

Parish Newsletter

23rd September 2018 ✠ 25th Sunday ✠ Year B

Sunday, 23rd September - Diocesan Safeguarding Day

The fourth Sunday in September has been designated by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin as Safeguarding Sunday. It is an ideal opportunity to let the parishioners in our parishes know of the great work going on to safeguard children and vulnerable adults. As Pope Francis has said "Families need to know that the Church is making every effort to protect their children"

This year saw the introduction of the new updated Diocesan Safeguarding Policy, which was launched at Deanery meetings throughout the Dioceses. This document clearly outlines the policies and procedures that all parishes must have in place to safeguard children. Should anyone want a copy of this document, it can be downloaded from the Dublin Diocesan Child Safeguarding & Protection Service website or alternatively, you can contact any member of the Parish team, who in turn will email you a copy. The measures that we put in place in this parish, as in all parishes in the diocese, to keep children and vulnerable adults safe are the following:

- Adopting a child centered approach, which involves valuing children and demonstrating our respect for them
- Obtaining the consent of parents for the involvement of their children in parish activities
- Choosing carefully those who work with children and vulnerable adults in our parish
- Ensuring parish workers and volunteers behave appropriately towards children and vulnerable adults.
- Making proper arrangements for activities involving children, including ensuring adequate adult supervision of such activities
- Keeping good records of parish activities involving children.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

Church Safeguarding & Protection Statement

We the Parish of Brackenstown value and encourage the participation of children and young people in Parish liturgies and activities in order to enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development.

We recognise the dignity and rights of all children and young people and are committed to ensuring their protection from all forms of abuse and exploitation.

In keeping with this we will do all in our power to create safe environments for children and young people in order to secure their protection and enable their full participation in the life of the Parish. This is a commitment binding on all Priests and on all those who work and volunteer in this Parish.

Child Protection Code of Conduct

Within the Parish of St. Cronan's, Brackenstown:

- Children and young people will be treated with courtesy, respect and dignity
- Children and young people (under eighteen years of age) will not be permitted to consume alcohol or smoke while participating in activities organised by or under the control of the Parish
- There will be an adequate ratio of leaders to children and young people at all times
- Care will be taken to ensure that when working with mixed gender groups, staff and adult volunteers of appropriate gender will work in pairs
- Leaders (over the age of eighteen) will not consume alcohol or smoke while in the presence of children or young people
- Inappropriate language or sexually suggestive comments will not be permitted by children or young people
- Physical contact between children or young people and leaders will be appropriate at all times. Leaders will not engage in rough play or undertake any task of a personal nature with / for children or young people, except in cases of medical necessity when the welfare of the child or young person depends on it
- Leaders will always engage with children or young people in an open manner and care will be taken not to show favouritism
- There will be clearly designated leaders within each group with whom children and young people can speak about their experiences and raise any concerns should they arise

If anyone wishes to discuss any concern regarding child safeguarding and protection within our Church please contact:

Local Parish Safeguarding Representatives
Mary-Liz Donaghue, Nicola Gregan & Colette Burke can be contacted on 01 840 1188

Archdiocese of Dublin Child Safeguarding and Protection Office
Designated Person: Andrew Fagan
01 8360314 / 087 685 3180
andrew.fagan@dublindiocese.ie

Garda Síochána Swords
01 666 4700

Tusla
01 870 8000

Other Helpful Contacts:
Samaritans Helpline 1850 609090
ISPCC 01 6767960
One in Four 016624070
Dublin Rape Crisis Centre 1800778 888
Child Line 1850 666 666
Towards Healing Helpline 1800 303 416
Children At Risk in Ireland (CARI) 1890 924 567
Barnados 1850 222 300

A full copy of the Parish and Diocesan Child Safeguarding and Protection Policy is available in the Sacristy and Parish Office. It is also available on the Parish Website www.brackenstown-parish.com and on the Archdiocese of Dublin Website www.dublindiocese.ie.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm: Mary McQuillan (1st A) & Phyllis McQuillan (Rem)
Marie Carey (A)
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead
11:00 am: Anne & Peter Smith (A)
12:30pm: Pat Hughes (A)
5:30pm: Sr. Ellen O'Donoghue & Sr. Sarah Quinn (A)

