

# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

## BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

EASTER SUNDAY - 9TH APRIL 2023 YEAR A

### Reflection

We have been journeying through Lent for the past six weeks. Indeed for Christians, life is a pilgrimage where we encounter Christ in the midst of our joys and sorrows, opportunities and challenges, accomplishments and setbacks, grace and sin. Since the beginning of this year, as a community of faith, we have accompanied several families who have mourned the loss of a loved one. We are also conscious of the suffering of so many people because of conflict, lack of adequate resources, illness, loss of meaning, addiction or loneliness, both around the world and in our own society.

"He is not here.  
He has Risen,  
just as He said."

MATTHEW 28:6



However, as people of faith we believe that God has entered the world in a unique way in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, who in giving his life on the cross has transformed the meaning of suffering and death. Easter invites us to follow Christ and to witness to his resurrection by reaching out to those who are wounded, lost or abandoned. We express our hope through acts of love and compassion. May our hearts, homes and parish be places where Christ's risen life is proclaimed and celebrated. Alleluia!

Fr. Richard

**Wielka Sobota**  
Koszycki wielkanocne poświęcone w Wielką Sobotę o godzinie 15:00  
Spowiedź od 14:30

**Wielka Wielkanocna Msza 15:00**

**HOLY THURSDAY 6TH APRIL**

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
7:30PM

FOLLOWED BY  
**WATCH & PRAY**  
9:00PM - 10:00PM

**Good Friday**

Morning Prayer 10:00 am  
Passion & Veneration of the Cross 3:00 pm  
Stations of the Cross around the Parish 5:00 pm  
Taizé Prayer around the Cross 9:00 pm - 10:00pm

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.  
1 Peter 2:24

The remaining Holy Week ceremonies take place on the following days:

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April: **Service of the Seven Last Words** at 7.30pm
- Holy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April: **Mass of the Lord's Supper** 7.30pm.  
**Watch and Pray:** 9.00pm
- Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April: **Celebration of the Lord's Passion:** 3.00pm  
**Stations of the Cross around the Parish:** 5.00pm  
**Taize prayer around the Cross:** 9.00pm
- Holy Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April: **Morning Prayer:** 10.00am.  
**Celebration of the Easter Vigil:** 9.00pm
- Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April: **Mass:** 9.00am, 11.00am and 5.00pm

Copies of the parish Easter card and timetable of Holy Week ceremonies, as well as the *Easter Offering* envelope, are available at the entrances to the church for parishioners and visitors. Many thanks to parishioners who have already returned *Easter Offerings*, which form part of the annual remuneration for the priests of the parish and of the diocese.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession) is available on Good Friday from 10.30am-11.30am and following the celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm, and on Holy Saturday from 10.30am-11.30am.

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](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

**GALA Easter Raffle Winners**

*Congratulations!*

1st - Paul Mc Garvey - Easter Hamper  
 2nd - Kate and Lauren - Easter Hamper  
 3rd - Mary Forde - Bear in a Box  
 4th - Sandra Murphy - Ghost Perfume Set  
 5th - Gerald O'Reilly - Sorrento Fresh Pizza Hamper  
 6th - Margaret Andrews - Candle Gift Set  
 7th - Bernie Lawlor - Studio M Voucher  
 8th - Maureen Kelly - Studio M Voucher

Any Questions please Phone (01 890 2593) or Email [jenny.baseswords@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.baseswords@gmail.com)

**Anam Cara North Dublin**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 19th April at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.



If you do not currently contribute to the **Family Offering** and/or **First and Second Collections** at Mass using the weekly envelopes, and would like to receive a box of envelopes, contact the parish office any weekday morning.

A letter of acknowledgement for their contributions in 2022 has been sent out to parishioners. If anyone has a query regarding the acknowledgment they received, please contact the parish office during the week.

The annual **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock**, led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell will take place on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The coach, organised among the parishes in the Swords/Donabate partnership, is full.

