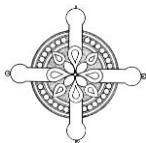


## Third Sunday of Year B



25<sup>th</sup> January 2015

### MASS INTENTIONS

**6:30pm** Barbara McGuirk (2<sup>nd</sup> A)  
**9.00am** Altar List of the Dead  
**11.00am** Carmel Kieran (A)  
**12.30pm** John Hughes (A)  
**5.30pm** David Carroll (6<sup>th</sup> A)

### PRAY FOR

Richard (Dick) Barnwell (A)  
Patricia Clare (A)  
Bridget Crosbie (A)  
Tommy & Claire Shortall (A)  
Aidan Scanlan (RD)  
Anne O'Leary (A)

### MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

**Mon:** Alberto Lapinig Snr. (A)  
**Tues:** James & Delia Maloney (R)  
**Wed:** James & Margart McEvaddy (R)  
**Thurs:** James & Winifred Kirwan (A)  
**Fri:** Special Intention  
**Sat:** Jerry O'Rourke (MM)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Times of Adoration are:  
**Mon: 10.30 am – 11.30 am**  
**Wed: 6.00 pm – 11.00 pm**  
**Fri: 10.30am – 5.45 pm**  
**Sat: 10.30am – 11.30am**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on the last Sunday of the month from 4 - 5 pm.

### DIOCESAN GUIDEBOOKS

Diocesan Guidebooks, Calendars, Our Lady Untier of Knots Picture with liturgical date pad and Church Art calendars available in main porch after weekend Masses.

### BAPTISMS

#### Dates for Baptisms in February:

Saturday 7th February at 4:00pm  
Sunday 8th February at 1:45pm  
Saturday 21st February at 4:00pm  
Sunday 22nd February at 2:00pm

Parent/Guardian Meeting is **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 8:00pm.**

Please contact the Parish Office for details.

### FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund. The December standing order figure is €3,131.00. The Weekly Outdoor collection for the last two weeks amounted to €1,483.90. The Family Offering Envelope 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.

### ST CRONANS JNS ENROLLING

St Cronan's JNS now enrolling for Junior Infants September 2015. Closing date for completed applications is 31 January 2015. Application forms available from Secretary's office in the school.

### 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 get more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Sunday morning Masses.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Spread the Good News for the New Year!** Retired from you work? Volunteers needed to deliver the free Catholic Paper "Alive" in Ard Cian, Ashton, Brackenstown Road, Oromond, etc. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after weekend Masses or leave your name & phone no. with Louise in Parish Office.

### DIABETES IRELAND

NEW YEAR... NEW TARGETS...NEW EXPERIENCES.... Interested in walking the Camino de Santiago while fundraising for Diabetes Ireland this year or maybe you a more experienced hiker and are interested in tackling the Tour du Mont Blanc? If so please contact Diabetes Ireland on 01 842 8118 or email [gary.brady@diabetes.ie](mailto:gary.brady@diabetes.ie) to receive a full brochure on these charity fundraising trips. Information also available on [www.diabetes.ie](http://www.diabetes.ie)

### WATER FROM RIVER JORDAN

**Water from River Jordan in ceramic jugs, Diocesan Guidebooks, Calendars –** Our Lady Untier of Knots Picture with liturgical date pad and Church Art calendars available in main porch after weekend Masses.

### BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Few people are able to cope alone with the pain of loss. Next Coping Programme will commence on Wednesday 4th February for 7 Wednesday evenings, at 7.15pm in White Friars Community Centre, Aungier St. ,Dublin 2 For further information phone 086 0877379 or email [bedublin@gmail.com](mailto:bedublin@gmail.com)

### LOCAL CHOIR

Start 2015 on High Note. Join our Choir in Swords. All voice types and all choral backgrounds welcome. Contact Stuart at 087 2140126 or email: [stuart.purcell99@gmail.com](mailto:stuart.purcell99@gmail.com)

### MEALS ON WHEELS

**Drivers needed – Do you have an hour to spare each week.**

We are looking for drivers to deliver meals to people in the Swords area around mid-day. The role is purely voluntary, unpaid. Please contact Paul McCormack on Ph: 0857232825

### FAITH DEVELOPMENT

**Catholicism v Secularism** is the title of the Patrician Meeting on **Thursday next, 29<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.** How does the secular society show itself? Is the Church winning the battle? *Everybody most welcome.* Spiritual Director will speak on the subject.

### ADVANCE NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION ARRANGEMENTS

This year we have three days of the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Wednesday 11th February Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe at 11:00am

Thursday 12th February St. Cronan's S.N.S. (Ms, Manton, Ms. Bolster, Ms. Finn) at 11:00am

Friday 13th February St. Cronan's S.N.S. (Ms. Mahon & Ms. Heffernan); Swords E.T.N.S.; Thornleigh E.T.N.S. Holywell E.T.N.S. at 11:00am.

On these three mornings the daily Mass will be at 9:30am not 10:00am. There will be no car parking available from 10:00am as all spaces will be allocated for the Confirmation families.

Funerals will take place at 2:00pm or they will have the option of having their Mass that morning in St. Colmcille's Church.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation and understanding.

