



## Parish Newsletter

7th January 2018 ✕ Sunday Ordinary Time ✕ Year B

# EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION 2018

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars as December 25th, many of the important feasts of the Church year move, based upon the date that Easter is set. Easter changes each year moving to the Sunday after the "Paschal Full Moon," and can fall between March 22 and April 25.

In ancient times before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming Liturgical year. On Epiphany Sunday, the upcoming dates were "proclaimed".

After the singing of the Gospel, a Deacon or cantor, in keeping with an ancient practice of Holy Church, announces from the ambo the moveable feasts of the current year according to this formula:

**K**now, dear brethren, (brothers and sisters,) that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

**O**n the Fourteenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

**O**n the First day of April you will celebrate with Joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O**n the Tenth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O**n the Twentieth day of May the feast of Pentecost.

**O**n the Third day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

**O**n the Second day of December the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever.

### EPIPHANY GIFTS

You are invited to bring along any unwanted Christmas gifts until 10th January. These gifts will then be passed onto Alice Leahy's Trust, a day-care facility for the homeless based in the Iveagh Trust Buildings. The kind of things that are useful are: chocolates, sweets, scented candles, toiletries, scarves, gloves etc.

Bring them to the crib in the Church and the Pastoral Council will pass them on. Thank you.



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# UCD VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS



*Dear Parishioners,*

Back in the summer of 2016 I was lucky enough to volunteer in Morogoro, Tanzania with a charity called UCD Volunteers Overseas which is based in UCD. I lived and worked there for 4 weeks teaching computers and English to students and teachers. I stayed involved with the Charity ever since; being their media officer in 2016 / 2017 and partaking in courses such as "Be the Change" (a course which teaches people skills and techniques in activism and progressive change) and "Skills in Development Education" (a course which teaches the importance of respecting other cultures and values while also trying to educate communities on given topics).

This year I have been extremely lucky in being selected to lead a group of first time volunteers to carry out a Community Development and Construction project in a small town called Somoto in Nicaragua. We will be collaborating with a number of local NGOs while there, but in order to do this each volunteer must raise €2,600 which goes directly towards the Nicaraguan Project. I was overwhelmed 2 years ago by the support of the parish and your donations proved extremely beneficial to the community of Morogoro. I have learnt so much about interpersonal and intercultural relations in my time with UCDVO and I would be so grateful for any support you can give this year.

If you would like to hear any stories from my time in Morogoro or if you have any questions please don't be afraid to ask me.

*Kind Regards, Matthew Rose-Mel*



## ARE YOU OR A LOVED ONE COPING WITH DEMENTIA / ALZHEIMERS?

Join us at the

**Brackenstown Forget Me Not Café, Brackenstown Parish Centre**

for support and information on the second Tuesday of each month from 7pm until 9pm

Next Café: Tuesday 9th January 2018

Admission Free Enjoy Refreshments and a Chat - All Welcome

Phone 0894986007 [www.brackenstownforgetmenotcafe.com](http://www.brackenstownforgetmenotcafe.com)

## Brackenstown Bible Study 2018

During 2018 we will study Matthew: The King and His Kingdom, a Catholic Bible study that brings the history of Christ to life through St. Matthew's Gospel. You will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who fulfils the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament, establishes the New Law, and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven.

The study runs for a total of 24 weeks, there will be 14 classes in Spring 2018 and 10 classes in Autumn 2018. The class size will be limited to 50 people, 38 people have already booked.

To register for the study call Louise at 01-8401188 or via email [brackenstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com)

**Course Duration:** Classes commence Monday 22 /01/18

**Course Cost:** €20.00 covers cost of the DVDs & study book

**Course Time:** Monday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm

**Venue:** St Cronan's Parish Pastoral Centre

## PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
<b>JANUARY 2018</b>	
9th	Coffee Mornings resume @ 10:30am
9th	Parkinson's Group Meeting @ 11am
9th	Forget Me Not Café @ 7:00pm
9th	Come Follow Me Preparation Group Meeting @ 7:30pm
16th	St. Joseph's Young Priests Society @ 10:30am
18th	Patrician's Meeting @ 7:30pm
20th	Come Follow Me Mass - Becoming @ 6:30pm
21st	Come Follow Me Mass - Becoming @ 5:30pm

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

### MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm:** Dcsd Members of Hanrahan

Family

**9:00am:** Altar List of the Dead

**11:00am:** Christina Walsh (A)

**12:30pm:** Katherine Mallon (4th A)

**5:30pm:** Katriona Harford (A)

### PRAY FOR

Margaret O'Reilly (60th B'day R)  
Barney McCann (A)

