



PARISH NEWSLETTER

9th April 2017 ✠ Palm Sunday ✠ Year A



HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

- Monday 10th April**
Reconciliation Service 7:30pm Rivervalley
- Tuesday 11th April**
Reconciliation Service 7:30pm Brackenstown
- Wednesday 12th April**
Mass 10:00 am
- Holy Thursday 13th April**
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm -
Commissioning of new Eucharistic Ministers
and Re-Commissioning of existing Ministers
Watch & Pray: After Mass 9:00pm – 10:00pm
- Good Friday 14th April**
Day of Fast & Abstinence
Morning Prayer 10:00 am
Stations of The Cross for Families & Children
at 12:00 noon
Confessions after Stations at 12:30 – 1:30pm
and after the Lord's Passion 4pm – 5 pm.
Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion and
Holy Communion 3:00pm
"Gethsemane" 8:00pm (with music, song, word
and reflection)
- Holy Saturday 15th April**
Morning Prayer 10:00am
Confessions 10:30am – 12:30pm
Blessing of Baskets (Polish) 3:00pm
Easter Vigil 9:00pm
- Easter Sunday Masses 16th April**
9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm and 5:30pm

"Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
hosanna in the highest."
And when he entered Jerusalem
the whole city was shaken and asked,
"Who is this?"
And the crowds replied,
"This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee"
Mt 21:9-11

This week's



Above his head was placed
the charge against him; it read
'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

THURSDAYS FOR Trócaire

For Lent the proceeds from the Thursday
Morning cuppa after Mass in the Pastoral
Centre will be for Trócaire.
There will also be an Easter Egg Raffle
and tickets are available every morning.
Come in and support us on Thursdays.



MASS INTENTIONS

- 6:30pm:** Bridie Rooney (A)
- 9:00am:** Altar List of the Dead
- 11:00pm:** James, Mary & Henry
Garrigan, Jack, Molly, John & Mary
Leonard (A)
- 12:30pm:** Patrick Crosbie (8th A)
- 5:30pm:** Bernadette Gorry (1st A)

PRAY FOR

- John & Catherine Sheridan (A)
- Gerard Kenny (15th A)
- John McGrath (4th A)
- Bernard & Mainey Lawrence (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK

- Mon:** Vincent Delamare (A) & Dcsd
Family Members
- Tues:** Gerard Kenny (15th A)
- Wed:** Special Intention
- Thurs:** Marie Dillon (A)
- Good Fri:** No Masses
- Sat:** Special Intention

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IDEAS FOR KEEPING HOLY WEEK HOLY

Today is the start of the holiest week in our Church year. You are welcome to join us as we gather together to reflect, pray, remember and celebrate. If you aren't able to, here are some other ideas for making this a special and holy week.

PALM SUNDAY



Today we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem. This was the day when some of the people recognised how special and important he was...

- ✂ Think about doing something special today
- ✂ Think about how important God is in your life... the blessings, comfort, support you have received through faith... and celebrate it!
- ✂ Try to spread some of the joy of today with those you meet... with a happy smile or a friendly word.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

Whilst these are not marked out as special days they give us chance to prepare for the important days at the end of the week...

- ✂ Think about using this time to make all your preparations for Easter so that you have more time to stop and pray at the end of the week... plan ahead, do the shopping, get organised so that you can join us for the various Masses and services...

HOLY THURSDAY



Today we remember the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples before his arrest and journey to the Cross. We are reminded of the importance of sharing a meal and, by the example of the Washing of Feet, the need to serve one another...

- ✂ Think about gathering round the table for a family meal... to spend time with each other and to enjoy eating together...
- ✂ Eucharist means 'thanksgiving' – what are you thankful for today?
- ✂ Be mindful of the ways in which people serve you and the ways you minister to others... perhaps give some thought to how you might get involved in one of the ministries in the parish... or how you might thank those who minister to you...
- ✂ Come along to our Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm
- ✂ Spend some time with the Lord from 9pm-10pm during our 'Watch & Pray'

GOOD FRIDAY



Today is a solemn day when we recall the journey Jesus made to his suffering and death on the Cross. It is not a day for sadness but a day for hope and trust in a God who loves us so much... a day to be reminded that sometimes there is a cost to our Christianity...