### NOVENA FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

From Monday 2nd of February to Tuesday 10th February you will be invited to share in a Novena of Prayer for the young people who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 11th, 12th and 13th of February. The prayer cards will be available on Sunday 1st February at all Masses and you are asked to say the prayer once a day. There will also be the prayer friend cards with the names of the young people if you would like to carry one of them for the days in prayer.

## THE SYNOD ON THE FAMILY – THE NEXT STAGE

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has invited priests and parishioners to take part in a diocesan wide discussion process in advance of the Synod of the Family this year.

Archbishop Martin will attend the second session of the Synod, called by Pope Francis, in Rome this October on the theme “*The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World*”.

In a letter to priests and parishes the Archbishop said it was the desire of Pope Francis that God’s people around the world should have an opportunity to make their contribution to the process. He said: “Worldwide, there is a great appreciation of the fact that Pope Francis wanted to hear the sentiments of God’s people on the theme of the Synod. I believe, we owe it to Pope Francis to use this opportunity for reflection – and indeed a new model of Church practice – which he offers.”

It is anticipated that this widespread reflection and discussion process will take place in parishes during the months of February and March. Each Parish is to determine how that discussion should take place.

The responses of each parish are expected back with Diocesan Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism before the end of March 2015, so that a consolidated report of the Irish Church can be prepared in time to prepare the formal working document of the Synod.

Archbishop Martin said there is an important distinction between purposes of the two Synods which should be reflected in the discussion process. He said the aim of the *extraordinary* Synod, held last year was to gather factual information about the situation of the marriage and the family in our times. The aim of the Ordinary Synod of 2015 is to take up the conclusions of the extraordinary Synod and begin to reflect on how Church pastoral services to support marriage and family life, should be strengthened and renewed.

The questions and resources will be taken by the Parish Pastoral Council and like the reflection evening that we had in preparation for the “Extraordinary Synod on the Family” they will facilitate a gathering, discussion, bring together the points raised and submit them to be part of the Irish Church’s document.

### PARISH SOCIAL

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm there will be a Mass to give thanks for the work of so many people in the life of the Parish. During the Mass the new Parish Pastoral Council will be commissioned. After the Mass our Parish Social will take place in the St. Cronan’s School Hall where there will be refreshments, music and an opportunity for all those involved in the Parish to get to know each other a little better. We have sent out invitations to as many of the members of various groups and hope that we haven’t missed anyone. It would help us if you could let Louise know if you are coming along so that we have an idea of numbers. Even if you haven’t received a formal invitation (some sent by post others by email) you are invited to join us, just let Louise know.

### PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU

We ask you to take home this Newsletter, but to leave the Mass Leaflet with the reading in the Church. Taking the newsletter home will remind you of the upcoming events, but also leaving it on the table others at home can read it and keep in touch with what is happening in the Parish. It’s sharing the Good News!

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## CHURCH UNITY WEEK

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Today our week of prayer for Church Unity draws to a close. Each morning we prayed during the daily Mass for greater co-operation and understanding between the Christian Churches and that the bonds of friendship and support that we have here in the Swords area may continue to strengthen.

Thanks to Addy Patterson and the community of St. Columba’s Parish for hosting this year’s Service for the Swords area. It was great to see so many representatives from the Parishes of Swords, Rivervalley and ourselves gathered to pray. In her reflection Rev. Ása Björk Ólafsdóttir, using the meeting of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, spoke about God as being like the well, an extraordinary depth that when we dip our finger into it, we only touch the surface. If we continue to live our faith alone, our depth of understanding God will remain at the surface, but each time we work with others we go deeper into our understanding of God and God’s action in our lives. This has been borne out in the co-operation between the Churches and people in the Dun Laoighre area where she ministers and where the outreach to the homeless, isolated, and addicts through the “Dining Room” lunch facility has grown and developed in such a short time. When we stop with our own plans and allow God to give direction, then God also provides the means to accomplish what needs to be done.

The concluding prayer of the Service is one that we could keep in mind throughout the year: God, with us and walking in our midst, grant us the grace of your light and Spirit. May we continue your mission, remaining faithful, welcoming all and listening even to those who are different from ourselves. Take and use these gifts in the service of your kingdom. Take away the violence that is in our hearts and the discriminating attitudes that exclude and devalue the dignity of others. Enable our churches to be welcoming spaces where feast and forgiveness, joy and tenderness, strength and faith, become our daily practice, our daily food, our daily movement forward in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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Catholic Schools Week 2015 begins on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> January, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. This is the seventh year of celebrating the wonderful contribution that our Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to the mission of the Church in our local faith communities and throughout the wider Church. It is only fitting that we take this opportunity to celebrate that work when we gather as a worshipping community and that we consider ways in which the parish community can honour and support the school community during this week-long celebration.

On Monday the Third classes will join us for the 10:00am Mass, on Tuesday the Fourth Classes, on Wednesday the Fifth Classes and on Thursday the Sixth Classes from St. Cronan’s Senior School.

During the week St. Cronan’s Junior School have organized an number of events to celebrate the gifts of faith being shared by family and community members.