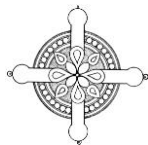


Fifth Sunday of Year B



8th February 2015

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm John Keane (3rd A)
9.00am Altar List of the Dead
11.00am John Keogh (A)
12.30pm Maoliosa & Bobby McCourt (R)
5.30pm Eugene Marron (A)

PRAY FOR

Greta & John Millington (A)
Agnes Murphy (A)
Frank & Lena Walsh (A)
Jadwiga Alexandowicz (MM)
Stanislaw Grzyb (R)
Thomas O'Boyle (RD)
Martin Breen (RD)

MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

Mon: For those who supported the family of the late Damien Byrne
Tues: Catherine White (A)
9.15am Wed: Edward Brum (2nd A)
9.15am Thurs: Special Intention
9.15am Fri: Special Intention
Sat: Joan Bracher (A)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Times of Adoration are:
Mon: 10.30 am – 11.30 am
Wed: 6.00 pm – 11.00 pm
Fri: 10.30am – 5.45 pm
Sat: 10.30am – 11.30am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on the last Sunday of the month from 4 - 5 pm.

POLISH MASS

Msze Swieta w Jeryku Polskim dzisiaj, Niedziele 8 Luty o godz 18:45 - pogrzeb Jadvige Alexandovicz. (Spowiedz 18:15 – 18:40).

BAPTISMS

There will be no Baptsims during Lent. The next dates for Baptisms in April are:

Saturday 18th April at 4:00pm
Sunday 19th April at 1:45pm

Parent/Guardian Meeting is **Thursday 26th March at 8:00pm.**

Please contact the Parish Office for details.

FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund. The December standing order figure is €3,131.00. The Weekly Outdoor collection for last week amounted to €812.68. The Family Offering Envelope Collection is the ONLY one which supports the daily running costs of the Parish and the upkeep of the Church. Thank you for your commitment to this collection.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Cards, Prayer Books, pendants and other gifts available main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Are you wondering what to do this Lent? Why not join us here in St Cronan's for a seven week Lenten Bible study of the Gospels of Matthew & Mark? The reading plan will run from Monday 09/02/15 and end on 30/03/15, which is the Monday of Holy Week. There will be meetings each Monday at 7.30-8.30 pm to review and discuss the previous week's reading, and you will be provided with a reading guide for the following week. To register your interest please email phone 8401188 or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com.

A talk on the Gospels of Matthew and Mark will take place on Monday 9th February at 8.00 pm in St Cronan's church. Guest speaker Fr. Paddy Boyle. All are welcome!

CHY3 TAX REFUND SCHEME

The Parish has received almost €25,473 as a very welcome refund of PAYE tax paid by parishioners in 2013. CHY3 forms for 2014 have now been posted to parishioners who meet the qualifying criteria; we ask that parishioners please return these forms to the parish at your earliest convenience. We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those parishioners who help fund the running costs of the parish. Your support is very much appreciated.

ACCORD

ACCORD is a well-known, respected and experienced agency that has in excess of 50 years' experience working with couples and individuals supporting them in their Marriages and Relationships.

ACCORD offers a professional counselling service throughout the island of Ireland, facilitating couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and work to resolve difficulties that arise in their marriages and relationships. ACCORD counsellors are very experienced in working with individuals and couples on a wide range of issues and difficulties that arise in their relationships i.e. communication, intimacy, sexual issues, infidelity, problem behaviours, conflict, domestic violence, health, family issues, finances, loss.

All 57 ACCORD centres offer Marriage and Relationship counselling. Other services offered by ACCORD include Marriage preparation course and a Relationship and Sexuality programme in primary and secondary schools.

FAMILY OFFERING ENVELOPES

The Family Offering Envelopes are ready to be distributed to all areas of the Parish and any help in the distribution would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks to those who support the Parish through the Family Offering Envelopes or by Standing Order. This is the only one which supports the Parish. If you would like to contribute to the parish by way of weekly envelopes please contact the Parish Office.

GROTTO ROSARY 11 FEBRUARY

To celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes volunteers are required to recite the Rosary on Wednesday 11th February every hour commencing 10am to 9pm. Please sign roster at back of Church or contact a member of Legion of Mary.

TRUST

On behalf of all here I am writing to thank you and the parishioners of St. Cronan's Church for once again thinking of us in TRUST and for the wonderful collection of items delivered here. We could not believe our eyes as box after box of food, sweets, chocolates, biscuits, clothes, toiletries, bath sets and gifts came down our steps and lined our corridor. Can you please pass on our gratitude to Declan and his mother Claire who took the time to deliver these goodies to us. The extreme generosity of you Parishioners is amazing and we would appreciate if you could pass on our sincerest appreciation.

Alice Leahy
Director & Co-Founder of TRUST

THE ROSARY

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 and have the 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.

