



CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN BRACKENSTOWN PARISH PARISH NEWSLETTER

7th February 2016 — Year C

Dear Friends,

ACCORD is the agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin which provides a range of services to assist couples to prepare for marriage and subsequently to assist them in sustaining and enriching their marriage and family life.

It is with your help that we have been able for over 40 years to support couples experiencing difficulties in their journey through married life by providing marriage and relationship counselling.

ACCORD has over 90 professionally trained counsellors working in 11 different centres around the Archdiocese. Demand for this service continues to be high. In 2015 over 2,000 people sought the help of ACCORD. We need to continue and indeed enhance this service so again I come to you for help and support.

Support of marriage and the family is a vital part of the Church's mission. Jesus Christ in his ministry brought the biblical teaching on the dignity of man and woman in marriage and the family more clearly into focus. Jesus knew of the failures and infidelity of many and how difficult it could be to live his ideals. He remained close to those who failed, but he did not condemn. The Church's work in supporting marriage and the family is thus a reflection of Jesus' patience and mercy.

I thank you for your continued support of ACCORD and its services. Whatever support you can offer again this year is much appreciated and I pray that the light of Christ will shine brightly on you and your own families in the coming year.

***Yours sincerely in the Lord
Diarmuid Martin
Archbishop of Dublin***

The ANNUAL COLLECTION of ACCORD, The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of
13th/14th February 2016

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 in Schools

ACCORD Dublin needs your support

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY ON 13TH & 14TH FEBRUARY

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm Gretta, John & Vincent Millington (A)

9:00am Altar List of the Dead

11:00am Barney McCann (A)

12:30pm Kathleen Kearns (21st A)

5:30pm Delores & Billy Edwards (Rem)

PRAY FOR

William Shackley (RD)

Paddy Moore (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK AT 10AM

Mon: Marian Movement—for Priests

Tues: Special Intention

Wed: Bridget, Patrick & Colin Green (A)

Thurs: Thanksgiving Mass to Our Lady

Fri: Patrick Connolly (A) & his shipmates who died at sea

Sat: Special Intention

ACCORD DATES FOR MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Dublin - Drumcondra

1st, 2nd Apr 2016

Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3

Dublin - Swords

15th, 16th Apr 2016

The Emmaus Centre, Lissenhall, Swords, Co Dublin

Dublin - Aungier Street

22nd, 23rd Apr 2016

Carmelite Community Centre, 56 Aungier Street, Dublin 2

Dublin - Donaghmede

20th, 21st May 2016

Target, St Kevin's National School, Newbrook Rd, Donaghmede, Dublin 13

Dublin - Drumcondra

27th, 28th May 2016

Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3

Dublin - Aungier Street

27th, 28th May 2016

Carmelite Community Centre, 56 Aungier Street, Dublin 2

Dublin - Drumcondra

10th, 11th Jun 2016

Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3



Please take this Newsletter home with you

PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
FEBRUARY		
8th	Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe Service of Light	7:30pm Church
8th	Great Adventure Bible Study	7:30pm Centre
10th	Ash Wednesday	7:30am, 10am & 7:30pm Masses
11th	Grotto Rosary	9:30am—9:30pm at Grotto
11 th	Sacrament of Confirmation St. Cronan's SNS	11:00am Church
12 th	Sacrament of Confirmation St. Cronan's SNS	11:00am Church
14th	Polish Mass	18:45 Church
16 th	Sacrament of Confirmation Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe	11:00am Church
20 th – 28 th	Parish Retreat Led by the Capuchin Retreat Team	7:30am; 10:00am 12:00noon; 7:30pm
27 th	Do This In Memory	6:30pm
28 th	Do This In Memory	12:30pm
29 th	First Confession St. Cronan's JNS	7:00pm Church

Blessing and Dedication of the Pastoral Centre

The Pastoral Council will invite Archbishop Martin to celebrate the 12:30pm Mass some Sunday after Easter. This will be followed by blessing of the Pastoral Centre.

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

THE GREAT ADVENTURE for Lent 2016



Our Lenten Bible Study began last Monday with 36 people have enrolled. If you would like, you can still join us, but this will be the final opportunity to do so. The reading for this week is Genesis: Chapters 1-11. There will be a charge of €20 for the workbook. Come along and see for yourself.

This week we begin our celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

There will be some changes to our daily schedule.

On Thursday 11th February, Friday 12th February and Tuesday 16th February daily Mass will take place at 9:30am. (please note the barrier does not open until 9:15am)

We ask that all who drive to Mass leave the carpark immediately afterwards and to follow the instructions of the stewards.

Please pray for the young people who will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit on these days.



