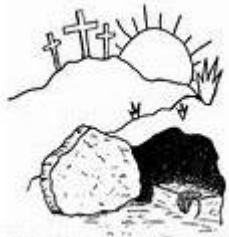


Easter Sunday



5th April 2015

MASS INTENTIONS

9.00am Altar List of the Dead and Intention of all Parishioners

11.00am Mary Carroll (A)

12.30pm John Behan (A)

5.30pm Mary & Charles Donnelly (A)

PRAY FOR

Catherine McNally (B'day Rem)

Anna O'Hara (1st A)

Christina Hoey (A)

Brendan O'Reilly (RD)

Ita Mongey (A)

John Markham (A)

John & Catherine Sheridan (A)

Niamh Oglesby (RD)

Alex Stanley (RD)

MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

Mon: Sean & Margaret Pepper (A)

Tues: Michael O'Toole (A)

Wed: For the intentions of those who assisted a parishioner in a recent fall

Pray for: John & Catherine Sheridan (A)

Thurs: Vincent & Charlotte Delamere (A)

Fri: Fergus McAleavy (A) & Dcsd Family Members

Sat: Thomas & Mary Duff (A)

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.

LENTEN BIBLE CHALLENGE

Why not join us here in St Cronan's for a seven week Scripture study of St. Luke's Gospel & the Acts of the Apostles? These two Biblical books, written by Luke, cover the period from the birth of Christ up to the first imprisonment of St Paul in Rome in c. 63 AD. The reading plan will run from Tuesday 14/04/15 and end on 02/06/15. There will be weekly meetings, mostly on Mondays, at 7.30-8.30 pm to review and discuss the previous week's reading. 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. All welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUND

The total raised for the Parish Pastoral Centre Fund Raising Appeal is to date €12,945.00. Many thanks to all who have kindly contributed.

FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund. The February standing order figure is €3,050.00. The Weekly Outdoor collection for last week amounted to €686.52 and annuals/half yearly contributions totaling €1,200.00. The Family Offering Envelope/Standing Order 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.

SOCIAL DANCING

For the over 55's every Sunday Night from 9:30pm - 12:00midnight in Fingallians GAA Club. All are welcome.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

The following are Church Gate Collections for March/April:

4/5 April – No Collection

11/12 April – CASA

18/19 April – Share Appeal

25/26 April – Dublin Seminarians

BAPTISMS

The next dates for Baptisms are in May. Please check our website for details.

If you would like to be a part of the Baptism Ministry here in St. Cronan's, please contact any of the Priests in the Parish, a member of the Baptism Team or the Parish Office.

HOLY HILL HERMITAGE

Fancy living as a hermit for a while? Come to Holy Hill Hermitage for FREE

Young Adults Programme (18-35): Cost-FREE. Dates- 1st Oct until 1st Dec 2015.

Working retreats: Cost- 15hrs work a week. Dates- Ongoing, so when can you come?

Hermits are provided with a comfortable hermitage with well stocked kitchen. The Young Adults Programme includes, mountain climbing, workshops, seminars, regular Mass, mountain biking, Eucharistic services, Eucharistic adoration, meditation, spiritual direction, contemplation, regular time for silent solitude. Holy Hill Hermitage is a Catholic Diocesan Institute of Consecrated Life practicing Carmelite spirituality

www.holyhill.ie

www.facebook.com/holyhillhermitage

EASTER DUES

The Easter Dues Offering envelopes have been delivered with the Easter Card. Together with the First Collection at Mass these contributions are to support Fr. Paul and Fr. Joseph, other priests in the Diocese and those who are sick and retired.

We thank those who have returned their offerings and we are very grateful for your commitment and support.

Envelopes can be put in the pouches at Mass, the white letter boxes at the doors of the Church or handed into the office.

VOCATIONS INFORMATION EVENING

Soul Food: Vocations information evening for men interested in a religious vocation. 6.30pm, Monday, 13th April at Presentation Brothers, Glashule, Dun Laoghaire.

Full details on:

www.PresentationBrothers.org

Call Anthony at 01-2300824.

ST. FINIAN'S, RIVERVALLEY

An evening of prayer and healing including Mass will be held in St. Finians Church, Rivervalley on Friday 17th April at 7p.m Led by Eddie Stones. All are welcome.

SWORDS PARISH GROUPING

Swords Parish Grouping Holiday 2015

**Monday 29 June – Saturday 4 July
Splendours of Poland
based in Krakow**

Cost: €725.00 per person sharing

Booking and further details at

Parish Office Tel: (01) 8407277

This holiday is organised by: MAP Travel

THE BLESSING OF THE HOLY OILS

Behind the celebrant's chair is a container with the Holy Oils used in the celebration of the Sacraments in the Parish during the year. On Holy Thursday two of them are blessed and the third is consecrated at the Chrism Mass in the Pro-Cathedral. When they are used throughout the Diocese in the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick, there is a spiritual link with all those who receive these Sacraments and the Bishop of the Diocese. In this way the bonds of communion between us are strengthened, we are not a Christian alone in the world, but one who belongs to a family through the Parish and the Diocese.

