



CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN BRACKENSTOWN PARISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

*7th August 2016
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C*

**2.5 million young people
gathered for Mass with
Pope Francis at World
Youth Day**



We are gathered here because we do not want to be robbed of the best of ourselves. We don't want to be robbed of our energy, our joy, our dreams by fond illusions.

Please take home this Newsletter

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm	Colin Green (A)
9:00am	Altar List of the Dead
11:00pm	Joan Harvey (A)
12:30pm	May Corrigan (A)
5:30pm	Baby Sophie Lyons (1st A)

PRAY FOR

Catherine McNally (A)
Noel Gerald Hinds (RD)

MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon:	Eileen Amis (A)
Tues:	Bridget Kehoe (A)
Wed:	Stephen Cleary (2nd A)
Thurs:	Margaret & Sean Pepper (A)
Fri:	Special Intention
Sat:	Elizabeth O'Brien (A)



World Youth Day—A Pilgrimage of Mercy

It is hard to put into words the experience of a Pilgrimage, when you have made a journey with great people and been close to Pope Francis who I find such an inspiration. Below are some of the tough messages that Pope Francis put to us and though he is some 60 years older than the majority of pilgrims, he has a young heart and connects easily with them and understands the challenges they face.

It was a joy to share the experience with Sean, Anita, Stuart, Sarah and Alex, our five young people who represented our Parish. They each hold the enthusiasm and hope that Pope Francis spoke about. They were great ambassadors for our Parish.

In all of what Pope Francis says there is an urgency for Parishes like ours to look seriously at how we reach out to young people, create the spaces they need to grow in faith and identity and be the faith carriers to their peers.

Finally to thank our five pilgrims for being willing to make this journey. I look forward with you to hearing how the experience impacted on them. Fr. Paul



Jesus calls us to this 31st World Youth Day. Jesus tells us "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall find mercy (Mt. 5:7) Nothing is more beautiful than seeing enthusiasm, dedication, zeal, and energy which so many young people live in their lives. When Jesus touches a young persons heart, she or he becomes capable of great things. It pains me to see young people who seem to have opted for early retirement. I worry when I see young people who have thrown in the towel before the game has even begun, who are defeated even before they begin to play. Deep down, young people like this are bored and boring!

"Lord, I thank you for loving me; help me to be in love with my own life!"

We can say that World Youth Day begins today and continues tomorrow, in your homes, since that is where Jesus wants to meet you from now on. The Lord doesn't want to remain in this beautiful city, or in cherished memories alone. He wants to enter your homes, to dwell in your daily lives: in your studies, your first years of work, your friendships and affections, your hopes and dreams.



But in life there is another, even more dangerous, kind of paralysis. It is not easy for the young to put our finger on it. I like to describe it as the paralysis that comes from confusing happiness with a sofa. A sofa that makes us feel comfortable, calm, safe. A sofa like one of those we have nowadays with a built-in massage unit to put us to sleep. A sofa that keeps us safe from any kind of pain and fear. For many people in fact, it is much easier and better to

have drowsy and dull kids who confuse happiness with a sofa. For many people, that is more convenient than having young people who are alert and searching, trying to respond to God's dream and to all the restlessness present in the human heart . I ask you: do you want to nod

off, grow drowsy and dull? Do you want others to decide on your future? Do you want to be free, awoken? Fight for your future? (...) You aren't too convinced, right? The truth, though, is something else. Dear young people, we didn't come into this work to "vegetate", to take it easy, to make our lives a comfortable sofa to fall asleep on. No, we came for another reason: to leave a mark.



PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
AUGUST		
15th	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	No Vigil Mass 10am & 7:30pm
SEPTEMBER		
7th —12th	Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes	
18th	CROSSCARE Community & Homeless Services Collection	
23rd—24th	40 Hours Adoration	
26th—30th	Parish Pilgrimage to Rome	

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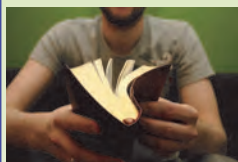
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

The following are amounts collected in St. Cronan's Church for St. Vincent De Paul: JULY €856.22; JUNE €499.23; MAY €885.31 & APRIL €950.00

DOG WALKING SERVICE

Prosper Fingal supports adults with intellectual disabilities. Prosper Fingal, Seatown Road are currently looking to set up a dog walking group, consisting of three individuals, supported by a staff member. We are interested in providing a free dog walking service, weekdays, to senior citizens, who may find this a struggle.

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BRACKENSTOWN BIBLE STUDY

Would you like to deepen and better understand your faith? You are invited to join us for our autumn Scripture Study which will commence on Monday 29/08/16 with an introductory talk on the Bible. There are 73 Books in the Bible and we will be reading 14 of these over the 14 weeks of the study. Classes will be on Mondays 7.30 to 9pm in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre, there is no charge. The course will run until the end of November. If you are interested in taking part please contact the Parish office; Tel. [018401188](tel:018401188), email brackenstownparish@gmail.com

MSZE SWIETA

Msze Swieta w Jezyku Polskim w Niedziele 14 Serpnia, o godz 18:45. (Spowiedz 18:15 – 18:40).

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 one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.

ROSARY STATUE

Praying for a special intention? If you would like to pray the rosary and have the rosary statue in your home for a week, or to get more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Sunday morning Masses.

FAMILY OFFERING

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

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Thursday 4th, 11th, & 18th
August 2016
2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

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Brackenstown Road., Swords.

Organised by Legion of Mary.
Registration forms available
St. Cronan's Church main porch,
Sunday, 31st July, 2016
Parish Office 'phone no. 8401188

PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times: 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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Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm

Weekday Mass:
Holyday Mass:
Confession:

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,
Fr. Joseph Njanackal, C.S.T., C.C.
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