

Parish Newsletter

11th November 2018 ✠ 32nd Sunday ✠ Year B

CHURCH REFURBISHMENT

The Church Doors are in the process of being painted. As you can imagine they suffer a lot being so exposed to the weather.

The next part of the works inside the Church will be the new Sanctuary Elements. We had a visit from a member of the Diocesan Art and Architecture Commission who has asked for some changes to the original design. These will look quite different but I think they will give our Sanctuary an enhanced sense of the sacred. The image of the Lamb on the front of the Altar will be on the front of the new Altar.



At present the company who will be making the elements of the Sanctuary are drawing up the new design. When it is completed we will have a gathering to look at how the new design draws out the sacred meaning of what we do when we celebrate the Eucharist and come to the Church for times of prayer.

The new design still has to be passed by the Diocesan Art and Architecture Commission and once this happens by mid - November, the carpenters are confident that it will be in place by Christmas.

The fifth National Collection for the World Meeting of Families 2018 will replace the SHARE COLLECTION this weekend Saturday-Sunday 10/11 November 2018. The Diocese of Dublin would like to thank parishioners for their amazing generosity in the past and ask that you be as generous as you can be.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Eda, Zara & Gustavo Cafolla & Gemma O’Toole (A)
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
11:00am: Eithne Quinn (1st A)
12:30pm: Christine & Mick Barnes & Eithna Snow (A)
5:30pm: Joan Kelly (A)

PRAY FOR

Terry Page (RD)
 Yvonne Memery (RD)
 Patrick O’Connor (A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Special Intention
Tues: Maisie Ward (A)
Wed: Shay Keane (A)
Thur: Dcsd Members of Hanlon & McDaid Families
Fri: Kathleen Murray (RD)
Sat: Dcsd Members of Legionnaires

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 10/11 November Gianna Care Collection
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CHRISTMAS FLORAL DEMONSTRATION

In St. Cronan's Parish Centre

Ideas for the Christmas table and around the house by Maura Worthington
who arranges the Church Flowers, and who has won many awards
for her flower arranging including 'Bloom'

29TH NOVEMBER

TIME 7:30PM

FEE: €5.00

TEA & COFFEE

Fundraiser with proceeds to
St. Cronan's Parish Centre

Gianna Care

Gianna Care are holding an information evening in St. Cronan's Church Parish Centre, Brackenstown, Swords, Tuesday 20th November at 7.00pm sharp.

Gianna Care is a non-profit organisation that is committed to providing compassion, accurate information and practical support to anyone facing an unexpected pregnancy. Their services are free of charge and accessible to all. Gianna Care rely 100% on donations. They also rely on volunteers for tasks such as office work and meeting the mothers-to-be for coffee and a chat. Please support them by attending this event.

Altar List of the Dead

Please return your completed Altar List to the White Letter-boxes in the Church. The 9:00am Mass every Sunday is offered for the Intentions of all our Parishioners, all the people who live in this area and all the names on the Altar List of the Dead.



RECIPES FOR COOKBOOK

Hi, I'm a student from Colaiste Choilm in Swords. I'm in second year and taking part in the Fingal Enterprise Awards my product is going to be a cook book and I am looking for any homemade recipes to put in the cookbook that I am publishing. Please can you send any recipes to: colaistecholmenterpriseawards@gmail.com. Many thanks.



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PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
NOVEMBER 2018	
12th	7:30pm Do this In Memory organising group Meeting in the Pastoral Centre
13th	7:30pm Confirmation Parents/Guardians Meeting SWORDS & THORNLEIGH ETNS in the Pastoral Centre
14th	7:30pm Come Follow Me Parish Confirmation Programme Organising Group in the Pastoral Centre
17th	Confirmation Mass 6:30pm: Ms Morrissey, Ms Kelly, Ms Doyle & GSBB
18th	Confirmation Mass 5:30pm: Mr Gallagher, Ms Farrell, Ms Quinn, Holywell, Swords & Thornleigh ETNS

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE


Order of Malta Christmas Dinner

Last year the Swords Unit of the Order of Malta had a Christmas Dinner in the Pastoral Centre. They tried to focus on people who wouldn't get a chance to go to an event like this as they are housebound or living alone. It was a great success. This year they are going to host it again on the 8th December. If you know of anyone who would enjoy the chance to get out please leave their name with Louise in the Parish Office. The Order of Malta will provide transport to and from the dinner and they can accommodate wheelchairs both manual and electric.



