



# Parish Newsletter

28th April 2019



2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday



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## Divine Mercy Devotions

St. Cronan's Church,  
Brackenstown

TODAY Sunday 28th April

Beginning at 2:45pm

Chaplet at 3:00pm

Concluding

with Mass at 5:30pm

Blessing with the Relics of  
St. Faustina and Blessed Michal Sopoko



The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us — no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

**A** **Ask for His Mercy.** God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B** **Be merciful.** God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C** **Completely trust in Jesus.** God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm:** Enda Rogers (BR)  
**9:00am:** Altar List of the Dead  
**11:00am:** Kathleen, Stephen & Patrick O'Brien (A)  
**12:30pm:** Peter Blanche (A) & Dcsd Members of Gahan Family  
**5:30pm:** Billy & Dolores Edwards (A)

### PRAY FOR

Joe Gallagher (A)  
 Brigid Gallagher (A)  
 Joan Harvey (BR)  
 Mary Fullerton (A)

### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Brendan O'Keeffe (A)  
**Tues:** Dolores Geran (2A)  
**Wed:** Mai Shinnors (BR)  
**Thur:** Michael Slevin (1A)  
**Fri:** Joe & Bridget Gallagher (A)  
**Sat:** Special Intention

# Parish Pilgrimages

**HOLY LAND: 13th—21st September**



The Pilgrimage will be led by Fr. Paul Thornton and will visit all the main places in the life of Jesus. It will be some years before there will be another pilgrimage from the Parish. Limited places available.

Contact MAP Travel for booking  
01 8783111

€1,765.00

Per person sharing

**LOURDES: 19th—24th September**



For bookings please contact the Group Leader Susan Keane 01 8084445 or 085 847 1539. Staying at the Padoue Hotel. Agent is Pilgrimages Abroad.

€759.00

Per person sharing

## WEEKDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

**Our Hospitality Team who provide us with refreshments after 10am weekday Masses will be taking a well-earned break and will return on Tuesday 30th April.**



## FaithFest

23rd-26th June

**Faithfest Retreat:** Have you been to Faithfest? Are you in Secondary School? If so you are eligible for and will love our Faithfest Retreat. It is a chance to build friendships, enjoy adventure and get to know God. Ovoca Manor is our venue and is an adventure centre which combines adventure and exploring faith. If interested, please download and fill in the consent form from [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie). Please return it to the address advertised on the form to ensure your booking.

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## YOURPARISHAPP

The Brackenstown Parish App is now live. It is in the process of development and will contain all our Parish information and calendars etc.

Go to your APP STORE on Android and IOS and select YOURPARISHAPP and install. Open the App and for Diocese select DUBLIN, then select BRACKENSTOWN.

## Praying with God's Word

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER: First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Second Reading Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19;

Gospel John 20:19-31

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER: First Reading: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41;

Second Reading: Rev. 5:11-14; Gospel John 21:1-19



## A LOOK AT THE NEW ALTAR, AMBO AND CHAIR

Below is the proposed design for the different pieces of Altar furniture. There will also be two servers stools, an ambry for the holy oils, a new tabernacle lamp, candle holders, flower stands and the radiators along the back of the sanctuary will be covered.



## Finance News

**Please include both spouses' names on the Easter Dues envelopes**

If you pay tax and you contribute more than €250 to the Parish in a calendar year, this then enables the Parish to reclaim the tax paid on your contributions. Your Easter Dues offering can be included as part of the €250 base figure. Unfortunately, the Revenue now only allow this if the name of the primary tax payer in the family is included on the Dues envelope. For instance: if we make up a fictional couple Michael and Mary Murphy: they are married, with Mary being the primary tax payer. We wouldn't be allowed to include the Murphy offering if their Dues envelope was only in the name of Michael Murphy. **The ideal is to include both names, Michael and Mary Murphy, to be sure of inclusion in the tax reclaim.** Also allowable would be the Murphy Family or Mary Murphy. Single or widowed contributors are not affected as their Dues offering will be in their own name anyhow. *Parish Finance Committee*

### FAMILY OFFERING

Thank you for your support and generosity to the ongoing running costs of the Parish.

March Standing Order €3152.00

Totals for last week's collections will be included in next week's newsletter.

## Easter Dues


**EASTER DUES:** the envelopes have been included with the receipts in an effort to use less paper. There will be Dues Envelopes also available at the back of the Church. This contribution together with the First Collection supports Fr. Paul and Fr. Bibin and the sick and retired priests in the Diocese. Please return in the collection on Sunday or to the white post boxes. We are very grateful for your generous support.

**ROSARY** Each day in May 2019, thousands of people from all around Ireland will gather at their local Grottos to recite the Rosary for Faith and Life in Ireland. To sign up your local Grotto, text/call 087 278 6552 or at [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie)

View our Parish Webcam via the Parish Website [www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

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# PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
<b>MAY 2019</b>	
<b>7th</b>	10:30am Parkinson's Group
<b>11th</b>	8:45am Morning Mass
<b>11th</b>	10am First Holy Communions St. Cronan's Ms. Manton, Ms. Ryan & Ms. Lehany
<b>11th</b>	12noon First Holy Communions St. Cronan's Ms. McSweeney & Ms. McLoughlin, Ms. Hargadon & Ms. Hanratty
<b>18th</b>	8:45am Morning Mass
<b>18th</b>	10am First Holy Communions Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe
<b>18th</b>	12noon First Holy Communions Swords & Thornleigh ETNS
<b>27th</b>	7:30pm Service of Light Swords & Thornleigh ETNS
<b>JUNE 2019</b>	
<b>8th</b>	9am Morning Mass
<b>8th</b>	11am Confirmations Swords & Thornleigh ETNS
<b>THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE</b>	

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

### THE MONTHLY PATRICIAN MEETING TAKES PLACE THIS WEEK!

“God Forgives – Why do we need to confess to a priest?” is the title of the discussion on Thursday next, 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 8:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre. This discussion is open to everyone. Spiritual Director will speak on the subject.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer Books, Rosary Beads, Rosettes, Medals, Souvenirs etc. for First Holy Communion & Confirmation available in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

### SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

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 eg. St. Cronan's Estate and Swords Manor etc. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.

### THE ROSARY

Praying for a special intention? Praying for peace? The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in the homes of the Parish at the recent Candlelight Procession. 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 Masses.



**'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords**