

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13TH AUGUST 2023

YEAR A

Reflection

'After these days of grace, we ask ourselves: what do we take with us as we return to the valley of everyday life?' With these words, Pope Francis addressed the 1.5 million young people at the closing Mass of World Youth Day in Lisbon last Sunday, feast of the Transfiguration.

I am sure it is a question that resonates with the many Irish young adults who attended the pilgrimage in Lisbon, including 50 from the Dublin diocese. (Anita, a member of our Parish Pastoral Council, and a participant at WYD, gives her own reflections below.) I am sure that for many of the Irish participants, it was an experience of being part of a Church that is so much more universal and diverse than they might normally experience; an experience too of sharing faith with thousands of other young people in a spirit of freedom,



celebration and joy, not to mention the delight of meeting Pope Francis. As we welcome back our returning pilgrims, the challenge for us as parish is to create the space for them to deepen that experience of faith and translate it into service in the community.

Fr. Richard



World Youth Day was an amazing experience. To be amongst like minded young people is an opportunity that I will always cherish. We prayed together. We sang praises together. We laughed together. We had open conversations about God, our faith with zero fear of judgement from the outside world. It was incredible!

We met new people, made new friends. At the campsite on Saturday night, during adoration, there was complete silence. With approximately 1million people around me, I could still hear the stillness in God's voice. The presence of the Holy Spirit undoubtedly filled the entire arena. I sat, observing the atmosphere around me and I just took it all in. Thanking God for the opportunity to witness it all first hand. Having the chance to express and share my faith so openly with so many, was truly a blessing. Thank you to all that donated to our fundraising. You made it possible. God bless you all!

Anita



We pray for the families of those children who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend
Saturday & Sunday
12th & 13th August



Mass Times

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday 14th August
Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Tuesday 15th August
Mass 10.00am

TRÓCAIRE – FIFTY YEARS

Over the past few weeks, you might have seen Trócaire's ad on tv about the One Day Campaign. For over fifty years, Trócaire have been working with supporters, Irish Aid, partners, and communities to create positive and lasting change. Our One Day campaign highlights the profound impact of these collective efforts, working together for a just world. To parishes across the island of Ireland, Trócaire would like to say 'thank you' for making "One Days" happen. To learn more, go to www.trocaire.org/oneday/

50th Anniversary Prayer

We pray for God's blessing on the work of Trócaire. We pray that all people may continue to work together for the respect of our shared human dignity.

We thank God for the partners and generous supporters who have enabled Trócaire to continue their work for over fifty years, empowering communities to work together for a just world.

We pray for peace and may that peace be mine and yours, and with all people experiencing crises in our world. Amen

SUNDAY MASSES: (Sat Vigil) 6pm; 9am; 11am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: MONDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 10:45am to 11:30am in the Sacristy

ADORATION: MON, TUES, THURS & SAT: 10:30AM—11:30AM WEDNESDAY: 6pm - 9pm FRIDAY: 3pm—6pm

All our ceremonies are broadcast online at www.brackenstown-parish.com

St. Cronan's Church
Parish Pastoral Council

Invites Volunteers to become part of a Church Cleaning Group

who would on a rota basis assist with keeping our beautiful church clean.

A general clean-up of the church and its precincts will take place on Saturday 26th August from 12 noon.

If interested, please give your name and contact details to the parish secretary.

Contact the Parish Office

Many thanks to those who have volunteered already
More are welcome!



On the passing of Jim Long (RIP), his wife and family wish to express our grateful thanks to all our friends & neighbours who sympathised with us during the sad days of our loss and those who supported us throughout the months since. A Mass will be celebrated for your intentions.

Diocesan Youth Leadership Course Beginning in September, a new **Diocesan Youth Leadership Course** will take place to equip young adults to take on leadership roles in their parish setting and for peer-to-peer ministry, as well as training those looking to accompany young adults in their parish. Each month, new skills are learnt and will be put into practice at the retreat day which will be shaped and organised by the course participants. For more info email natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie. Register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/vnhG5552SW>



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Brena Jennings
Frank Slocket
Marian Tomczak
May Jennings
Fr. Peter Briscoe

Anniversaries

Jimmy Lynch (1A)
Joan Kelly (80th BR)
James & Noel O'Toole
Noel, Elizabeth & Carly Flynn
Michael & Maisie Hughes
Nuala Ryan (nee Hughes)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon Evelyn O'Malley (A)
Tues Mark O'Neill (15A)
Brenda O'Keeffe (1st BR)
Wed Special Intention
Thur Catherine Bond (A)
Fri Josephine, Thomas & Donald Macken (A)
Sat Grace Doherty (A)

Summer Dues

2023

Summer Offering Envelopes are available at the church entrances. Summer Offerings form part of the annual remuneration of the parish and of the diocese.

