

6th Sunday of Easter

Love one another
as I have loved you
John 15:12

10th May 2015

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm James Greene (A)
9.00am Altar List of the Dead and
Intention of all Parishioners
11.00am Dr. Joe Cox (2nd A)
12.30pm John Ryan (A)
5.30pm Bernadette O'Rourke (A)

PRAY FOR

Austin Carey (MM)
Jimmy Cooke (2nd A)
Jarlath Finnegan (8th A)
Chrissie, Tommy & Thomas Stacey (A)
Hilda Slevin (A)

MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

Mon: Special Intention
Tues: Special Intention
Pray For: Joan Hunt (1st A)
Wed: Christina Hoey (A)
Thurs: Phil McCauley (A)
Fri: Dick Slattery (A)
Mass Saturday Morning 8:45am
Sat: Eamonn Snr. & Eamonn Jnr.
Madden (A)

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

The upcoming Church Gate Collections are:
9/10 May – No Collection
16/17 May – No Collection
23/24 May – Crosscare

MSZE SWIETA W JERYKU POLSKIM

Msze Swieta w Jeryku Polskim dzisiaj,
Niedziele 10 Maya, o godz 18:45.
(Spowiedz 18:15 – 18:40).

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.

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE FUND

The total raised for the Parish Pastoral Centre Fund Raising Appeal is to date €18,670.63. 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 March standing order figure is €3,794.00. The Weekly Outdoor collection for last week amounted to €677.76 and there were no annuals/half yearly contributions this week. 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.

BAPTISMS

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

Congratulations to the following children who were baptised in St. Cronan's last weekend:

Ella Louise Warren
Taylor Marie Doherty
Kaithlyn Ellen Doherty
Kyle Charlie Martin
Olasubomi Nathaniel Familusi
Olasunkanmi Gabriel Familusi

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion medals, beads, prayer books, keepsakes, cards etc. available main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

MARY'S MEALS

Deepest gratitude to all the kind and generous people of Brackenstown for the wonderful response to the "Mary's Meals Fundraiser" – especially those who attended on the night, bought raffle tickets and gave donations. Following our very successful Concert in Croke Park we raised in excess of €31,000. God bless you all! Aoife Martin.

IRISH CONVERSATION

SATURDAYS, 11.30 am, CAIFE
KYLEMORE, PAVILIONS, SWORDS.
Diarmuid Ó Súilleabháin
diarmuid.osuilleabhain@gmail.com

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.

THE ROSARY

The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in 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.

CHY TAX REFUNDS FOR OUR CHURCH

We would like to thank all those who have returned their CHY tax refund forms for 2014. There are still six forms outstanding. It is not too late to return your form if you have yet to do so. Since January 2013 self-assessed tax payers can no longer claim the tax refund themselves. The refund is now claimed by the Parish for qualifying contributions made by self-assessed parishioners. The CHY tax refunds received play a vital part in the upkeep of our Church. Sincere thanks to all who support the Parish financially. It is very much appreciated.

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

FINGAL COUNSELLING SERVICE

Fingal Counselling Service Training Course in Humanistic Counselling 3 ½ years part-time course Wednesday Mornings Commencing September 2015. This course is IACP recognized. For Application Form and Course details contact: Fingal Counselling Service, BASE Resource Centre Brackenstown, Swords, Co. Dublin Phone: 8902596 Or Email fcsdenise@yahoo.ie.

PRAYER MEETING

Prayer Meeting on **Tuesday next, 12th May** from 8:00pm to 9:00pm 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.

DIABETES IRELAND

Diabetes Ireland are promoting our major walk in the parishes of Kildare, Dublin, Wicklow and Carlow as all within 90 minutes of the staging of our major walk at the Blessington Lakes.

Over 225,000 people in Ireland have diabetes with 90% of these having Type 2 Diabetes, many of whom will be your parishioners based on age specifics.

Diabetes Ireland is inviting all walkers to support the charity through registering to take part in an all new fundraising walk. Lap The Lake 2015 is a 28km walk around the Blessington Lakes in Co. Wicklow on the incredibly scenic Lake Drive Rd. Enjoy the stunning scenery of the Wicklow foothills on Sunday June 21st and help raise much needed funds for Diabetes Ireland. Full details at www.diabetes.ie or lo-call 1850 909 909.

PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE UPDATE

Since the roof went onto the building things have really started moving very fast. This week all the conduits for the electrical, audio visual and security wiring have been cut into the walls. On Friday the windows arrived from Munster Joinery and are in the process of being installed. When the fascia and soffit go onto the roof they will match the colour of the windows.

In the front porch there are picture of what the inside looks like so far and also our fundraising to date. We are nearly at the half way mark and are very grateful to you for your support.

If you have any suggestions for the type of activities that you would like to see in the Parish Centre please leave them in the suggestion box in the front porch. Also if you have any ideas about how we should mark the opening of the Parish Centre, put them into the suggestion box also.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend we began our celebrations of First Holy Communion. On Saturday Gaelscoil Briain Boraimhe and Swords and Thornleigh Educate Together National Schools received the gift of Jesus in Holy Communion.

Each year a lot of work goes into the preparation of the children for Holy Communion, at home, in school and in the Parish. We take this opportunity to thanks the teachers, religion committees, Do This In Memory Team and all who decorated, cleaned and prepared the Church. Since the beginning of the Do This In Memory Programme, the monthly masses have really helped the families to grow in their understanding of what they are receiving and how the Church community is an essential part of what they are becoming joined to.

This time of year gives us an opportunity to think back to our own First Holy Communion day and to the meaning that we place on the Eucharist each time that we receive Holy Communion.

Pope Francis offers us this reflection...

Continuing our catechesis on the Sacraments of Initiation, I wish to reflect on how we live the Eucharist in our daily lives, as a Church and individual Christians. First, the Eucharist affects the way we see others. In his life, Christ manifested his love by being with people, and by sharing their desires and problems. So too the Eucharist brings us together with others – young and old, poor and affluent, neighbours and visitors. The Eucharist calls us to see all of them as our brothers and sisters, and to see in them the face of Christ.

Second, in the Eucharist we experience the forgiveness of God and the call to forgive. We celebrate the Eucharist not because we are worthy, but because we recognize our need for God's mercy, incarnate in Jesus Christ. In the Eucharist, we renew the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ for the remission of sins, and our hearts are enlarged to receive and show mercy.

Third, in the Eucharistic celebration, we are nourished as the Christian community by Christ's Word and Life. It is from the Eucharist that the Church receives continually her identity and mission. It is in our celebration that Christ fills us with his grace, so that our lives may be consonant with our worship of God in the Liturgy. Let us live the Eucharist in a spirit of faith and prayer, with the certainty that the Lord will bring to fulfillment all that he has promised.

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MARRIAGE IS IMPORTANT – THINK BEFORE YOU CHANGE IT

'Care for the Covenant of marriage' - Archbishop Eamon Martin

How have we got ourselves into the situation that when people stand up to guard the dignity of difference between a man and woman, and speak for the traditional definition of marriage, they are often portrayed as being against freedom, or against equality? How is it that many people won't even raise these issues in their families and workplaces for fear of being ridiculed or condemned as homophobic? Could we not expect at least some of our legislators to engage in public discussion on both sides? Message on the Marriage Referendum, 2 May 2015.

'Marriage in the Constitution is linked with the family' - Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

You cannot take one article of the Constitution in isolation. Marriage is not simply about a wedding ceremony or about two people being in love with each other. Marriage, in the Constitution, is linked with the family and with a concept of family and to the mutuality of man and woman which is the fundamental foundation for the family as it exists in the constitution today.

Marriage is a total communion of life and of love with God of the married couple in their family life.

Women and men find companionship in marriage, where they complement each other, not because they are the same but because they are different.

Their marriage is not just for themselves or for the children they may have. The family is the church in the home. The bride and groom are consecrated, and as a married couple living their vocation, they enrich the whole community, building up the Church with their love as husband and wife. In procreating and rearing children, they live the beauty of love, fatherhood and motherhood and they have the dignity of participating in God's creative work.

As Catholics, it is not sufficient for us to talk about the importance of family. We also have a responsibility to do all that we can do to offer practical support for marriage and family in our parish communities, in our liturgies and our pastoral action and as individual members of society, through our social and political actions.

Extract from the Prayer by Pope Francis for the Synod on the Family

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Amen.