Lawrence & Ann Maughan (R)

Dcsd Members of Mongan Family

Anne, Tom & Philomena O'Leary (A)

### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Rose Fernie (3rd A)

**Tues:** Josephine Murphy(A)

**Pray for:** Michael Hoare (6th A)

**Wed:** Margaret O'Reilly (60th B'day R)

**Thurs:** Hughie McGuirk (Co. Monaghan) (RD)

**Fri:** Special Intention

**Sat:** Evelyn & Peter Costello and  
Paddy O'Donnell (Rem)

## Brackenstown Parish Pilgrimage to Poland 1st-7th July 2018

Booking will close on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** for our Pilgrimage to Poland 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

A deposit of €250.00 must be paid by 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

Price: €835.00 - Checked in bag: €70.00

Single Room Supplement: €35.00 per night

Further details from Parish Office.

### Advance Notice

## Brackenstown Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

We are planning a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2019.

The approx. dates are 26th October – 3rd November

Agent will be MAP Travel

Booking will open in JUNE 2018 through the Parish Office

## CHRISTMAS DUES

The Christmas Dues together with the First Collection at Mass and the Easter Dues goes to support myself and the sick and retired Priests of the Diocese. We really appreciate your generosity to this collection.

There is a financial benefit to the Parish as your Dues contributions can be included in your Family Offering for the Tax Reclaim Scheme.

Thank you again for your generosity and for all your support.

Fr. Paul



## The Finance Committee

The Finance Committee wish to thank all those who have requested to be included in the new envelope system for the two collections at weekend Masses. As mentioned there are substantial potential benefits for the Parish if the donor is an income tax payer. We will shortly be ordering the 2018 envelope boxes. We therefore invite those who wish to avail of the system to return a form as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.



All Welcome to the next meeting

St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre

Tuesday 9TH JANUARY

from 11am - 1pm

Tea & coffee available from 10:30am



The next Parent Meeting is Thursday 1st February

Next dates for Baptisms:

Sat 10th February @ 12:30pm

Sun 25th February @ 1:45pm

Please note one Month's Notice to be given & a copy of baby's Birth Cert is required when booking a Baptism.

## CALENDARS

Church Art Calendars, children's books, religious items etc. available in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

## PRAYER MEETING

Make a new beginning for 2018... Spend One Hour... Tuesday next, 9th January 8-9pm, Sisters' Oratory, 29 Brackenstown Village. This Prayer Meeting honours Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary. Everybody most welcome.

## ROSARY

Honour the Mother of God & begin the New 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 Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses and suitable arrangements will be made for you.

## 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 every Sunday of Advent from 4pm–5pm. Can you stay one hour with me? We encourage new people to come and join us.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

## FAMILY OFFERING

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

November Standing Order €3,788

Outdoor Collection €1,235.82

Annuals/Half Yearly €130.00



## BINGO

Every Sunday in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm  
Doors open at 7:30pm - Everyone welcome!

## Praying with God's Word

Below are the readings for this Sunday and next Sunday:

**The Baptism of Our Lord:** First Reading Isaiah (Is) 55:1-11: 2nd Reading John (Jn) 5:1-9; Gospel Mark (Mk) 1:7-11

**2nd Sunday Ordinary Time:** First Reading 1 Samuel (1 Sam) 3:3-10, 19; 2nd Reading 1st Corinthians (1 Cor) 6:13-15, 17-20; Gospel John (Jn) 1:35-42



The Hospitality Group welcome additional members, most especially for 3rd Sunday of each month after the 9am, 11am & 12:30pm Masses.

Next date will be Sunday 21st January

## Hospitality in the Pastoral Centre

Weekday Hospitality returns on Tuesday 9th January after 10am Mass



## PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Times:

Weekday Mass:

Holyday Mass:

Confession:

Sunday: (Sat. Vigil) 6:30pm, 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm & 5:30pm

Monday to Saturday 10:00am

Vigil 7:30pm; 10:00am

Saturday 10:30am to 11:00am and 6:00pm to 6:20pm

After 10:00am Mass on the Thursday before the First Friday

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,  
Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker  
Louise Donnelly, Secretary

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Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm

View our Parish Webcam via the Parish Website



## CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

6/7 January 2018  
St. Vincent de Paul

13/14 January 2018

UCD Volunteer  
Overseas Collection



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