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased**

Ursula Griffin  
 Peggy Murphy  
 Courtney Nerenberg  
 Paul Morris

**Months Mind**

Teresa Fulham  
 Lorraine French

**Anniversaries**

Ned Monaghan (1A)  
 Martin McCormack (1A)  
 Vincent Harford (2A)  
 Lilly Joyce  
 Nelly Monaghan  
 Carmel O'Doherty  
 Dcsd Members of Colgan & Pentony Families  
 John McGrath  
 Tom Freney & Dcsd Family Members



**We pray for the families of the children who will be welcomed into our Christian community through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.**



**Building Hope through Servant Leadership**

This Introduction to Servant Leadership is a five session course being offered in two venues in the diocese: Kimmage Manor and Brackentown (Swords). It is designed especially for members of Parish Pastoral Councils and those in a parish ministry, but everyone is welcome.

Each session is a mixture of input, discussion, group work etc. as we explore together what Servant Leadership is and why we should be engaged in it. The 5 evenings will help people to reflect on how this relates to our Baptism, the dynamics of Group work, praying together, mission and outreach (especially around care of our common home) and a renewed understanding of co-responsibility. The growth and practice of Servant Leadership is an important key to the success of our diocesan Building Hope initiative. Places are limited and each person wanting to take part in the course needs to complete a registration form which is available on the Adult Faith section of [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie) (or by scanning the QR code on the poster).

**Building Hope through SERVANT LEADERSHIP**  
 An introduction to the practice of Servant Leadership especially for people in parish ministry and on PPCs led by Peter Sney & Patricia Carroll from the Office of Mission & Ministry.

Exploring 5 key themes over 5 sessions

1. Baptism Matters
2. Groupwork
3. Prayer Skills
4. Care of Creation
5. Co-responsibility

**Kimmage Manor**  
**TUESDAYS**  
 April 25th, May 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd  
 7:30pm - 9pm

**Brackentown Swords**  
**THURSDAYS**  
 April 27th, May 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th  
 7:30pm - 9pm

To register please complete the form on the Adult Faith section of [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie) or scan the QR code

**10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK**

- Mon** Vincent, Charlotte, Fintan & Mary Ellen Delamere (A) Eileen Brown (11A)
- Tues** Bridie, Mary, Josie, Phillip & Johnson Hackett (A)
- Wed** James Keeley (1A) Patrick McGrane (A)
- Thur** Sean O'Meara (RD)
- Fri** Ronan Moran (RD)
- Sat** Thanksgiving Mass for Healing & for those who prayed for healing Terry Fitzpatrick (BR)

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group**

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it  
**Please phone Kay - 086 2209297**  
**Tuesday 11th April to Saturday 15th April**  
*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"*

**KNOCK PILGRIMAGE CHOIR**

Would you like to participate in a Choir of Many Voices for our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, April 29? Our pilgrimage choir will provide a unique opportunity for people from every corner of our Archdiocese to participate in our pilgrimage Mass, which will be celebrated by Archbishop Dermot Farrell. The choir will be under the direction of Ciaran Coll, who is well known for a wide variety of music ministry in our Diocese and beyond. If you would like to be part of the choir, please email [knockpilgrimage@dublindioocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindioocese.ie) with your name, your parish, the position you sing in and your phone number or email address. Alternatively, you can phone 086 369 1217 with this information. Rehearsals will be organised and we will provide updates over the coming weeks.

**Frank Duff Prayer Meeting**

You are invited to pray for your intentions through the intercession of Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary on **Tuesday, 11th April 8:00pm-9:00pm** in Parish Pastoral Centre. The Rosary, a reading from Sunday's Gospel and little background information about Frank Duff will be included. All will be most welcome.

**Prayer Resources**

A wide variety of religious goods for First Communion and Confirmation including Rosary Beads, Candles, Children's Books, Statues and Holy Water Fonts are available in Church Porch after weekend Masses. Catholic Papers & Magazines are available in the bookrack at the back of the Church.

**Praying the Rosary**

The Legion of Mary are an untiring advocate of the rosary championing a better understanding of it, a stronger commitment to praying it and a deeper appreciation of its power. As part of our outreach, the "Rosary Statue" was blessed for use in the homes of the parish at the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to have the statue in your home for a little time, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in the main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.



*Legion of Mary*

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
 Monday - Friday  
 9:30am - 1:00pm

**Registered Charity Number**  
 20016166