PRAY FOR

Vincent Hughes (27th A)
Kathleen Murray (RD)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Gerard McGrath (A)
Tues: Special Intention
Wed: Special Intention
Thur: Jim & May McKay (A)
Fri: Maire Darcy (RD)
Sat: Special Intention

Holyday Mass: Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am & 7:30pm

Confession: Saturday 10:30am-11:00am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm & After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday

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

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CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

29/30 Sept
Young Priests
Society



LIVING WITH LOSS

An information evening for the public about bereavement with guest speaker

Niamh Fitzpatrick

(Psychologist, sister of Capt. Dara Fitzpatrick)
Observations on grief from the inside out

Thursday, 1st November 2018

5.30pm - 8.00pm

The Alex Hotel, 41-47 Fenian Street
(off Merrion Square), Dublin 2.

Brackenstown Bible Study

Join us for *Acts, The Spread of the Kingdom* in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre, beginning January 2019. The study runs for a total of 20 weeks over Spring & Autumn 2019. Classes are 7.30-9pm on Monday nights, the cost is €25 and the class size will be limited to c.45 people. If interested please reserve your place by 12/10/18 as the study materials have to be ordered well in advance due to high demand for the course. To register for the study call Louise at 01-8401188 or via email: brackenstownparish@gmail.com.

BT Shop for Change in aid of the Irish Cancer Society

On the 16th October, 150 volunteers from BT Ireland will manage the retail shops of the Irish Cancer Society with the aim of raising €150,000 for this great charity. To hit this ambitious target we need to collect items of unwanted clothing, bric-a-brac and saleable items for this one day extravaganza. Your local shop in Swords is involved in the challenge this year.

How can you help?? We are asking that on the weekend on **7th October** that you will bring all items that you would like to donate to the Church. We will provide the bags in advance. We are not collecting any money, just donated items.



George Barnes with Archbishop Diarmuid Martin who recently travelled on the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Church Refurbishment Update

The Church will close each week day at 10:30am for the next 2 weeks. Prayer groups will be facilitated in the Pastoral Centre and Adoration will take place in the old Parish Meeting Room on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Fr. Paul

A Counselling Service for your Community

Fingal Counselling Service is a community based voluntary counselling service providing confidential, non-directive counselling on a one-to-one basis, to couples and individuals. The service offers a safe and confidential environment where clients are encouraged and supported while working through their difficulties.

We are holding a sale of preloved occasion wear **Sunday 30th September from 10am - 1.30pm** in BASE Resource Centre

Hospitality in the Pastoral Centre

GIVE US A HAND!

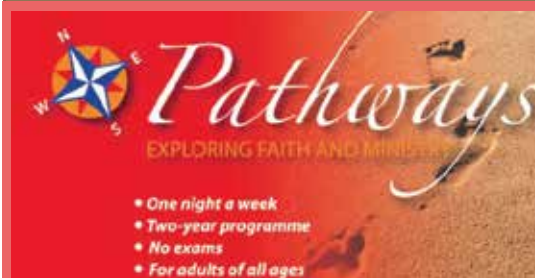
Help is needed for the week-day Coffee Mornings on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays.**

If you can help, please contact the Parish Office on 01 8401188
After the 10am Mass



St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Supporting Vocations to the Priesthood Worldwide

The Society is a Catholic lay organisation, founded by Mrs. Olivia Taaffe in 1895. Its sole purpose is to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life, by prayer, financial help, and the witness of our Christian living. Last year the Society assisted 84 Irish seminarians and 536 overseas. Seminarians who are supported by the Society are very appreciative, remembering all those who contribute to their education to the priesthood. How can you help? By praying for vocations and making a contribution to our church gate collection next weekend 29/30 September. Mass is offered daily for our members and benefactors, both living and deceased. We thank you for your help.



Pathways is a two-year, one night a week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. The course begins in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe

on Thursday 27th September 2018 (7pm-9:30pm). St. Cronan's Parish offers financial support for anyone wishing to do this course.

Faith for Life takes place over four weekends in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe: *Called to Become* (6/7 October); *Church in and for the World* (17/18 November); *The Word of God* (12/13 January); & *Living Faithfully* (23/24 February). St. Cronan's Parish offers financial support for anyone wishing to do this course.



