



# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN BRACKENSTOWN PARISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

20th March 2016 — Year C

PALM SUNDAY



*Hosanna!*  
BLESSED IS HE

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"Father, into your hands I  
commit my spirit." With these  
words, he breathed his last.

## MASS INTENTIONS

- 6:30pm** David Ralph (A)  
**9:00am** Altar List of the Dead  
**11:00am** Alphonsus Skelton (Rem)  
**12:30pm** Hinda Duff (MM)  
**5:30pm** Enda Rogers (B'day Rem)

## PRAY FOR

- Mary McKenna (RD)  
Billy Delaney (A)  
Hughie McNally (RD)  
Mai Egan (RD)  
Mary Greenan (RD)

## MASSES NEXT WEEK

- Mon:** Special Intention  
**Tues:** Eileen Clancy (A)  
**Wed:** Kathleen Willis (A)  
**Pray for:** Bartle Savage (A)

## HOLY THURSDAY

- 7:30pm** Intention of All Parishioners

## GOOD FRIDAY

No Mass

## HOLY SATURDAY

- 9:00pm** Intention of All Parishioners

**Please take this Newsletter home with you**

# PARISH DIARY

DATE                      EVENT                      VENUE

## MARCH

19th	Do This In Memory	6:30pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Do This In Memory	12:30pm
21st	Reconciliation Service Swords	7:30pm
22nd	Reconciliation Service Rivervalley	7:30pm
24th	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper	7:30pm
25th	Morning Prayer	10:00am
Good Friday	Stations for Children	12:00noon
	Veneration of the Cross	3:00pm
	The Way of the Cross	7:30pm
26th	Morning Prayer	10:00am
Holy Saturday	Blessing of Baskets	3:00pm
	Easter Vigil	9:00pm
27th	Easter Sunday	

## APRIL

9th	Do This In Memory Mass	6:30pm
10th	Do This In Memory Mass	12:30pm
15th	Evening of Healing Led by Eddie Stones	7:00pm

**THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE**

## Blogoslawiensto pokarmow

Blogoslawiensto pokarmow Wielka Sobota of godz. 15:00 (26 Marzec 2016) w Kosciele St. Cronan, Brackentown Road, Swords. Spowidz po scieceniu pokarmow. Zapraszamy wszystkich!




## PATH FOR LIFE

(Retirement Workshop)

*Throughout your working life, how often have you said... "When I retire I'm going to..." Now is the time to fulfil your dreams. This workshop will draw on the wisdom of your life experiences and help you explore the freedom and gift of retirement. It will bring you on a journey of guided discovery through many questions as you contemplate this stage of your life:*

- ◇ How do I relate to this stage of my life?
- ◇ What is life presenting to me now?

**Workshop runs each Thursday from 14th April—5th May 2016**  
**7:30pm—9:30pm in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre, Cost €60.00**  
 Contact Ann at: ac1pathforlife@gmail.com  
 Or phone 087 6138 680

**Live for the present—it is alive and full of potential!**



## Children's Stations of the Cross

Any children who would like to participate in the Good Friday Stations of the Cross drama please give their names to the Family Mass team after 12.30pm Mass or email the parish office.

### Reconciliation Services for the Three Swords Parishes

Swords: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7:30pm  
 Rivervalley: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7:30pm

### Confessions in St. Cronan's:

Good Friday after the Stations at 12:30 – 1:30pm and after the Lord's Passion 4pm – 5 pm.  
 Holy Saturday 10:30am – 12:30pm

## 1916 Centenary Commemoration in Primary Schools

On the 15<sup>th</sup> March at noon, the Primary Schools participated in a flag raising ceremony and a copy on the Proclamation was read out for the 1916 Centenary Commemoration.

### FAMILY OFFERING

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

**Jan Standing Order €3,857**  
**Outdoor Collection €828.07**  
**Annuals/Half Yearly €850.00**

### PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUNDRAISING

The following are weekly totals:  
**Buy-A-Brick Appeal € 20,878**  
**Pastoral Centre Donations; €26,586**  
**Parish Centre Appeal Total €47,464.28**  
 Many thanks to all who have kindly contributed.

### SOME SIMPLE STEPS

There are many ways you can build up the Christian Community here in the parish—you probably have your own ideas. Other simple ideas include spreading the Good News by delivering the free Catholic paper "Alive!", you could have the Rosary Statue in your home for a week and pray the rosary; perhaps you could read something which would build up your faith, e.g. "Rediscover Catholicism", "It is Right and Just", "Now We Are Going Up To Jerusalem" or one of the many booklets available from bookrack. Please speak to a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Sunday morning Masses or leave your contact details with Louise in Parish Office.



### 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 every Sunday during Lent. Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer books, rosary beads, medals, cards etc. for 1st Holy Communion available from Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.



# IDEAS FOR KEEPING HOLY WEEK HOLY!

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

## PALM SUNDAY

20th March

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.

## MON - WED

21st— 23rd March

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

24th March

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 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.
- ◆ On this night we sing the Gloria during which bells are rung as joy fills the whole place. If you wish to bring a bell, please do.

## GOOD FRIDAY

25th March

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.
- ◆ Come along to Morning Prayer at 10am, our Children's Stations of the Cross at Noon, our Good Friday Liturgy at 3pm and our Evening Service is at 7.30pm.

## HOLY SATURDAY

26th March

Today begins with a sense of absence and waiting. Our Easter Vigil 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 holy water...
- ◆ Come to Morning Prayer at 10am.
- ◆ At our Easter Vigil at 9pm – bring a bell with you to ring during our Gloria song of praise to God. Also remember to bring a bottle if you wish to take Easter Water home.

## EASTER SUNDAY

27th March

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.

### CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

19/20 March

Advocate Collection

26/27 March

No Collection

2/3 April

VDP Monthly Collection

### 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,

Fr. Joseph Njanackal, C.S.T., C.C.

Br. Martin Bennett, OFM Cap. Deacon

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After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday

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