

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

15th January 2017 ✠ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ Year A



## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2017

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul.

There are many reasons to celebrate this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The resources have been prepared by the Churches in Germany as they mark the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the German Reformation. This year's material they prepared for worldwide use are based around the verses 2 Corinthians 5:14-20.

There are fifty million Christians in Germany who, traditionally, have mostly belonged to the Roman Catholic Church or one of the Protestant State Churches. Recent developments, particularly the reception of refugees and asylum seekers, have begun to change this balance and other Christian traditions are finding expression. Whilst that which unites the churches is stronger than that which divides, there are still areas of difference in which the churches remain self-absorbed or construct new walls.

The text from 2 Corinthians announces that God has, in Christ, reconciled the world to himself. - The love of Christ compels us to be ambassadors of this reconciliation, which is enacted by dismantling the walls. With the fall of the Berlin Wall, Germany experienced how a seemingly insurmountable wall could be brought down. -The fall of this wall is a symbol of hope that, with the love of God, nothing is impossible.

This is a time of great change and uncertainty around the world as we confront difficulties such as climate change, migration of peoples across the planet and conflict spreading in many places. In the European context we see many of these issues finding expression on our streets and these are indeed a cause for prayers for unity.

The Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in the Swords area will take place in St. Columba's Church on at 8:00pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January (The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul). At a time when there is so much division in our world and where the message of God is being used as a tool of violence, there is a great need for those of different parts of the Christian family to come together and pray.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm:** Bernard McGlynn (A)  
**9:00am:** Altar List of the Dead  
**11:00pm:** Kevin & Sheila Maguire  
& Alice Crothers (A)  
**12:30pm:** Hinda Duff (1st A)  
**5:30pm:** Noel Flynn (A)

### PRAY FOR

Julia Pentony (A)  
Peter Harford (A)  
John Keane (A)  
Edward Brum (A)  
Patrick Fallon (A)  
Patrick Hanratty (A)

### MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Paddy Donovan (RD)  
**Tues:** Daniel Maughan (B'day Rem)  
**Wed:** Special Intention  
**Thurs:** Edward Brum (4th A)  
**Fri:** Intention of Sisters of Poor Clare's in Scotland  
**Sat:** Special Intention

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## Brackenstown Bible Study 2017

During 2017 we will study Jeff Cavins 23 week DVD course "The Bible Timeline; The Story of Salvation" The course will consist of 12 classes in the spring and 11 classes in the autumn. This is the foundational study in *The Great Adventure* Bible Study Series that has helped hundreds of thousands of Catholics learn to read the Bible. *The Bible Timeline* is a fascinating study that takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible. They will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. Using a unique color-coded system, they will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith.

**Course Duration:** Spring classes commence Monday 30/01/17; twelve sessions. Autumn classes commence Monday 04/09/17; eleven sessions.

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

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

**Course Time:** Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9.00 pm **Contact:** Louise 01-8401188; Email brackenstownparish@gmail.com



## Brackenstown Parish Pilgrimage

### to the Camino de Santiago

Stage 5 (final stage) of the Camino Francés

**Sarria to Santiago - 110 km (8 days)**

**Saturday 1 – Saturday 8 July 2017**

**This is the full and final stage of the Camino Way.** It takes 5 days walking to complete, it averages out at approx. 22 km per day and qualifies you for the Compostela (certificate). The trail is a combination of small country roads, stone footpaths and well maintained compact dirt tracks with no really steep climbs or treacherous descents. It is strenuous enough to give a sense of achievement at the end of each day without being exhausted! This walk is suitable for everyone and anyone who is reasonably fit but, most importantly, **stamina** is required.

#### Accommodation

Your accommodation will be in 2/3\* hotels/pensions while walking. Your en suite room will be simple, basic and clean. Facilities generally consist of a reception area and a breakfast room. Some have restaurant facilities. Breakfast is usually of the continental variety - coffee and croissants – anything else is bonus! As we use a wide range of accommodations in the various overnight locations you will be advised of names of all accommodations with your travel documents. The 2 final nights in Santiago will be in a good centrally located 4\* hotel.

**Walking grade:** Strenuous in places but mainly moderate

Price: €799.00 per person sharing BB

#### Price includes:

Return flights Dublin/Santiago

Airport taxes

One carry on bag per person max 10 kg

7 nights accommodation on a bed & breakfast basis

Transfers on arrival and departure

Luggage transfers throughout - 1 piece of luggage - max weight 15 kg per person

Services of local English speaking agent (emergencies only!)

