

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

Parish Newsletter

19th January 2020 ✠ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ Year A

Unusual kindness



The theme for 2020 is 'Unusual Kindness'. The materials have been prepared by the Christian churches in Malta and Gozo. On 10th February many Christians in Malta celebrate the Feast of the Shipwreck of St Paul, marking and giving thanks for the arrival of Christian faith on these islands. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles used for the feast is the text chosen for this year's Week of Prayer.

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (John 17.21)

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place each year from 18-25 January, between the feasts of St Peter and St Paul. During this week, we pray in a particular way for unity and understanding between all Christian churches.

A Church Unity Week liturgy followed by light refreshments will be held in:

**St Columba's Church of Ireland on
Wednesday 22nd January at 7.30pm**
All are welcome!



**Cumann Gaelach na hEaglaise
i bPáirc le Pobal na Aifreann**

**Seachtain na hAontachta
Críostóla 2020: Seirbhís
Urnó agus Ceoil**

**Ardeceampall Chríostóla
Dé hAoine 24 Eanáir
8 p.m.**

**Céamra: Bhí na hoileánaigh
char a bheith cineálta linn
(Gníomh. 28:2)**

Seanmáin:
An c.Δch. Séamus Ó hÉanaigh S.P.
Ceol: Cón Shaeliscóil na Cille,
Cill Dhéagláim, Páirí scáirí as Clár
Ní Chuachóil & Ailbhe Nic Cába

**CHRIST Church Cathedral,
8 p.m., Friday
24 January 2020**

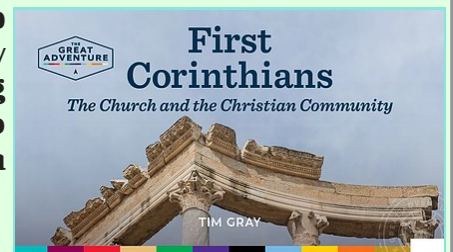
Δ Service of prayer
and music in Irish for
Christian Unity Week


Theme:
The islanders showed
us unusual kindness
(Acts 28:2)

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**On Monday 20th January,
Brackenstown Bible Study Group
will be commencing an 11 week study of St
Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Classes will
be held 7.30pm to 8.30pm on Monday nights in
St Cronan's Pastoral Centre. Thirty six people
have signed up for the class, why
not come along
for a week or two
and give it a
try?**





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Humpty Dumpty Playgroup has been running successfully in St. Cronan's Parish Centre with the generous help of volunteers. Forge new bonds with like-minded people who are also generous in community spirit. Thursdays from 9:45am to 11:45am. If you would like to help, contact Katia @ 0896067037 for more details.



Family Mass Group:

The Family Mass Group looks after the 12.30pm Mass on Sunday. New adult volunteers are needed to continue and develop the Family Mass. If you would like to help, please contact the Parish Office for more information by Friday, January 31st.

Epiphany Gifts for Alice Leahy TRUST



The donations to the Epiphany Gifts Appeal for ALICE LEAHY TRUST were delivered on Thursday last. The trust would like to sincerely thank the parishioners of St. Cronan's Church for their generosity & support as always.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS		PRAY FOR	10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK	
6:30pm:	Dcsd Members of Hanrahan Family	Robbie Barnwell (RD) Mairead McDermott (RD)	Mon:	Special Intention
9:00am:	Altar List of the Dead and Intentions of Parish	Beatrice Imabeh (RD) Tom Mutchler (RD) Marie Lynch (A)	Tues:	Eileen Boles (RD)
11:00am:	Sarah Greene (16A)	Theresa McEntagertt (A) Bridget O'Neill (A)	Wed:	Eileen Boles (RD)
12:30pm:	Daniel Kelly (A)	Mary O'Donoghue (9A) Frank & Lena Walsh (A) Michael Cox (A)	Thur:	Elizabeth & Peter Wright (R)
5:30pm:	Katrina & Peter Harford (A)	Joseph Cooney (A)	Fri:	Stephen Colohan (RD)
			Sat:	Kathleen Morris (MM)