Thank You for Supporting Your Priests

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it

Terri - 8403243

Sunday 13 - Saturday 19 August
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

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20016166

SEASON OF CREATION 2023 RESOURCES

Message from Bishop Martin Hayes: In recent days, Met Eireann released statistics to say that the past month of June was the warmest June in 83 years. We are being impacted by global warming which is having a particular effect on Europe. We may feel overwhelmed by these scientific facts and that we can do nothing to reverse this global trend of rising temperatures. However, as individual Christians and as parish communities we take actions to address the impact of the current climate crisis. **The Laudato Si' Working Group and Animators have prepared two sets of resources; firstly, to return 30% of our parish grounds to nature and secondly, those for the 2023 Season of Creation (1st Sept - 4th Oct) in accord with the theme of 'let justice and peace flow'.**

In his message for the 2023 Season of Creation, Pope Francis highlights our interconnectedness with God, with each other, with ourselves and with all of creation. These resources offer the opportunity for parishes to pray, discuss and take practical actions to address global warming at a local level. Our little actions together can have a global impact for the future of our Common Home.

MESSAGE FROM CROSSCARE: You may come in contact with people who experience food poverty through your work. We help families and individuals with food supplies, and through our caseworkers, with any other issues that have brought them into poverty, for example, the rising cost of living, debt, illness, increasing rents or lack of access to social welfare. We have food collection and casework centres across Dublin - in Finglas, Ronanstown, Jobstown, Nutgrove, Bonnybrook, Blanchardstown, and Dublin 1 - with plans to establish more where needed. Close to 500 families and individuals, including 300 children, have needed help with food from us since the start of the year, and we know many more need our support. Please share details of this service (below) through your networks so we can reach as many people in need as possible. Email: foodcaseworkservice@crosscare.ie. Phone: 01 8913022. **Crosscare's annual report for 2022 has been released and can be found at <https://crosscare.ie/crosscare-annual-report-2022-a-challenging-year-for-those-most-in-need/>.**

PPC Training on Voluntary Ministries

Training for Parish Pastoral Council members on the **Voluntary Ministry Matters** resource takes place on **12th AND 19th September 2023** via Zoom. This is a **2 part** training course exploring the new guidebook for all members of PPCs in the Archdiocese. This is a REPEAT of the training given on 1st and 8th June 2023. If you would like to register for this Zoom training please complete the online form on the Adult Faith section of www.missionministry.ie.

The *Instrumentum Laboris*, the official working document for the first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, was launched on June 20. A large number of people from various parts of the world with different expertise prepared this important text which will animate all the work of the October assembly. See <https://synod.ie/instrumentum-laboris-for-synod-2021-2024/>.



A Sip of Support Meeting Group located at B.A.S.E.

Brackenstown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin K67 PH96

A Grief Support Group Starting 6 September 2023

Weekly Meetings every Wednesday 7-8pm

We hope to offer a listening ear to anyone who is dealing with or living with Grief
If you cannot fly then run, if you cannot run then walk; if you cannot walk then crawl,
but whatever you do, do your best to keep moving forward

Email: haveasipswords@gmail.com



Confirmation Connect: The Zoom information session for parishes on **Confirmation Connect** will be repeated on Wednesday September 13, at 7:30pm. For more information email natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie or <https://forms.office.com/e/2LunznvExv>



Legion of Mary

Faith 'n' Fun Congratulations!

9 children attended one or more Faith 'n' Fun sessions in a project led by Legion of Mary in the parish. The aim of the project this year was to introduce the spirituality of St Thérèse to children. Emphasis was put on the gift of her family in nurturing vocations and on praying for priests out of love for the souls they touch. At the end of the project, children were able to express their faith in prayer, reflection, song and art. They were able to identify distinguishing words and sayings from St Thérèse's Story of a Soul that will help them grow in wisdom. They were able to follow instructions to make a St Thérèse Feast Day card, a St Thérèse bracelet and paper roses. A BIG THANK YOU to Fr Joseph for helping the children pray in solidarity with Jesus in the Eucharist.

UNDER MARY'S MANTLE YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE, 19TH & 20TH AUGUST

All Hallows College, DCU. 10:00 am - 8:00 pm (Saturday) & 10:00 am - 5:00 pm (Sunday).

Join us for talks, workshops, Mass, guided holy hours and great socializing. Free parking on site.

2 Day ticket €60. Saturday only €40. Sunday only €30. Overnight rates available.

10% discount for students. Tickets available from <https://www.eventbrite.ie>