

Parish Newsletter

14th October 2018 ✠ 28th Sunday ✠ Year B

Where do we go from here?

Presentation and Discussion at 10:30am and 7:30pm in the Pastoral Centre

Last weekend saw the deconsecration of the Church of the Annunciation in Finglas West. It was a very moving ceremony for the many people who gathered for the Mass. In his homily Archbishop Martin said “Everyone who is here today, whether they live in the area or have roots here, are both sad and thankful. Each of you has your own memories – baptisms, first communions, confirmations, weddings, funerals and other great events or intimate personal moments of prayer.

Times are changing and we all realise that whatever our emotional bond and attachment with this Church, it has become too large for today’s needs, maintenance has become problematic and its structure is showing signs of its age. It is time to take a new look at our needs and start a new beginning... Our celebration today is a sign of our faith that the new complex will lead us on the path of renewal. Renewal means more than patching up the present. It means creating something new and different in which the message of Jesus Christ will touch the heart of the Finglas of tomorrow as this Church has done over so many years.”

The process in that Parish has gone on over a number of years where the people made the brave decision that if the community of faith is to survive, then something radical needs to happen. The beginning of their conversation was the structural difficulties with the building but the question that they really addressed was “Where do we go from here?”

We are not in the same position as Finglas West Parish as our Church building is sound. But what about the Church as the people of God in this area, especially in the new areas of our Parish? What about the families bringing their children for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation? What do we offer them? How do we respond to the many questions both at a local level but also with the Church as a whole?

On Tuesday next 16th October you are invited to come and talk about the questions that Archbishop Martin has put to us and also the questions that members of our families are asking. To remind you of the questions again, here they are “Where do we go from here?” He goes on to ask some other questions: **“The question now arises: where do we go forward now in the challenge of renewing the faith we carry in our own hearts and renewing the life of the Church?”**

For me the questions that should be addressed are the deeper questions about faith in Jesus Christ. Why are we no longer captivating so many of our young people for the message of Jesus Christ?

Which models of pastoral activity and reflection are most likely to win the hearts of young people for the message of Jesus? How do we teach young people about prayer? How can our parishes respond to these challenges?

Which aspects of our dominant culture make it harder for people to understand the message of Jesus?

I am thinking, for example, about a widespread individualism that invades everything from personal life to our economic vision.

I encourage people of all ages and backgrounds to come along on Tuesday 16th. There will be two sessions to facilitate people on different work schedules: 10:30am and 7:30pm in the Pastoral Centre. As we talk together notes will be taken for the Parish Pastoral Council to look at and also to pass on to Archbishop Martin. Please come and be part of this conversation.

Fr. Paul



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS	PRAY FOR	10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK
<p>6:30pm: Thomas Hamilton (A)</p> <p>9:00am: Altar List of the Dead</p> <p>11:00 am: Michael Savage (A)</p> <p>12:30pm: James Darcy (A)</p> <p>5:30pm: Willie, Jim & Bridget Howard & deceased family members</p>	<p>Éamonn Ó Murchú (21st A) Declan & Roisín McCourt (A) Andrew, Mary, Bernard, Kathleen & Andrew jnr. Cawley (A)</p>	<p>Mon: Paddy Tierney (30th A)</p> <p>Tues: Bill & Kay O’Connor (A)</p> <p>Wed: Lesley & Vera Lynch (A)</p> <p>Thur: Delia Schwartz (A)</p> <p>Fri: Timothy & Mary O’Donoghue (A)</p> <p>Sat: Ann Cawley (MM)</p>

Holyday Mass: Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am & 7:30pm
Confession: Saturday 10:30am-11:30am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm & After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday

CONTACT	View our Parish Webcam via the Parish Website www.brackenstown-parish.com		CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS 13/14 October Óglaigh Náisiúnta na hÉireann
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Harvest Thanksgiving Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st October

In his Apostolic Letter "Laudato Si" Pope Francis speaks about the Earth as our common home. Our relationship with the environment and our relationship with one another has broken down as we focus on our needs without thinking about the consequences for others. To quote him "This lack of physical contact and encounter, encouraged at times by the disintegration of our cities, can lead to a numbing of conscience and to tendentious analyses which neglect parts of reality. At times this attitude exists side by side with a "green" rhetoric. Today, however, we have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate

questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." The tradition of Harvest Thanksgiving is creating an awareness of not taking the fruits of the earth for granted and of also reflecting on our care for one another. At all Masses on **Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st October** we will give thanks to God the Creator of the earth, all it provides and those who with whom we share our common home. You are invited to bring some non-perishable food to the Church and place it around the Altar during the Mass. These foods will be used by the Crosscare Foodbank that operates here in the Parish. During the week our schools will also gather for prayer in the Church to give thanks and ask God's blessing on their work. They will also bring some non-perishable foods for the foodbank.

