



# Parish Newsletter

18th March 2018 ✠ 5th Sunday of Lent ✠ Year B

Tuesday 20th	Wednesday 21st	Thursday 22nd	Friday 23rd	Saturday 24th	Sunday 25th
9:20am Morning Prayer	9:20am Morning Prayer	9:20am Morning Prayer	9:20am Morning Prayer	9:20am Morning Prayer	Masses as normal
10:30am Reflection on St. Mark's Passion Parish Centre	10:30am Reflection on St. Mark's Passion Parish Centre	10:30am Reflection on St. Mark's Passion Parish Centre	10:30am Reflection on St. Mark's Passion Parish Centre	3:00pm Video The Passion of the Christ Followed by discussion	
8:00pm Family Conversation Parish Centre	6:00pm Adoration 7:30pm Holy Hour	7:30pm Mindfulness Parish Centre	7:30pm Taizé Prayer Around the Cross	6:30pm Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday	
9:30pm Night Prayer	9:00pm Night Prayer	9:00pm Night Prayer	9:00pm Night Prayer		

**PRAYER STATIONS:** Following the Way of the Cross through reflective prayer. Each Station will invite you to take a moment to reflect and pray through this stage of Christ's journey to Calvary and to bring the situations of your life to him.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR SCHOOLS:** During the days children from St. Cronan's Schools will pray and reflect on the Stations.

**INTERCESSION FOR FAMILIES:** A prayer box will be placed in front of the World Meeting of Families Icon for you to remember families during Lent.

**PARISH FAMILY TREE:** You are invited to put your family name on a post-it leaf and put it on the "Our Parish A Family of Families" tree on the back wall. You can put one surname, or if there are two surnames in your family you can put both or if it is easier just to write the first names, whichever works for you. Please only use one leaf per household.

As you put your leaf on the tree, say the World Meeting of Families Prayer which is on the cards beside the leaves. Please take a prayer card home with you.

"Unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest."

**Conversation 2:**  
**Tuesday 20th March** in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre on from 8pm - 9:30pm  
**Wednesday 21st** in St. Colmcille's Parochial House, Seatown Road from 2pm - 3:30pm  
**Thursday 22nd March** in St. Finian's, River Valley from 10:30am - 12 noon

<p><b>MASS INTENTIONS</b></p> <p><b>6:30pm:</b> Carmel O'Keeffe (6th A)  <b>9:00am:</b> Altar List of the Dead  <b>11:00am:</b> Dcsd Members of Maginn, Barker &amp; Ellison Families (A)  <b>12:30pm:</b> Patrick, Carmel &amp; Albert Bissett (A)  <b>5:30pm:</b> Hinda Duff (A)</p>	<p><b>PRAY FOR</b></p> <p>Marie McArdle (2nd A)                  John Paul Fitzsimons (A)                  Dolores Caffrey (A)</p>	<p><b>10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK</b></p> <p><b>Mon:</b> David Ralph (10th A)  <b>Tues:</b> Eileen Clancy (A)  <b>Wed:</b> William &amp; Mai Nolan (A)  <b>Thurs:</b> Special Intention  <b>Fri:</b> Melissa Willis (RD)  <b>Sat:</b> Gearoid Lynch (MM)</p>
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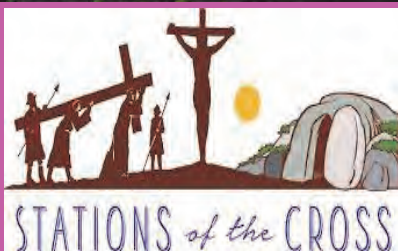
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## Next Sunday is Palm Sunday

We will gather outside the Church for the Blessing of Palms and then come in procession into the Church singing Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna to the King of Kings. Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna to the King.



Families are invited to take part and get involved in the Stations of the Cross at noon on Good Friday. If you are interested, please contact Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker, 089 4614226 – peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie



A meeting to prepare for the ceremonies of Holy Week will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 12:00 noon in the Pastoral Centre. If you can help with stewarding, handing out booklets, leaflets, eggs or if you have suggestions for how we can improve our ceremonies then please come along. The meeting will last one hour.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Help is needed to deliver the Easter Cards & Envelopes to all houses in the Parish. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office on 01 8401188. Areas where help is needed are Swords Manor Castleview, Applewood & Millers Glen.



Anam Cara North Dublin, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. Anam Cara North Dublin offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.



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## WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES



### 1 day Adult Ticket

Online Registration: €38

On the day Registration: €43

Single day attendance to Congress + Option Festival of Families Ticket subject to availability at time of booking + guaranteed ticket for Final Mass (€5 off for Pensioners, students & unwaged)

### 5 day Ticket: 22nd – 26th August 2018

Online Registration: €68

On the day Registration: €78

Attendance to the 3 day Congress + Guarantee ticket for Festival of Families + Ticket for the Final Mass

Children's tickets are Free but they must be named and registered as part of a Family Group.

## FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES & CLOSING MASS

If you purchase either a 1 day or a 5 day ticket, you will be guaranteed a place at the Saturday night Festival of Families and Sunday's Closing Mass.

Should tickets become available for these two events, we are compiling a list of names in the Parish Office. There is no guarantee that these tickets will be available.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

Further details on the website:  
[www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

## HUMPTY DUMPTY SWORDS PLAYGROUP

Every Thursday  
From 10:30am - 12 noon

St. Cronan's Parish Pastoral Centre, Brackenkstown  
A wonderful opportunity for parents / guardians and their infants to come along for a cup of tea and a chat and an opportunity for the little ones to make new friends!