- ✂ As a day of fasting and abstinence from meat, why not also think about other things you can fast from today - TV, gossip... or go out of your way to do something for someone else - in your family, a friend or even a stranger
- ✂ Try to make some time for silence today... to be still... to be aware of God's love in your life
- ✂ Think of those who love you - perhaps take some time to thank them today
- ✂ Come along to Morning Prayer at 10am, our Children's Stations of the Cross at Noon, our Good Friday Liturgy at 3pm or our 'Gethsemane' evening service at 8pm

HOLY SATURDAY



Today begins with a sense of absence and waiting. Our Easter Vigil is the highlight of our year and celebrates Christ as the Light of the World, who illuminates our darkness... we tell some of the important stories of our faith and recall the importance of our Baptism

- ✂ Light a candle after it goes dark... be aware of the need for light... how might you bring light to the darkness of others?
- ✂ Think about your own faith story... the important moments... the important people... if you can, share some of this with someone
- ✂ Think about your Baptism... when it happened... your parents and Godparents... what it means for you as a Christian today... bless yourself with water...
- ✂ Come along to Morning Prayer at 10am and our Easter Vigil at 9pm – bring a bell with you to ring during our Gloria song of praise to God.

EASTER SUNDAY



Today is a day of great rejoicing and celebration... when we remember Christ's victory over sin and death... the promise of new and everlasting life... and it is the start of 50 days of the season of Easter

- ✂ Make a list of all the things that bring joy and happiness to your life... plan to do some of them during the 50 days of Eastertide
- ✂ Come along to one of our Masses at 9am, 11am, 12.30pm or 5.30pm

Praying with God's Word

Out of the week of Guided Prayer, many talked about the experience of the readings coming alive in a new way. They became about people and how they lived their lives as people who believed in and met God in their daily lives. They found that having the time to read, reflect and read again the particular passage gave them a whole new understanding and appreciation of what was going on. Often at Mass they would hear the same reading but because they were only hearing it and then moving on, the message was missed. The group asked that we would put the references for the upcoming readings at Sunday Mass in the newsletter so that they could have the opportunity to read them.

Below are the readings for Holy Week, Easter and the Second Sunday after Easter:

Holy Thursday: First Reading Exodus (Ex.) 12:1-18, 11-14; Second Reading 1st Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (1Cor) 11:23-26; Gospel John (Jn) 13:1-15.

Good Friday: First Reading Isaiah (Is.) 52:13-53:12; Second Reading Letter to the Hebrews (Heb) 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Gospel John (Jn.) 18:1-19:42

Easter Vigil: Old Testament Readings: Genesis (Gn) 1:1-2:2; Exodus (Ex) 14:15-15:1; Ezekiel 36:16-28; New Testament: Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (Rom.) 6:3-11; Gospel: Matthew (Mt.) 28:1-10

Easter Sunday: First Reading Acts of the Apostles (Acts) 10:34, 37-43; Second Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians (Col.) 3:1-4; Gospel John (Jn.) 20:1-9

Second Sunday of Easter: First Reading Acts of the Apostles (Acts) 2:42-27; Second Reading 1st Letter of St. Peter (1Pet) 1:3-9; Gospel John (Jn.) 20:19-31



Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Council

The current PPC is coming to the end of their term of office and we are beginning a process of discernment to establish a new PPC for September. Invitations for nominations are being delivered along with the Easter Dues Envelopes. Please take some time to think about if you or someone you know might consider being nominated. There will be more details about this in the coming weeks.