Peter's Farewell Mass Sunday 21st October 12:30pm

On Sunday 21st October at the 12:30pm Mass we will thank Peter Siney for his three years of ministry with us in Brackenstown. We would like to make a presentation to Peter in recognition of his ministry and if you would like to be part of that presentation there are envelopes at the back of the Church. You can put your donation into the envelope and then put it into the white postboxes at the doors of the Church. You will also find postcards at the back of the Church if you would like to write a personal message and we will put it in an album with photos of his time with us. You can put the postcards in the wooden box inside the main door. So that we can have time to put this together the last day to for postcards and donations is Thursday 18th October.



40 Hours Adoration

On your behalf I would like to thank Monica for co-ordinating the 40 hours Adoration. It was great to see so many people gathered throughout the time of prayer. It was lovely to have it as we are getting back to normal after the painting. We thank Gerry and Niamh for leading the music at the Holy Hour. It is always a very special time of prayer in the Parish.



Marian Torchlight Procession

On Monday evening we had the beautiful procession around the grounds and in the Church. Thank you to Brona and her team for organizing the event, to the choir for singing, to Kaden and David for serving and for all those who participated in the procession and Mass.



Altar Servers

We are taking on some new Altar Servers. If your son or daughter would like to be part of our Altar Server team then please talk to Fr. Paul or Fr. Bibin after Mass or send a message to the Parish Office by email : brackenstownparish@gmail.com



PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
OCTOBER 2018	
15th	7:30pm Confirmation Parents Meeting for Day 1 Confirmation for St Cronan's SNS
16th	10:30am in the Pastoral Centre "Where do we go from here?" Parish discussion on Archbishop's letter.
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17th	7:30pm Confirmation Parents Meeting for Day 2 Confirmation for St Cronan's SNS
20th	6:30pm Enrolment Mass for Swords & Thornleigh ETNS
21st	12:30pm Enrolment Mass for GSBB
22nd	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
23rd	7:30pm Confirmation Parents Meeting for for GSBB

Mass is being celebrated in the Irish College in Rome for the intentions of all parishioners of Brackenstown at the kind request of Mick & Josie Mongan.

Brackenstown Bible Study

On Monday 15th October our Scripture Group will meet in the Church as there is a parents meeting

in the Pastoral Centre.

Please use the car park along the front of the schools.

Join us for *Acts, The Spread of the Kingdom* in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre, beginning January 2019. The study runs for a total of 20 weeks over Spring & Autumn 2019. Classes are 7.30-9pm on Monday nights, the cost is €25 and the class size will be limited to c.45 people. If interested please reserve your place by 12/10/18 as the study materials have to ordered well in advance due to high demand for the course. To register for the study call Louise at 01-8401188 or via email: brackenstownparish@gmail.com.

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

**Afternoon of Prayer, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe
Sunday 21st October at 2pm**

Commencing with a Holy Hour, coffee break, talk by Fr. James Daly, who was ordained in the last year, and finishing with Mass. The afternoon is being organised by the St. Joseph's Young Priests Society and is open to all.

Brackenstown Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019

We are planning a Holy Land Pilgrimage. The approximate dates are: 26th Oct-3rd Nov '19. Agent will be MAP Travel.

Names are being taken through the Parish Office



**Next Parent Meeting is
Thursday 1ST NOVEMBER
Next dates for Baptisms:**

**Saturday 10th November 12:30pm
Sunday 25th November 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.

Praying with God's Word

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

28th Sunday:

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 89; Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13; Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

29th Sunday:

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 32; Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45



FAMILY OFFERING

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

August Standing Order €3,302

Outdoor Collection - €750.63

Annals/Half Yearly - €250.00

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

COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

First Collection - €1,384.22 (€258.37 recorded for Tax)

SHARE Collection - €1,091.00 (€236.52 recorded for Tax)



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 & join us.

Faith Development

The monthly Patrician Meeting takes place this week! **"How to make Halloween Holy?"** is the title of the discussion on Thursday next, 18th October at 8:00pm in the Pastoral Centre. This discussion is open to everyone. Spiritual Director will speak on the subject.

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

Helpers

New Helpers needed to deliver the "Alive!" Catholic Paper. If you could give **20-30 minutes a month**, you could do great work to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Enquire at Legion of Mary table in the main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses or leave your contact number with Louise in the Parish Office.

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.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

Óglaigh Náisiúnta na hÉireann The primary objective of Óglaigh Náisiúnta na hÉireann is to ensure the welfare of ex-service personnel by way of providing accommodation to homeless, elderly or disabled members in need of domestic accommodation and shelter and other assistance that may be required. Please support our Church Gate Collection this weekend.