There are three different oils that we use. Each of them is made with the purest, first press, olive oil. They are stored in a secure place in the church and the oil of the sick (Infirmorum) is carried by Priests in an Oil Stock.

The Oil of Infirmorum: is used when someone is ill to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick. The practice of the anointing of the sick has a tradition going back to the very beginning of the Church. It is encouraged that this Sacrament should be celebrated as a community, as we did during the retreat. In this way those who are sick are supported by the prayers of all the community.

This oil is also used as someone is approaching death. With the final reception of the Eucharist (Viaticum), Confession and the Anointing, it prepares those who are getting ready for their journey home to God, to enter into God's presence. It is encouraged that this Sacrament is celebrated when the person is able to appreciate what is happening. For many it gives them comfort and eases the anxiety that leaving their family brings. It is always available on request from the Priests of the Parish.

The Oil of Catechumen is used only in the Sacrament of Baptism. Once the person to be baptized has asked for the Sacrament, or it has been requested on their behalf by their parents, the word of God has been heard and responded to with prayers of intercession, then the anointing takes place. In the Baptism Ceremony it is called the Rite of Exorcism. What this means is that by this anointing God's presence with the person will keep them out of the path of the evil one. The anointing signifies in a tangible way that this person is now welcomed into God's family, the Church.

The Oil of Chrism is the one which is consecrated on Holy Thursday. To this oil is added the perfume Balsam which when it is used can be clearly smelt, a sweet perfume. The oil of Chrism is very important as it signifies our being joined to Christ in Baptism through the Holy Spirit when we are anointed. Again at the Sacrament of Confirmation we are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit as the Bishop or his delegate, traces the sign of the cross on the forehead. In this sign we are full members of the Church and share in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. When a Priest is Ordained to the Sacramental Ministry his hands are anointed with the Oil of Chrism, that he may live his life in the pattern of Jesus' ministry. These oils, unlike other blessed oils are for the celebration of the Sacraments. In each of the Sacraments we meet Jesus in the particular circumstance that we find ourselves. He reminds us and the Church through these touches that He is with us always, to the very end of time.

A WORD OF THANKS

To all who helped prepare and celebrate the ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter a sincere thank you. At such an important time of the year it is important to work together at the service of God and one another in our times of celebration and praise.

Msza Swieta w Jeryku Polskim w Niedziele 12 Kwiecien o godz 18:45. (spowiedz 18:15 – 18:40)

Easter Sunday 5th April 2015

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters, a Happy and Holy Easter!

The Church throughout the world echoes the angel's message to the women: "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised... Come, see the place where he lay" (Mt 28:5-6).

This is the culmination of the Gospel, it is the Good News par excellence: Jesus, who was crucified, is risen! This event is the basis of our faith and our hope. If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning; the whole mission of the Church would lose its impulse, for this is the point from which it first set out and continues to set out ever anew. The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death.

This is why we tell everyone: "Come and see!" In every human situation, marked by frailty, sin and death, the Good News is no mere matter of words, but a testimony to unconditional and faithful love: it is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast... "Come and see!": Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness.

With this joyful certainty in our hearts, today we turn to you, risen Lord!

Help us to seek you and to find you, to realize that we have a Father and are not orphans; that we can love and adore you.

Help us to overcome the scourge of hunger, aggravated by conflicts and by the immense wastefulness for which we are often responsible.

Enable us to protect the vulnerable, especially children, women and the elderly, who are at times exploited and abandoned.

Comfort all those who cannot celebrate this Easter with their loved ones because they have been unjustly torn from their affections, like the many persons, priests and laity, who in various parts of the world have been kidnapped.

Comfort those who have left their own lands to migrate to places offering hope for a better future and the possibility of living their lives in dignity and, not infrequently, of freely professing their faith.

We ask you, Lord Jesus, to put an end to all war and every conflict, whether great or small, ancient or recent.

Lord, we pray to you for all the peoples of the earth: you who have conquered death, grant us your life, grant us your peace! Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter!

EASTER JOY

On behalf of Fr. Joseph and myself we would like to offer you and your family every blessing in this Easter Time. We thank you for your kindness, support and prayers throughout the year. In this Easter Time we hope that the risen Christ will bring hope to your life, especially if you are carrying sickness, bereavement, unemployment, emigration or any other worry. We ask that the Lord will pour out his love and compassion on our whole parish.

Fr. Paul