

Parish Newsletter

10th February 2019 ✠ Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time ✠ Year C

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Friday 13 - Saturday 21 September 2019

Led by Fr. Paul Thornton



This very special pilgrimage will commence with a direct flight which will take you from Dublin to Tel Aviv in just under 6 hours. You then begin your Pilgrimage in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee from where you will visit Cana, Mount Tabor, Capernaum & Nazareth. A drive through the Jordan Valley will take you to Jerusalem where you will visit the Old City and all the main sites of interest & to Bethlehem where you will have an opportunity to visit the Church of the Nativity & see the Shepherds Fields.

Highlights

- Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus
- Mount of Beatitudes and Mount Tabor
- Boat trip on the Sea of Galilee & Capernaum
- Visit to the Holy Sepulchre
- Birthplace of Jesus in Bethlehem
- Nazareth and Cana

What is Included

- Direct flights Dublin – Tel Aviv return
- Airport taxes and charges
- 8 nights accommodation, twin sharing in Royal Plaza, Tiberius and Ramat Rachel, Jerusalem
- Dinner, bed and breakfast basis throughout
- Transfers and coaching as per programme
- Entrance fees where applicable, including Masada
- Porterage at airport and hotels
- Expert local guide throughout the Pilgrimage
- Gratuities and Tips

The COST OF THE PILGRIMAGE IS €1,765
Deposit of €250 required by the end of February
For more information or to make a booking,
please contact the Parish Office

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: John and Anne McGuinness
9:00am: Altar List
11:00am: John Bond (First Anniv)
12:30pm: Kathleen Kearns
5:30pm: Mary Doyle (3rd A)
 and Andrew Doyle (4th A)

PRAY FOR

Bridget Green (A)
 Deceased members of the
 Hanratty Family
 Mick Reid
 (recently deceased)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Thanksgiving Mass to our Lady
Tues: Special Intention
Wed: Emmet Clinton (recently deceased)
Thur: For those who supported the family of Lorraine Tallon RIP
Fri @9am Fr. Anselm Kelleghan (Annive)
Sat:

View our Parish Webcam via the Parish Website www.brackenstown-parish.com



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THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the young people from St. Cronan's Senior National School who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on

Thursday, February 14th & Friday February 15th.

Please pray for the young people at this important and exciting time. May they be filled with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit throughout their lives.

On both **Thursday, February 14th & Friday Feb 15th** Morning Mass will be celebrated at **9am**. The car park will close after Mass at 9.30am and will not re-open until after the Schools close.

The **ANNUAL COLLECTION of ACCORD**, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of **16th & 17th February 2019**. The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the diocese offers:

Marriage Preparation Courses, Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships: A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for Schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support.

Please give generously on 16th & 17th February



2019 Envelope Boxes

The new boxes of Family Offering Parish Envelopes will be available to be collected at the back of the Church after all Masses on the weekend of 16th/17th of February.

Your support for the Family Offering is greatly appreciated. The Parish depends on the voluntary contributions of parishioners for the running and development of the Parish

The new envelope boxes for the First and Second collections at Mass will also be available to be collected at the back of the church after all Masses on the weekend of 16th/17th February. There are substantial potential benefits for the Parish if the donor uses these envelopes for the collections at Mass and is an income tax payer.

You can request a box of envelopes or a standing order form for the Family Offering to support the running of the Parish by contacting Louise in the Parish office Tel 8401188, email brackenstownparish@gmail.com. There are also forms available on the tables at the back of the church. Completed forms can be placed in the white post boxes in the Church or returned to the Parish Office. The Parish depends on the voluntary contributions of parishioners for the running and development of the Parish.

Thank you to all who support the Parish so generously.

Paddy O'Byrne, Finance Committee

This year, St. Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday. With this in mind, you will be asked at Masses on the weekend of Feb 16/17 what Mass times you think would be most suitable for St. Patrick's Day. There are three options

1. Usual Sunday Schedule

(Vigil at 6.30, Sunday 9am, 11am, 12.30pm & 5.30pm)

1. Vigil Mass at 6.30pm, Sunday at 9am and 10am
2. Vigil Mass at 6.30pm, Sunday at 9am, 10am and 5.30pm.

In the past, many people have opted for earlier Mass times to allow them to take part in parades and family occasions. We invite you to have a think about it before Masses next weekend.

This year for Lent Swords Parish has decided to read and discuss Pope Francis's book, 'Rejoice and be Glad', we will do this over 5 weeks. This will take the format of a book club where you read a chapter at home and meet as a group to discuss it the next week- Why not give it a try!! For more information together with guidelines for discussion and tips for reading the book come along to our introduction session on Thursday 28th February in St Colmcille's Parish, Parochial House, Seatown Road, at 2.30pm. Books will be supplied, and tea and coffee will be served. Parishioners from Brackenstown and Rivervalley are welcome to attend

If you are having problems with the signal from the Webcam in St. Cronan's, please contact Danny on 00442887729580

BOOK CLUB: Would you be interested in taking part in a Book Club here in the Parish that would read and discuss various spiritual books/documents? If you are interested, please give your name to Louise in the Parish Office

LIFE IN THE EUCHARIST

Over five Tuesdays in Lent (beginning on March 12th), there will be a Retreat on the Eucharist held in the Parish Centre.

