

## Parish Newsletter

4th March 2018 ✠

3rd Sunday of Lent ✠

Year B

### WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES



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

#### 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

### 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](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

- World Meeting of Families are looking for host families in the Swords Area to welcome and accommodate families coming from outside of Ireland. If you would like to participate in this go to [worldmeeting2018.ie](http://worldmeeting2018.ie).
- We are still looking for more people to volunteer for the week of World Meeting of Families event. Please consider this and go to the volunteer page of the website for more details.



**Brackenstown Bible Study:** Our class for the coming week will be 7.30 - 9pm on Tuesday 6th March rather than on the usual Monday night. We will be reviewing Matthew chapter 6. The reading plan for the coming week is Matthew chapter 7.



Adoration on Wednesday 7th March will be in The Nunnery Room of the Pastoral Centre from 6-8pm.



"God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength."

### MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm:** Connie, George, Christy, PJ, Gary & Colm Martin (Rem)

**9:00am:** Altar List of the Dead

**11:00am:** John & Hannah Conroy & Dcsd Family Members (A)

**12:30pm:** Nora Corcoran (10th A)

**5:30pm:** Kevin Harford (A)

### PRAY FOR

Enda Rogers (A)  
Eileen McGuirk (A)  
John Rae (1st A)  
Damien Byrne (A)  
Eamonn Madden (A)  
Bridget Callaghan (A)  
Special Intention

### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Mary McDonagh (RD)

**Tues:** Patricia O'Byrne (RD)

**Pray for:** John Rae (1st A)

**Wed:** Marian Movement of Priests

**Thurs:** James & Winifred Kirwan (A)

**Fri:** Special Intention

**Pray for:** Marian Walker (25th A)

**Sat:** Special Intention

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## Two Lives, One Love

### (Conclusion)

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The relationship between a mother and her unborn child is not simply physical and biological, but emotional and even spiritual. To hurt her child goes against everything that a mother is. We are aware that there are many factors which may influence the decision to have an abortion and that, in many cases, it is a painful and even shattering decision. The emotional and spiritual wound may take a long time to heal.

There is a regrettable tendency to associate abortion exclusively with women who have had abortions. The clear teaching of the Church is that those who promote, organise and carry out abortions are just as responsible and, in some cases, more responsible. Often the destructive act

carried out against the unborn child is compounded by the failure of key individuals or institutions to support the mother in recognising and choosing other possibilities.

We understand that some people, including men themselves, feel that men have no contribution to make to this debate. We are aware that this question has already been raised in discussions at the Assembly. With due respect and sensitivity to the unique role of the mother who carries the unborn child in her womb, we would want to say very clearly that fathers are also parents, with all the responsibility that this involves. Similarly, when it comes to the right to life, men like women have a responsibility, which cannot be abdicated, to defend unborn children who have no other voice.

Pope Francis, in line with comments made by Pope Saint John Paul II, recently wrote:

"I wish to restate as firmly as I can that abortion is a grave sin, since it puts an end to an innocent life. In the same way, however, I can and must state that there is no sin that God's mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled with the Father."

As a Church, for over forty years, through Cura's professional counselling service, we have been supporting expectant mothers and fathers who find themselves facing a crisis pregnancy. Our hope is for a Church and a society which, while rejecting abortion, reaches out to women who have had an abortion, with a listening ear and an understanding heart. Most of all, we believe that the common good is best served by a Church and a civil society which, while rejecting abortion, continues to offer women real alternatives and real support.

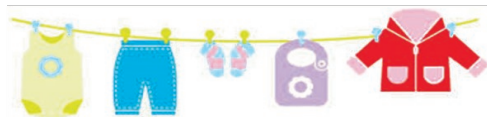
#### First Weekend for the New Envelope System for the Collections at Mass

This weekend sees the introduction of the new envelope system for the First and Second collections at weekend Masses. Your envelope can be put into either the red or the blue collection pouches during the collections at Mass. The envelopes will enable us to include these recorded First and Second collection donations in the annual CHY tax refund claim. There are substantial potential benefits for the Parish if the donor is an income tax payer. For all who make regular donations to the collections at Mass, please know of our appreciation. It is potentially even more helpful to the Parish if you use the white donation envelopes provided for this purpose. You may request a box of envelopes by completing and returning one of the forms which can be found on the tables at the church doors. Thank you to the 123 households who have already requested a box of First & Second collection envelopes. Thank you most sincerely to all who donate so generously to the First and Second collections every weekend.