#### Extras:

Checked in bag max 15 kg €50.00 (currently)

Travel insurance €36.00 (+66 years - double premium applies)

€182.00 single room supplement for duration of stay Proposed flights

Dublin – Santiago 13.05 hrs. 16.20 hrs.

Santiago – Dublin 17.00 hrs. 18.10 hrs.



**Walking each day:** you are "independent" which means you have maximum flexibility – set off walking in the morning whenever you are ready, walk at your own pace, choose when and where to stop for lunch en route and plan the day around your own agenda. You simply leave your packed luggage at reception and it will be awaiting you on arrival in your next accommodation.

#### YOU CAN DO IT!

We will have preparation walks in the Parish before we go. The important thing to know is that you go at your own pace and anybody who enjoys walking in beautiful scenery will be able for this. The steepest section would be the same as walking from Applewood to Brackenstown Road, there is no gradient any steeper.

The full itinerary is on the Parish website and available from the Parish Office. I have done this part of the Camino before and will be happy to share my experience with you.

Fr. Paul

# PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
<b>JANUARY 2017</b>	
18-25 JAN	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
21st JAN	COME FOLLOW ME MASS 6:30PM
22nd JAN	COME FOLLOW ME MASS 5:30PM
29 JAN-4 FEB	Catholic Schools Week
30th JAN	"The Bible Timeline" Bible Study
<b>FEBRUARY 2017</b>	
6th FEB	Service of Light - GSBB
9th FEB	Confirmation - GSBB
11th FEB	DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS 6:30PM
12th FEB	DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS 12:30PM
13th FEB	Service of Light - St. Cronan's
16th FEB	Confirmation - St. Cronan's
17th FEB	Confirmation - St. Cronan's

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE



### Dates for Baptisms:

11th February 12:30 pm  
12th February 1:45 pm  
25th February 12:30 pm  
26th February 1:45 pm

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

The next Parent Meeting is  
Thursday 2nd February  
at 8:00pm in  
St. Cronan's Parish Centre



Anam Cara,  
The national  
organisation  
that supports

bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of January from 19:30 to 21:30 in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. The guest speaker for the evening is Brid Carroll. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for event, please RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before Tuesday 17th January or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

### CHRISTMAS DUES

The Christmas Dues together with the First Collection at Mass and the Easter Dues goes to support myself and Fr. Joseph 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.

If you haven't returned your Dues yet, you can place them in the pouches at Mass or in the white boxes in the Church.

Thank you again for your generosity and for all the support you give to myself and Fr. Joseph.

Fr. Paul

### INTRODUCTION OF AN ENVELOPE SYSTEM FOR THE 1ST COLLECTION

Thank you to those who have returned the forms that were inserted recently in the parish newsletter. As mentioned there are substantial benefits to the Parish to be gained by using an envelope system for the 1st collection at no extra cost to anyone. Information sheets on how this scheme works are available on the tables at the back of the church. Thank you for your generous support of our Parish.

Paddy O'Byrne, Parish Finance Committee.



### 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

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm,  
Fr. Joseph Njanackal, C.S.T., C.C.  
Peter Siney, Pastoral Worker  
Louise Donnelly, Secretary

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

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01 8408926 – brackenstownparish@gmail.com

089 4614226 – peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie

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Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm



### CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

14/15 January  
No Collection

21/22 January  
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### FAITH DEVELOPMENT

The monthly Patrician Meeting takes place this week:

"Uniting the Followers of Christ" is the title of the discussion on Thursday next, 19th January at 8:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre. Can differences be easily healed? Are we really focused on Christ? This discussion is open to everyone. Spiritual Director will speak on the subject.



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

### THE ROSARY

Why not start the New Year with joy and peace? Book the "Rosary Statue" for a week and notice the difference praying the Rosary brings. It is simple....Just leave your contact details with a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses and arrangements will be made to suit you.

### CAN YOU HELP?

If you could give 20-30 minutes per month, you could do a lot to spread the Good News. Help needed to deliver the free Catholic Paper "Alive!" in a number of areas of the parish....e.g. Glasmore Park, Ashton, Castleview etc. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after week-end Masses or leave you name & phone no. with Louise in parish office.

### FAMILY OFFERING

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

November Standing Order €3,872

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