Tea / Coffee / Biscuits / Toys supplied  
€2 members / €3 non-members  
BOOK EARLY – NUMBERS LIMITED!

For more information call Louise in the Parish Office: 01 8401188



## Emmanuel 2018

The remaining Emmanuel concerts originally scheduled for the Helix on 28<sup>th</sup> February & 1<sup>st</sup> March will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

## Swords Meals on Wheels are looking for a Relief Coordinator

Role: We are looking for a person who would be willing to provide back-up support to the existing co-ordinators e.g. provide cover for a short period or in an emergency when existing co-ordinator may not be in a position to do so. As a Relief co-ordinator you will help to ensure the smooth running of day-to-day activities and associated tasks. Generally the time requirement would be 3hrs per day for 2 days.

This is a great opportunity for someone who would like to help within their community by organising volunteers to deliver hot meals to those in need of such a service. The role is purely voluntary, unpaid. Please contact Paul Mc Cormack on 0877699084



The proceeds of Coffee Mornings on Thursday's during Lent will go to Trócaire. Also, Raffle Tickets for an Easter Egg & prizes are for sale each morning in aid of Trócaire.

Don't forget about your Trócaire Box.

They are still available in the Church and can be returned during Easter Week and Holy Week.

DON'T GIVE UP

ON HER THIS LENT



Trócaire



# PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
<b>MARCH 2018</b>	
20th	Amoris 2nd Conversation 8:00pm - 9:30pm
20th	DTIM Preparation Group Meeting @ 7:30pm
22nd	Patrician Meeting @ 8:00pm
24th	DTIM Mass @ 6:30pm
25th	DTIM Mass @ 12:30pm
<b>APRIL 2018</b>	
3rd	Parkinson's Group Meeting @ 10:30am

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**Fingal for Life**, a local pro-life group, are holding an information evening on "Why it is essential to Save the 8th Amendment."



The second evening will be in the **Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, at 7.45pm, Tuesday 20th March.** Speakers include David Quinn, Journalist and Director of Iona Institute and Niamh Ní Bhriain, Director of Life Institute.

The annual Advocate collection for the Sunshine Fund takes place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March. The Sunshine Fund, a special works conference of the St. Vincent de Paul provides summer holidays for children all over Dublin who need a holiday. This collection is their only source of funds. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



## Swords Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group

Have you suffered the loss of someone special in your life through bereavement? Are you suffering the pain of that loss? Would you like to talk to a trained bereavement support person who will listen and help you understand your grief and distress? You are welcome to attend our bereavement support meetings on the second and last Mondays of every month at - The Parochial House, Seatown Road, Swords. Start time 7.30pm. This is a free, confidential service and is offered to all Fingal residents." Date of next meeting (insert as appropriate). Further information please phone Terri 8403243.



## The next Parent Meeting is Thursday 5th April

**Next dates for Baptisms:**

Sunday 1st April at 11am & 12:30pm Masses

Saturday 14th April at 12:30pm

Sunday 29th April 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.

THE MONTHLY PATRICIAN MEETING TAKES PLACE THIS WEEK! "The Annunciation, God's Call - Our Response?" is the title of the Discussion on **Thursday next, 22nd March**, at 8pm in **Parish Pastoral Centre**. What does the Annunciation mean to us? If Mary had rejected God's request....?! *This discussion is open to everyone.* Spiritual Director will speak on the subject.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion & Confirmation gifts and souvenirs - prayer books, rosettes, medals etc. available in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

## LEGION OF MARY ACIES CEREMONY

The Annual Consecration of members of Legion of Mary will take place in St. Maur's Church, Rush on Saturday next, 24th March at 3pm. All Auxiliary (Praying) members are invited to attend. You will be most welcome.

## ROSARY

Honour the Mother of God this year with the Rosary. Let us help you get started by having the Rosary Statue in your home. Just leave your contact details with a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses and suitable arrangements will be made for you.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

## 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 **Sundays of Lent from 4pm—5pm.** Can you stay 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.

**January Standing Order €4,186.00**

**Outdoor Collection €842.88**

**Annuals/Half Yearly €800.00**

*All of the above contributions are recorded for the tax rebate.*

## COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

**First Collection €1,585.00 (€415.5 recorded for tax rebate)**

**Share Collection €1,331.40 (€298.25 recorded for tax rebate)**

## BINGO



**Every Sunday in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm**

**Doors open at 7:30pm - Everyone welcome!**

## Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for next Sunday:

**Fifth Sunday of Lent:**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 50:3-4; Second**

**Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9; Gospel John 12:20-30**

**Palm Sunday:**

**First Reading: Mark 11:1-10; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11; Gospel Mark 14:1-15:47**



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Mass Times:**  
**Weekday Mass:**  
**Holyday Mass:**  
**Confession:**

Sunday: (Sat. Vigil) 6:30pm, 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

01 8401661 – 087 7404729 – pauljthornton@gmail.com

01 8408926 – 089 4238775 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com

089 4614226 – peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie

01 8401188 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com

Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,  
Fr. Bibin Jacob C.S.T., C.C.  
Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker  
Louise Donnelly, Secretary

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REPLACES SHARE COLLECTION

**17/18 March**

**Crosscare Youth Collection**

**CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS**

**24/25 March**

**Advocate Collection**

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