Credit Union Quiz

St Cronan's Senior School had great success at the annual Members First Credit Union Quiz in Swords. We won first and third place.

The team who came first went on to represent the Swords area in a final in Coolock. We received first place in this round also.

The Cuda Primary School's Quiz Final was held in Blanchardstown on March 4th. We received 4th place in this competition. It was a great day out. The children worked very hard and we are all very proud of their achievements. (This is the team that represented the school at the Cuda Quiz)



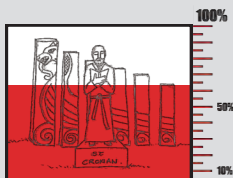
Fingal Student Enterprise



Mr Neary and Ms Doyle's classes won first place in the Fingal Student Enterprise Finals. The children set up a mini company called Top Of The Season. They designed Christmas pencil toppers and sold them to each class of the school. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience while also gaining an insight into the world of marketing, manufacturing, and sales. We have great entrepreneurs in St Cronan's!

ST CRONAN'S STATUE

2017 marks 40 years since our Church was opened. The Parish has commissioned a significant piece of artwork to mark the occasion and to honour our patron, St Cronan. Donation envelopes are available at the back of Church. So far we have raised €3,305 of the €5,302 cost of the project. All donations of €20 or more will receive a St Cronan Statue donation certificate. Thank you to all who already support the Parish finances so generously, it is much appreciated.



Good Friday Stations of the Cross and Easter Sunday Celebration of the Resurrection

We are looking for children to take part in acting out the Stations of the Cross at 12:00noon on Good Friday and the Resurrection on Easter Sunday at 12:30 Mass. If your child would like to be involved please fill in the **pink form** at the back of the Church or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com. There will be practices at the following times: **Monday 10th April at 7pm and Good Friday at 10:30am**. The person designated as contact on the form will be the one whom we will be in touch with.

RELIGIOUS GOODS

Crucifixes, Statues, 1st Holy Communion Prayer Books, beads, medals, gifts, cards, as well as Confirmation Gifts etc. available in main porch, after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.



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 every Sunday during Lent from 4pm–5pm. Can you stay one hour with me?

We encourage new people to come and join us.

LENT

Did you give up something?... Why not take up something! If you could give 20-30 minutes per month you could do a lot to spread the Good News. Help needed to deliver the free Catholic Paper "Alive!" in a number of areas of the parish...eg. **Knocksedan, Glasmore Park, Ashton, Castleview etc.** Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses and arrangements will be made to suit you.

FAMILY OFFERING

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

February Standing Order € 3,473.

Outdoor Collection €798.13

Annals/Half Yearly €500.00

BINGO

**Every Sunday in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm
Doors open at 7:30pm - Everyone welcome!**

THE ROSARY

Prayer is of vital importance in our lives. We pray in praise, petition, thanksgiving. Our Lady asks us to pray the Rosary. Why not make a new start? Having the Statue of Our Lady in your home for a week should help you to take the first step. Just leave your name & contact details with a member of Legion of Mary after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses and arrangements will be made to suit you.



Please 'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords on Facebook!



The Brackenstown Bible Study group will be taking a two week break for Holy Week & Easter. The next class will be on **Monday 24/04/17.**

GARDENERS NEEDED!!

Are you "Green Fingered"? Do you have time to spare? Our parish garden would benefit from some TLC from experienced gardeners. Please contact the Parish Office.



Next dates for Baptisms:

22nd April 12:30 pm
23rd April 1:45 pm
Please note one Month's Notice to be given & a copy of baby's Birth Cert is required when booking a Baptism.

The next **Parent Meeting is Thursday 4th May at 8:00pm in St. Cronan's Parish Centre**

PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times:

Sunday: 6:30pm (Sat. Vigil); 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

Weekday Mass:

Monday to Saturday 10:00am

Holyday Mass:

Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am

Confession:

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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8/9 April

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Please do not hesitate to call us should you need our advice or expertise.

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