10 parents to get involved. You will be Garda Vetted by the Parish and while that is being done there will be a short training programme. If we get 8 – 10 parents they can be made into two teams who will alternate the months between them and come together for Christmas and Easter.

So I appeal to you, if you have young children who come to the 12:30 Mass, or who attend another Mass at the moment but would like a more child/family focussed Mass then please put your name down. The outgoing team spoke about how much they got out of their involvement over the years and I know that you will also. Please be open to giving it a go.

Fr. Paul



## Dates for Baptisms:

**12th November 4:00 pm**

**13th November 1:45 pm**

**26th November 4:00 pm**

**27th November 1:45 pm**

Please note one Month's Notice to be given & a copy of baby's Birth Cert is required when booking a Baptism.

The next Parent Preparation Meeting is  
Thursday 3rd November at 8pm  
in St. Cronan's Parish Centre.

## Brackenstown Forget-Me-Not Cafe

The cafe is a warm and welcoming place where everyone can chat, share experiences and learn about dementia. It is open to **everyone** with an interest in the condition from patients to carers, family members, health professionals and community.

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**

Why not join us for a night of chat, refreshments and entertainment!

**Next Cafe: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**

The topic for discussion on the night: "Emotions and memory"

Join us on Facebook at Brackenstown Forget-me-not Café or  
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# PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
22ND/23RD	OCTOBER 2016 HARVEST CELEBRATION
4TH	NOVEMBER 2016 ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT

**The monthly Patrician Meeting takes place this week!**

**"Why do Catholics Honour Our Lady?"** is the title of the discussion on **Thursday next, 27th October** at 8:00pm in **Sacristy/Old Office**. Who else honours Our Lady? What kind of honour should we give her? *This discussion is open to everyone.* Spiritual Director will speak on the subject.

## 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.

## THE ROSARY

Praying for a special intention? Praying for peace? The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in the homes of the Parish at the recent Candlelight Procession. If you would like to pray the rosary 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 Masses.**

## FAMILY OFFERING

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

**September Standing Order €3,241**  
**Outdoor Collection €755.62**  
**Annals/Half Yearly €0**

## CAN YOU HELP?

If you could give **20-30 minutes per month**, you could do a lot to 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.... E.g. Glasmore Park, Ashton, Castlevue etc. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after weekend Masses or leave your name and phone number with Louise in Parish Office.

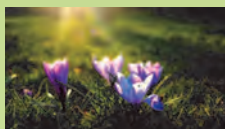
## NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD



The November Altar List of the Dead envelopes are being distributed around the Parish. When you receive and complete your family list please return them to the white letter boxes in the Church. The new list begins at the end of November and we pray for your loved ones at the 9:00am Mass every Sunday, together with the intentions of all the Parishioners and people of the area.

If you have not received an Altar List at home, there are some available on the tables at the back of the Church.

## MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS



Our annual Mass takes place this year on Friday 4th November at 7:30pm. An invitation has been sent to every family to the person given as next of kin. If you have had a funeral in our Church during the year, but have not received an

invitation, please contact the Parish Office.

When the family arrive at the Church they will be given a candle with the name of their loved one on it and a wooden cross. During the ceremony of remembrance a member of the family present these to the sacred space on the sanctuary. At the end of the Mass they will be invited to take the candle home with a flower bulb, while the cross is placed on our remembrance board.

Families are invited to prepare a piece on their loved one for the Book of Remembrance which is available to look at in the Sacred Space beside the Organ. Please drop the piece on your loved one into the Parish Office.

## THE JUBILEE OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO THE DIOCESAN DOOR OF MERCY

As the Jubilee of Mercy comes to an end on the 20th November, and the Holy Doors throughout the world are closed, the Swords Parishes are having a pilgrimage to our Diocesan Door of Mercy on the 12th November. Before the pilgrimage we will have a time of preparation before making our way into town by car or public transport and meeting at the starting point at Gardiner Street Church. We will make our way from there to the Pro-Cathedral where we will pray before entering the Holy Door. We will gather inside the Pro-Cathedral and conclude our prayer. There will be a visit to the 1916 exhibition in St. Kevin's Oratory which tells the story of the Church in Dublin during and after the Easter Rising.

More details will be in next weeks newsletter.



## Brackenstown Bible Study

You are welcome to join us in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre on Monday nights 7.30-9pm. This week we will be reviewing the book of Judges. The reading plan for the coming week is the book 1 Samuel. Why not come along, ask questions or just listen. There are usually 20/25 people present so you won't feel under any pressure to contribute if you don't want to.



## 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

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,  
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After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday  
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