The Junior Choir

We are looking for LOTS of new members to sing at
12:30pm Mass on Sundays
New Rehearsal Day & Time:
Tuesdays 6 - 7pm in the Church



Brackenstown Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019

We are planning a Holy Land Pilgrimage. The approximate dates are: 26th Oct-3rd Nov '19. Agent will be MAP Travel.

Names are being taken through the Parish Office



Next Parent Meeting is
Thursday 4th October
Next dates for Baptisms:

Saturday 13th October 12:30pm
Sunday 28th October at 1:45pm

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 and the following Sunday:

25th Sunday:

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29, 17-20; Psalm 18; Second Reading: James 5:1-6; Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-47

26th Sunday:

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9; Psalm 114; Second Reading: James 2:14-18; Gospel: Mark 8:27-35



FAMILY OFFERING

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

July Standing Order €4,255.67
Outdoor Collection - €593.27
Annuals/Half Yearly - N/A

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

COLLECTIONS AT THE WEEKEND MASSES

First Collection - €1,520.00 (€360.68 recorded for Tax)
CROSSCARE Collection - €2,675.00 (€306.17 recorded for Tax)

PATRICIAN MEETING

The monthly Patrician Meeting resumes this week... You are invited to attend a discussion entitled "Is New Age Compatible with Church Teaching?" on **Thursday next, 27th September at 8pm** in the Parish Pastoral Centre (St. Cronan's Church). How would you recognize New Age ideas? Do they harm your faith in Jesus? Why not come along on Thursday evening?! Spiritual Director will speak on the subject. Light refreshments.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

The Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock will take place on **Sunday 30th September**. If you would like to travel on this Pilgrimage, please book with Legion of Mary members in Main Porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses. Details on posters.

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

THE ROSARY

Praying for a special intention? The Holy Father recommends that we pray the Rosary. Why not give it a chance and experience the peace that many people receive from the Rosary? The "Rosary Statue" was blessed for use in the home and it helps many to set a prayer date. If you would like to pray the Rosary and have the Rosary Statue in your home for a week, or **get more information** please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR OUR LADY?

Why not do something new? Legion of Mary needs new members to help Our Lady bring Jesus to more people. **You could help!** Meetings: **Adults - Tuesdays 10:30am in Sisters' House and Wednesdays 7:30pm in Sacristy and we need more Junior Members on Fridays at 4:45pm also Sacristy.** Why not come and see what you can do!

HELPERS

New Helpers needed to deliver the "Alive!" Catholic Paper. If you could give **20-30 minutes a month**, you could do great work to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Enquire at Legion of Mary table in the main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses or leave your contact number with Louise in the Parish Office.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

Helping Children to Enjoy Mass

As we look at the big effort of a Sunday morning, what helps young parents be encouraged to bring children to mass? Going with kids can be daunting. To keep doing something uncomfortable, or embarrassing, seems counter-intuitive. Parishes can do huge things for families. Ours has 'Pew Packs': folders with crayons, kids' readings, even a book inside. My small children go in and grab them, and it provides something



for them in the environment. Not every parish can manage this kind of innovation – or the lollipop afterwards, which acts as the perennial carrot to the grumpy toddler. These simple gestures of welcome and hospitality are gratefully received. Children are usually welcome at our parishes

– more than that, there are usually really kind-hearted and gifted people who would love to 'do something' for kids. We should seek those people out – they are around, the ones who smile at kids and say nice things to parents like us – and see what ideas they might have.

Whether or not we have the blessings of a lollipop or resources for the little ones, our children are likely to inherit our attitude towards the mass. If we groan and sigh and 'put up with it', zombie like, trying to sneak out as soon as possible, then they will also. But, if we are loving and reverent, taking the time to talk about the gospel afterwards, or share with enthusiasm our love for the Lord in the Eucharist, then the kids will look forward to it as well.

Dominic Perrem writes in this week's Cornerstone, a new section in The Irish Catholic.

Quote of the week

"Each person's choices have repercussions on the life of everyone."

– Pope Francis



Challenge:

In what ways are you fully aware to the choices that you make, and how those choices affect others? Be aware of what you do each day, and mindful of how your choices impact those around you.

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Please do not hesitate to call us should you need our advice or expertise.

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