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU

We ask you to take home this Newsletter, but to leave the Mass Leaflet with the reading in the Church. Taking the newsletter home will remind you of the upcoming events, but also leaving it on the table others at home can read it and keep in touch with what is happening in the Parish. It's sharing the Good News!

PARISH RETREAT

This year the theme of our Retreat is Family. As the Synod on the Family has reflected on many of the challenges that face Catholic families today and will again discuss them in October, our Retreat is a time to nourish and support our families and appreciate their vital role in the life of the Church.

The Retreat begins with the Blessing of Children, Babies and Expectant Parents on Sunday 1st March at 3pm. Each morning there will be Mass at 7:30am and 10:00am and each evening our Retreat Session will take place.

Monday 2nd March led by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin; Tuesday 3rd March led by the Catholic Grandparents Association; Wednesday 4th March led by Fr. John Harris OP, Thursday 5th March Mass of Healing with Anointing of the Sick at 1:00pm and the evening session led by Mrs. Elva Walsh (mother of the late Donal Walsh) and Friday 6th Taizé Prayer during which the Sacrament of Confession will be available.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Wednesday 11th February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, is the day the Church throughout the world prays for those who are sick. Many Parishes offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick around this time and we will have our Mass for the Sick during the Parish Retreat on Thursday 5th March at 1:15pm. The Dublin Diocesan World Day of the Sick Committee have produced a prayer book which is available from the Legion Shop in the Main Porch for €1.95.

INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPELS OF MATTHEW AND MARK

Fr. Paddy Boyle will open up these two Gospels for us on Monday (9th February) at 8:00pm in the Church. If you can bring a Bible to the talk it would be useful.

DAILY MASS 11th, 12th & 13th February

Please note that the daily Mass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week will be at 9:30am. You will be able to drive in for the Masses but you must leave the car park by 10:00am

On Friday Adoration will take place in the Parish Meeting Room until 2:00pm when it will return to the Church. You will not be able to park in the car park until after 3:00pm even if you are attending Adoration.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION ARRANGEMENTS

This year we have three days of the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Wednesday 11th February Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe at 11:00am

Thursday 12th February St. Cronan's S.N.S. (Ms. Manton, Ms. Bolster, Ms. Finn) at 11:00am

Friday 13th February St. Cronan's S.N.S. (Ms. Mahon & Ms. Heffernan); Swords E.T.N.S.; Thornleigh E.T.N.S. Holywell E.T.N.S. at 11:00am.

On these three mornings the daily Mass will be at 9:30am not 10:00am. There will be no car parking available from 10:00am as all spaces will be allocated for the Confirmation families.

Funerals will take place at 2:00pm or they will have the option of having their Mass that morning in St. Colmcille's Church. We thank you in advance for your co-operation and understanding.

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POPE FRANCIS' LENTEN MESSAGE – PART II

1. "If one member suffers, all suffer together" (1 Cor 12:26) – The Church
The love of God breaks through that fatal withdrawal into ourselves which is indifference. The Church offers us this love of God by her teaching and especially by her witness. But we can only bear witness to what we ourselves have experienced. Christians are those who let God clothe them with goodness and mercy, with Christ, so as to become, like Christ, servants of God and others. This is clearly seen in the liturgy of Holy Thursday, with its rite of the washing of feet. Peter did not want Jesus to wash his feet, but he came to realize that Jesus does not wish to be just an example of how we should wash one another's feet. Only those who have first allowed Jesus to wash their own feet can then offer this service to others. Only they have "a part" with him (Jn 13:8) and thus can serve others.

Lent is a favourable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ. In this body there is no room for the indifference which so often seems to possess our hearts. For whoever is of Christ, belongs to one body, and in him we cannot be indifferent to one another. "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honoured, all the parts share its joy" (1 Cor 12:26).

The Church is the communio sanctorum not only because of her saints, but also because she is a communion in holy things: the love of God revealed to us in Christ and all his gifts. Among these gifts there is also the response of those who let themselves be touched by this love. In this communion of saints, in this sharing in holy things, no one possesses anything alone, but shares everything with others. And since we are united in God, we can do something for those who are far distant, those whom we could never reach on our own, because with them and for them, we ask God that all of us may be open to his plan of salvation.

PARISH CENTRE

In the last week the trees have been cleared from the back of the Church, the gas and water supply has been re-routed, the fencing around the building site has been put in place and the works access from the Brackenstown Road has been opened. The trees will be replaced by a more suitable urban variety once the building is completed.

In the next week the foundations will be dug out and the concrete will be poured. There is a tradition in buildings of placing holy medals in the foundations reflecting Psalm 127 "If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do the builders labour." At one of the morning Masses over the next two weeks we will bless the medals to be buried in the foundations. If you would like to give a medal to be placed in the foundation then please leave it into the Sacristy or Parish Office.