Brackenstown Parish  
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First Collection €

Second Collection €



## TEA & TOYS PLAYGROUP

Every Thursday

starting 8th March at 10:30am - 12 noon

St. Cronan's Parish Pastoral Centre, Brackenstown

A wonderful opportunity for parents / guardians and their infants to come along for a cup of tea and a chat and an opportunity for the little ones to make new friends!



Tea / Coffee / Biscuits / Toys supplied  
€3 for members / €5 for non-members

For more information call Louise in the Parish Office  
Phone No. 01 8401188



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Open to any young person of secondary school attending age 12

**LIVE IT** Are you looking for a place where you can meet other young people to explore faith and life in a fun and exciting way?

**GET INVOLVED**

**FaithFest<sup>12</sup>** - has music, prayer, workshops, chat 'n' chill.  
For teenagers from parishes who wish to meet other teens from other parishes in Dublin.

**Where?**  
Holy Cross College, Diocesan Centre, Dublin 3

**Bring €2 & Consent Form**

[www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie)  
[www.facebook.com/faithfest4teens](http://www.facebook.com/faithfest4teens)  
[faithfest@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:faithfest@dublindiocese.ie)

**When?**  
**FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 6 - 9:30PM**

Archdiocese of Dublin

To Book: Email [faithfest@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:faithfest@dublindiocese.ie)

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

## Trócaire

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.





# PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
<b>MARCH 2018</b>	
5th	DTIM Preparation Group Meeting @ 7:30pm
6th	Parkinson's Group Meeting at 11am
6th	Sacrament of Penance @ 7pm - St. Cronan's
7th	Sacrament of Penance @ 7pm - St. Cronan's
8th	Sacrament of Penance @ 7pm - St. Cronan's
10th	Do This In Memory Mass @ 6:30pm
11th	Do This In Memory Mass @ 12:30pm
12th	Sacraimint na hAithrí @ 7pm
13th	Sacrament of Penance @ 7pm

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

**Fingal for Life**, a local pro-life group, are holding two information evenings on "Why it is essential to Save the 8th Amendment."

The first one will be in **St. Brigid's Parish Centre, Rolestown, 8.00pm, Tuesday 13th March**. Speakers include Caroline Simons, Pro Life Campaign and Fr. William R. Dailey, Notre Dame lecturer in law.

The second evening will be in the **Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, at 7.45pm, Tuesday 20th March**. Speakers include David Quinn, Journalist and Director of Iona Institute and Niamh Ní Bhriain, Director of Life Institute.



Congratulations to Eddie, Kornel and Esther who were accepted as candidates for initiation and full communion at the Rite of Election on the 18th February, by Archbishop Martin.

Over the next two weeks they will go through the scrutinies at the 5:30pm Mass and be presented with the Creed and the Our Father. Please pray for them as they continue their journey of faith.



**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.

## PRAYER MEETING

This Lent...Spend One Hour...**Tuesday next, 6th March 8-9pm**, Sisters' Oratory, 29 Brackenstown Village. This Prayer Meeting honours Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary. Everybody most welcome.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR OUR LADY?

Why not do something new this Lent? 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

Honour the Mother of God & begin the New Year with the Rosary. Let us help you get started by having the Rosary Statue in your home. Just leave your contact details with a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass. Suitable arrangements will be made for you.



'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 €626.77**

**Annals/Half Yearly n/a**

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

## COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

**First Collection €1,430.57 (€361.20 recorded for tax rebate)**

**Share Collection n/a**

**WMOF Collection €1,835.00**

## BINGO



**Every Sunday in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm**

**Doors open at 7:30pm - Everyone welcome!**

## Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for next Sunday:

### Third Sunday of Lent:

**First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 18:8-11; Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; Gospel John 2:13-25**

### Fourth Sunday of Lent:

**First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 136; Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10; Gospel John 3:14-21**



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Mass Times:**  
**Weekday Mass:**  
**Holyday Mass:**  
**Confession:**

**Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,**  
**Fr. Bibin Jacob Mukkadackal 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**  
**01 8401661 – 087 7404729 – pauljthornton@gmail.com**  
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**089 4614226 – peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie**  
**01 8401188 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com**  
**Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm**

View our Parish Webcam via the Parish Website



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## CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

**3/4/ March**  
**St. Vincent de Paul**

**10/11 March**  
**Dublin Diocesan**  
**Children's Pilgrimage**  
**to Lourdes**  
**Collection**