As Catholics, we are called to participate in the Eucharist and in the life of the Church. Life in the Eucharist (LITE) provides for an opportunity for adults Catholics to share their faith. LITE was developed to help people learn more about our role as active participants in the Eucharist.

There are five sessions, each concentrating on a different theme. The sessions are structured as an adult learning programme, so there is time for group discussion as well as input by the members of the LITE team.

All are welcome to come along. There is a special invitation to people who come along to weekly Mass but would like to deepen their understanding of what Eucharist is all about. For more info or to book your place, please contact the Parish Office or email niamh.morris@dublindiocese.ie

PARISH DIARY

| DATE | EVENT |
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| MONTH OF FEBRUARY | |
| 11th | Service of Light at 7.30pm for Gaelscoil Brian Boroimhe |
| 12th | Meeting in Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm for First Holy Communion Parents from Gaelscoil Brian Boroimhe |
| 13th | Meeting in Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm for First Holy Communion Parents from Swords Et and Thornleigh ET |
| 14th | Sacrament of Confirmation at 11am for St. Cronan's SNS - Ms. Morrissey, Ms. Kelly, Ms Doyle |
| 15th | Sacrament of Confirmation at 11am for St. Cronan's SNS - Mr. Gallagher, Ms Farrell, Ms. Quinn |

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE



Rosary in the Grotto

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes; Mon 11th Feb

Volunteers required to recite Rosary on Monday 11th February every hour on half hour commencing 9:30am to 9:30pm. Please sign roster at back of Church or contact a member of Legion of Mary.



Next Parent Meeting is
MARCH 7th
Next dates for Baptisms:
MARCH 9th

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 & the following Sunday:

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8;
Responsorial Psalm: 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8;
Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Gospel Lk 5:1-11



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jer 17:5-8; Responsorial Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 61;
Second Reading: Cor 15:12, 16-20; Gospel: Lk 6:17, 20-26

FAMILY OFFERING

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

January Standing Order €n/a
Family Offering: €878.36
Annuals/Half Yearly - n/a

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

Collections at the weekend Masses

First Collection: €1632.36 (Tax: €423.60)
Second Collection: €1237.32 (Tax: €283.17)

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 last Sunday of every month from 4pm–5pm. Can you stay 1 hour with me? We encourage new people to come & join us.

Religious Goods

Confirmation Cards, medals, souvenirs etc. available from Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.

The Rosary Statue

The 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.

CAN YOU HELP?

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... e.g. Swords Manor, St. Cronan's Estate etc. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after the weekend Masses or leave your name & phone no. with Louise in parish office.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

February 11th, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is when the Church celebrates the 'World Day of the Sick'. On Sunday, February 10th, the Sacrament of the Sick will be available after all Masses.

'The World Day of the Sick' is a call once again to all, to see in the face of their brother or sister who is sick the face of Christ who, suffering, dying and rising, brought salvation to humanity.'



Crosscare, the Diocesan Social Care Agency, would like to thank the parishioners of Brackenstown for your generous contributions to their Annual Collection last September. A total of €2,695 was collected. Thank you for supporting the great work done by Crosscare in our Parish and across the Dublin Diocese

THANK YOU!!!

A thank you from Alice Leahy...

The parishioners in St. Cronan's Church have once again turned our back rooms into an Aladdin's Cave. It's packed to the brim full of goodies: hats, scarves, sweets, biscuits, toiletries and gifts which have very kindly been collected for over Christmas. AS usual, we couldn't believe our eyes as box after box was unloaded from Declan's van, with Aaron's help. Our sincerest thanks to all who contributed to this fantastic delivery.



As you know our work has many facets involved in providing a befriending social and health service for people who are homeless. We ensure people are aware of their statutory entitlements and encourage them to avail of the services available to them. We recognise that everyone who is homeless is different because people are complex. There is no 'one size fits all' solution.

We should all try to make sure that the 'outsider' is not forgotten and this is what, with your support, we strive to do. We know you will remember us the people who use our service in you prayers.

*Yours sincerely,
Alice Leahy*



On behalf of Pope Francis, World Missions Ireland and the missionaries who make our world a better place, thank you for your incredible kindness. Brackenstown

Parish donated €1,131 towards World Mission Sunday 2018. This generous gift will go directly towards supporting missionary work and struggling mission dioceses in the developing world.

Brackenstown For Kerala has raised €3,600 towards the Kerala Relief Fund of the Congregation of St. Therese. Our goal is to raise enough money to build a house for a family. In the next few months, there will further events to help achieve this. If you have any ideas/events you would like to do yourself, please contact the Parish Office