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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! "Brave in our faith in difficult times" is the title of the discussion on Thursday next, 15th November at 8:00pm in the Pastoral Centre. This discussion is open to everyone. Spiritual Director will speak on the subject.

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.

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.


 **'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords**

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 6TH DECEMBER
 Next dates for Baptisms:
 Saturday 8th December 12:30pm
 Saturday 29th December 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:
32nd Sunday:
 First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 145; Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28; Gospel: Mark 12:38-44
33rd Sunday:
 First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 15; Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32



FAMILY OFFERING
 We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund.
September Standing Order €3,367
Outdoor Collection - €992.47
Annals/Half Yearly - n/a
All of the above contributions are recorded for the tax rebate.

COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES
 First Collection - €1,357.06 (€310.15 recorded for Tax)
 Share Collection - €1,128.73 (€226.79 recorded for Tax)

COLLECTIONS FOR ALL SAINTS DAY
 First Collection - €336.00
 Share Collection - €255.00

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

Learning how to pray

I believe we can be taught to pray. My novice-master, Rev. Bro. James Quentin Harney CFC taught me how to pray, and I will always be grateful for that. Perhaps the best book on prayer that I have read is, Teach Us to Pray by Andre Louf, though I agree it's not an easy read. Of course the Our Father has a beautiful perfect simplicity that cannot be surpassed, not least of all because it is the Lord's own prayer. I love St. Patrick's Breastplate. Thomas Merton's prayer



is one of my favourites, so much so that I used it for my ordination card. Whilst the demand of Charles de Foucauld's Prayer of Abandonment continues to challenge me I recognise its power. There is a partic-

ular beauty in a reflective scripture rosary or a meditative Way of the Cross. We should not dismiss the simple little prayers of the heart, little darts of love... Thank you Jesus....Lord help me...Father forgive

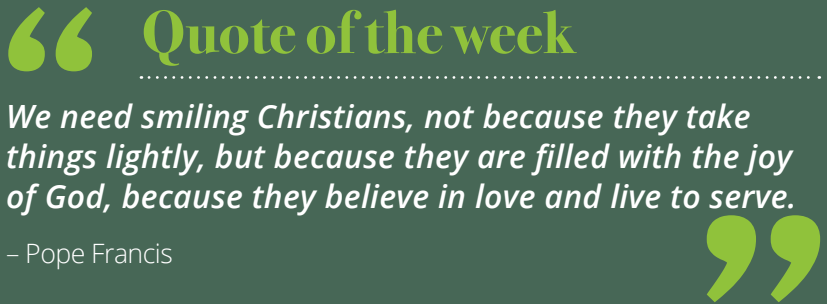
me. I love Night Prayer, as in the Divine Office. The ultimate prayer, the pinnacle, is of course the Eucharist. Aside from this, at this stage of my life I have moved towards the prayer of silence. Wordless time in the presence of the Lord. He looks at me and smiles and whilst I don't always get it, He is mad about me, as in He loves me totally and completely. Gradually He lifts my head and I look at Him, and then I'm gone....melted...falling in His Love.....

Fr Joe McDonald was writing in this week's Cornerstone section of The Irish Catholic, and goes on to write some prayers of his own

Quote of the week

We need smiling Christians, not because they take things lightly, but because they are filled with the joy of God, because they believe in love and live to serve.

 – Pope Francis



Challenge:
 Try to smile more this week, and let yourself be filled by the Holy Spirit and the joy of God.

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