

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN BRACKENSTOWN PARISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

17th January 2016 — Year C

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This year the service for the Swords Area will take place in St. Columba's Church, Church Road on Friday 22nd January at 8:00pm. It will be led by the Rector of St. Columba's Canon Robert Deane, with the prayers and reading being shared by members of the faith communities in Swords.

The Week of Prayer is an important time for us to gather and pray as people of this area united with the Christian Churches around the world who do the same.

During the past year the World Council of Churches has published *The Church: Towards a Common Vision*. It invites us all to discuss and reflect together what it means to be the Church in the world, both in terms of our journey to unity and our mission to the world. Yet, it is becoming almost fashionable to suggest that Christian unity is the agenda of yesterday whereas today's and tomorrow's agenda is about mission. As though the two were mutually exclusive!

Throughout the nations of Britain and Ireland there are countless examples of how the churches together are working and praying for unity and coming together in service to their community and in mission and evangelism. Unity and mission belong together.

The churches of Latvia have brought these matters forward for our reflection in this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. They draw attention to the words of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel which tells us that as his disciples we are to be light to the world, and salt of the earth: the very things that as human beings we cannot live without, and therefore without the Gospel, without the promise of the good news of God's love in Christ, the world is lost.

This year we are given the opportunity to reflect upon our Christian vocation to be salt and light, to be one in Christ, and to work together in service to our local community and to the world.

Salt^{of} the Earth



Swords Area Prayer Service
St. Columba's Church
Friday 22nd January 2016 at 8:00pm

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2016

MASS INTENTIONS

- 6:30pm** Thomas, Josephine & Donald Macken (A)
- 9:00am** Altar List of the Dead
- 11:00am** Daniel Maughan (B'day Rem)
- 12:30pm** Christine Keeling (A)
- 5:30pm** Peter Harford (A)

PRAY FOR

Marie Lynch (A)
John Gallagher (A)
Edward Brum (A)
Jack O'Keeffe (A)
Joseph Barnwell (A)
Jadwiga Aleksandrowicz (A)
Anne, Tom & Philomena O'Leary (A)
Patrick Hanratty (A)
Patrick Fallon (A)
Edward Brum (3rd A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK AT 10AM

- Mon: Special Intention
- Tues: Special Intention
- Wed: Sarah Keane (A)
- Thurs: Special Intention
- Fri: Joe & Mary Murphy (A)
- Sat: Ciara Fagan (MM) & Callum Fagan (A)

Please take this Newsletter home with you

PARISH DIARY

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

26th September—1st October 2016



Please complete Booking Forms and leave into the Parish Office. Deposits of €150.00 need to be paid by 30th January 2016. Cheques made payable to St. Cronan's Church. Please note total cost is €795. Full details on the Notice Board and on the Parish Website.

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
JANUARY		
17th	Celebration of the Cultures of the Parish	12:30 Mass
17th	Information on Bible Study Course	Pastoral Centre
22nd	Church Unity Week Service @ 8pm	St Columba's Church
19th	Meeting to review Advent Prayer by text	7:00pm Pastoral Centre
20th	Confirmation Programme	School
23rd	Do This In Memory Mass	6:30pm
24th	Do This In Memory Mass	12:30pm
26th	The Year of Mercy – What is Pope Francis Vision?	7:30pm Pastoral Centre
30th	Final booking for Rome Pilgrimage	Office
31 – 6	Catholic Schools Week	
FEBRUARY		
1st	St. Cronan's Service of Light	7:30pm Church
1 st	The Great Adventure Bible Study Begins	7:30pm Pastoral Centre
2 nd	The Great Adventure Bible Study Begins	12:00noon Pastoral Centre
8th	Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe Service of Light	7:30pm Church
10 th	Ash Wednesday	
11 th	Sacrament of Confirmation St. Cronan's SNS	11:00am Church
12 th	Sacrament of Confirmation St. Cronan's SNS	11:00am Church
16 th	Sacrament of Confirmation Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe	11:00am Church
20 th – 28th	Parish Retreat Led by the Capuchin Retreat Team	7:30am; 10:00am 12:00noon; 7:30pm
27 th	Do This In Memory	6:30pm
28 th	Do This In Memory	12:30pm
29 th	First Confession St. Cronan's JNS	7:00pm Church
MARCH		
1 st	First Confession St. Cronan's JNS	7:00pm Church
2 nd	First Confession Swords and Thornleigh	7:00pm Church
3 rd	First Confession Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe	7:00pm Church
19th	Do This In Memory	6:30pm
20 th	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
25 th	Morning Prayer	10:00am
Good Friday	Stations for Children Veneration of the Cross The Way of the Cross	12:00noon 3:00pm; 7:30pm
26th	Morning Prayer	10:00am
Holy Sat	Blessing of Baskets Easter Vigil	3:00pm; 9:00pm
27 th	Easter Sunday	
APRIL		
9th	Do This In Memory	6:30pm
10th	Do This In Memory	12:30pm
15th	Evening of Healing Led by Eddie Stones	7:00pm
Blessing and Dedication of the Pastoral Centre		
The Pastoral Council will invite Archbishop Martin to celebrate the 12:30pm Mass some Sunday after Easter. This will be followed by blessing of the Pastoral Centre.		