THANK YOU FROM THE BRACKENSTOWN PARISH GROUP REPRESENTING US AT WORLD YOUTH DAY

Seán, Sarah, Stuart, Anita and Alex would like to thank you for your generosity, words of support and encouragement and the promise of prayers as they prepare for World Youth Day. The total amount raised was €2,100.00 which covers all the money they had to fundraise. They will keep you updated on their preparations and on the pilgrimage as it happens.



GROTTO ROSARY

Thursday 11th February
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Volunteers are required to recite the rosary every hour on the half hour commencing 9:30am to 9:30pm. Please sign the roster at the back of the Church or contact a member of Legion of Mary.

MSZE SWIETA

Msze Swieta w Jezyku Polskim w Niedziele 14 Luty o godz 18:45. (Spowiedz 18:15 – 18:40).

PRAYER MEETING

Prayer Meeting on **Tuesday next 9th February** from 8pm—9pm in Sister's House, 29 Brackenstown Village (opposite school). This Prayer Group promotes devotion to Servant of God, Frank Duff, Founder of Legion of Mary. Everybody most welcome.

UNWANTED GIFTS

The St. Vincent de Paul shop in Swords would appreciate and ask people to consider giving any unwanted gifts to our shop at 1 Castle Shopping Centre in Swords. These donations can be turned into much needed funds. Shop open 10am—5.30pm, Monday to Saturday. All donations will be greatly received.

FAMILY OFFERING

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

Dec Standing Order €3,685
Outdoor Collection €736.79
Annuaals/Half Yearly €0.00

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUNDRAISING

The following are weekly totals:

Buy-A-Brick Appeal € 20,758
Pastoral Centre Donations; €26,586
Parish Centre Appeal Total €47,164.28

The Certificates for all who contributed are now ready to be collected at the Parish Office. Many thanks to all who have kindly contributed.

RELIGIOUS GOODS

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

THANK YOU

The O'Sullivan Family would like to thank you all sincerely for your kindness and compassion at our time of great loss. We thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers.

KEEP SMILING!

2016 BRACKENSTOWN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

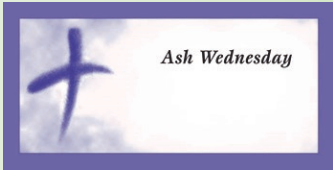
Accompanied by a Spiritual Director
22nd—27th September 2016
Hotel Padoue—€729 per person sharing
incl. Airport Taxes & Free Insurance
Deposit €200 per person—
Single Room Supplement €175
Contact Susan Keane 01 8407100 / 085 847 1539

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY



Next Wednesday 10th February we begin the season of Lent. As part of the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis makes several suggestions about what we could do. He invites us to take time to reflect on God's word.

To help in this we are offering the *Prayer by Text*. You can register for this in the Parish Centre this morning, putting your details in the suggestion box in the Main Porch or leaving them in the Parish Office or emailing brackenstownparish@gmail.com. You can also follow us on facebook "brackenstownparish" or on Twitter "cronanparish". There will be three gatherings to reflect on the word during the season of Lent.



Wednesday 10th February
There will be three Masses on Ash Wednesday. 7:30am; 10:00am and 7:30pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed during each of these Masses. At 2:40 there will be a Service of the Word and the Distribution of Ashes.

Trócaire Boxes are available at the doors of the Church. If you have not received one through school please take one. We will be updating you on the 2016 campaign during Lent.



MISERICORDIAE
VULTUS -
POPE FRANCIS
LETTER FOR
THE YEAR OF
MERCY

Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love. The Church "has an endless desire to show mercy". Perhaps we have long since forgotten how to show and live the way of mercy. The temptation, on the one hand, to focus exclusively on justice made us forget that this is only the first, albeit necessary and indispensable step. But the Church needs to go beyond and strive for a higher and more important goal. On the other hand, sad to say, we must admit that the practice of mercy is waning in the wider culture. In some cases the word seems to have dropped out of use. However, without a witness to mercy, life becomes fruitless and sterile, as if sequestered in a barren desert. The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope. Paragraph 10.

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH RETREAT
YOU TOO ARE WELCOME

led by the Capuchin Retreat Team
St. Cronan's Church 21st – 26th February 2016
Daily: 7:30am, 10:00am, 7:30pm, 12:00noon (daily) faith sharing,
Thursday (25th) 1:15pm Anointing of the Sick, Friday (26th) 7:30pm Reconciliation Service

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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 the month from 4 - 5 pm. **Could you not watch one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.**

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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CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

6/7 February
VDP Monthly Collection
20/21 February
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