Dates for your Diary in 2020

Pre-Confirmation Masses	25th & 26th January	6:30 & 12:30
Confirmation	13th & 14th February	St. Cronan's
Confirmation	5th March	GSBB
Lent Retreat	17th—21st March	
Confirmation	25th April	ETNS
First Holy Communion	9th May (10:00 & 12:00)	St. Cronans
First Holy Communion	16th May (10:00)	GSBB
First Holy Communion	16th May (12:00)	ETNS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



The next available date for the Sacrament of Baptism is Sunday, February 23rd at 1.45pm. As there are no baptisms during the Season of Lent, the next date after this is Sunday, April 12th (Easter Sunday)

Notes from the Parish Pastoral Council

The five subgroups, created following our Parish Assembly, continue to develop and explore ways of enhancing parish life. Thanks to your support and generosity, the total amount raised for our Kerala Flood Relief campaign was €10,692.

Willie Curtis (PPC Chair)

On the passing of Stephen Colohan, his family wish to express our grateful thanks to all our friends & neighbours who sympathised with us during the sad days of our loss and those who supported us throughout the months since. Thanks for all the masses, prayers and messages of sympathy. Mass will be celebrated in St. Cronan's Church in memory of Stephen Colohan on Friday 24th January at 10:00a.m.



As part of the preparation for the Ceremony of Light, there is a meeting for parents of Confirmation children on **Tuesday, January 21st at 7.30pm in the Church.**

Darren Butler from the Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference Pastoral Response to Drugs Group will give a short presentation on Drug and Alcohol Awareness and how we can support our children as they enter the teenage years.

There will also be information given about the practicalities of Confirmation Day. This meeting is for parents only.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK begins on Monday 27th January and we will welcome the children of St. Cronan's Senior School who will join us for Mass each morning of that week. On Tuesday 28th January, Children from St Cronan SNS will sing at the Laudate Festival in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road at 7:30pm. All are welcome to join them.

FAMILY OFFERING

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

November Standing Order: €3,310 Family Offering €653.40
December Standing Order: €3,719 1st Collection €1375.16 (Tax €367.30)
Share Collection €1203.60 (Tax €253.20)

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.

BAPTISM

Was your baby baptised recently? Are you a Godparent or have you attended a Baptism? What happens during that beautiful ceremony? Does it finish at the end of the prayers and blessings? The next **Patrician Meeting—"Baptism—What Does It Mean??"** will focus on Baptism and it's true meaning. Everybody most welcome, and especially young and not so young parents, on **Thursday, 23rd January at 8pm** in Parish Pastoral Centre. Spiritual Director will attend.

HELPERS

Glasmore Park, Swords Manor and other areas of the Parish—New helpers needed to deliver the Alive! Catholic newspaper. If you could give 20-30 minutes a month you could do great work to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Enquire at the Legion of Mary table after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses or leave your contact number with Louise in the Parish Office.

PRAYING THE 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 the Legion of Mary in the main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass and suitable arrangements will be made for you.

CALENDARS

Church Art, Calendars, children's books, colouring books, rosary beads etc. as well as many other religious items available in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR OUR LADY?



Legion of Mary needs new members to help Our Lady bring Jesus to more people. Meetings are held in the new location—"Crosscare" room at priest's house, on Tuesdays at 10:30am, Wednesdays at 7:30pm and 4:45pm on Fridays for Junior members in Parish Pastoral Centre. Why not come along and see what you can do!



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

*praying with
God's Word* 

**SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading:

IS 49:3, 5-6

Second Reading:

1 COR 1:1-3

Gospel: Jn 1:29-34

STUDY THEOLOGY ONLINE

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for Spring 2020**

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New Sanctuary Furniture

So far €11,505.00 has been donated to our fundraising appeal, this includes a donation to cover the cost of the Ambo from the Bible Study Group and a gift from the Marie Reparatrice Sisters to cover the cost of the Sanctuary Lamp. If you wish to make a donation there are envelopes at the display at the Main Door.

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

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