CHRISTMAS DUES

We thank all who have already returned their Christmas Dues and they are very gratefully received. The Dues with the First Collection support the Priests of the Parish and the sick and retired Priests of the Diocese. If you haven't returned your Dues yet, you can place them in the pouches at Mass or in the white boxes in the Church.

MEDUGORJE PRAYER GROUP

Meet every Monday night at 8pm in Sister's House: Rosary, Adoration, Chaplet of Divine Mercy. You are very welcome to join us.

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUNDRAISING

The following are weekly totals:

Buy-A-Brick Appeal € 20,378.28

Pastoral Centre Donations; €26,386

Parish Centre Appeal Total €46,764.28

The Certificates for all who contributed are now ready to be collected at the Parish Office. Many thanks to all who have kindly contributed.

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 last Sunday of the month from 4 - 5 pm.

Could you not watch 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.

December Standing Order €3,685

Outdoor Collection €865.00

Annuals/Half Yearly €300.00

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

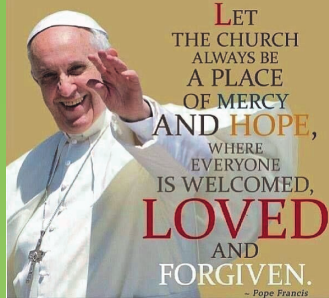
16/17 January

No Collection

23/24 January

Matthew Rose–Nel UCD

Volunteer Overseas



EXTRACT FROM *MISERICORDIAE VULTUS* (THE YEAR OF MERCY DOCUMENT) BY POPE FRANCIS

“For his mercy endures forever.” This is the refrain that repeats after each verse in Psalm 136 as it narrates the history of God’s revelation. By virtue of mercy, all the events of the Old Testament are replete with profound salvific import. Mercy renders God’s history with Israel a history of salvation. To repeat continually “for his mercy endures forever,” as the psalm does, seems to break through the dimensions of space and time, inserting everything into the eternal mystery of love. It is as if to say that not only in history, but for all eternity man will always be under the merciful gaze of the Father. It is no accident that the people of Israel wanted to include this psalm – the “Great Hallel,” as it is called – in its most important liturgical feast days.

Before his Passion, Jesus prayed with this psalm of mercy. Matthew attests to this in his Gospel when he says that, “when they had sung a hymn” (26:30), Jesus and his disciples went out to the Mount of Olives. While he was instituting the Eucharist as an everlasting memorial of himself and his paschal sacrifice, he symbolically placed this supreme act of revelation in the light of his mercy. Within the very same context of mercy, Jesus entered upon his passion and death, conscious of the great mystery of love that he would consummate on the Cross. Knowing that Jesus himself prayed this psalm makes it even more important for us as Christians, challenging us to take up the refrain in our daily lives by praying these words of praise: “for his mercy endures forever.” *Paragraph 7.*

WHAT IS THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY ALL ABOUT?

On **Tuesday 26th January** at 7:30pm in the Pastoral Centre there will be an evening to explore the main themes of what this year sets out to do.

We will look at the document *Misericordiae Vultus*, which is Pope Francis’ letter for this year, there will be some discussion, a time of reflection and out of this a question as what opportunities should there be in our Parish to celebrate this year.

Copies of the Pope Letter will be available on the night as well as the Year of Mercy packs from the Dublin Diocese.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE

An eight week course for anyone who wants an overview of the key books of the Bible. If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ.

Brackenstown Parish will begin *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* on **Monday 1st February at 7:30pm** in the Pastoral Centre. (We will also run it at 12:00noon on Tuesdays beginning 2nd February if there is sufficient interest) For more information or to sign up, contact Paddy O’Byrne through the Parish Office 01 8401188 or brackenstownparish@gmail.com or fill in a form and place it in the white post boxes in the Church. There will be a 10–15 minute presentation in the Pastoral Centre after all Masses on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th January. There is a charge of €20 for the workbook.



BAPTISM TEAM

Thank you to the members of the Baptism Team who spoke about their ministry at last weekends Masses. There were some enquiries and people who put their names forward to begin the training.

If you are thinking about whether you might like to find out more about Baptism with the possibility of joining the team, you are invited to join us for the three session training programme during Lent. Please send your contact details to Louise at brackenstownparish@gmail.com



ST. CRONAN’S RESIDENCE RAFFLE 2016

Result Sheet of Raffle may be seen on Church Noticeboards and on the parish website:

www.brackenstown-parish.com

2016 BRACKENSTOWN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Accompanied by a Spiritual Director
22nd–27th September 2016

Hotel Padoue—€729 per person sharing
incl. Airport Taxes & Free Insurance

Deposit €200 per person—

Single Room Supplement €175

Contact Susan Keane 01 8407100 / 085 847 1539

LITURGY SEMINAR

The next liturgy seminar will take place on Saturday 30th January from 9.30 am - 1.00 pm in Clonliffe College. Input will include further liturgical resources for the Jubilee of Mercy in addition to workshops on two recent publications - one on liturgical music and the other on gathering on a weekday when Eucharist is not celebrated.

If you would like to represent the Parish at this Seminar please give your contact details to Louise at brackenstownparish@gmail.com

PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times:

Weekday Mass:

Holyday Mass:

Confession:

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,

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

Br. Martin Bennett, OFM Cap. Deacon

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

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