

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

14TH APRIL 2024

YEAR B



REFLECTION

It's funny how we readily accept that Lent is a season but think of Easter as a day. Perhaps if we have given up something we really enjoy, the forty days of Lent seem interminable, whereas eaten cake (or in this case, Easter eggs!) is quickly forgotten. Or is it that Catholics, and particularly Irish Catholics, are more at home with suffering than with joy?

We forget that Easter is an even longer season than Lent, as we journey the fifty days through Ascension to Pentecost. The focus of the scripture readings throughout the Easter season is on the dynamic beginnings of the early Church, as described in Luke's second book, the Acts of the Apostles. The presence of the risen Christ guiding the nascent Church through the action of the Holy Spirit nearly jumps off each page. But far more important is the call to recognise the action of the Spirit of the risen Christ in our lives, in our own daily experience of falling and rising again. This is particularly true with regard to sin and forgiveness, or of the experience of loss and the courage to begin again.

As we pray that the Spirit will come in a special way upon the boys and girls expecting to receive Confirmation in the next week or two, may we be ready to recognise and respond to the Spirit's action and promptings in our own lives. Christ is risen!

Fr. Richard

The Building Hope Prayer



Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.
You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts.
We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family.
Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another,
in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation.
May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.
May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word,
bringing forth truth, justice and peace.
May the Holy Spirit working in and through us
do much more than we can dare to imagine
as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.
We make this our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A meeting of the Liturgy Group to review Holy Week and Easter liturgies will take place on **Monday 15th April at 7.30pm** in the parish centre

The **Ceremony of Light** for children in **Gaelscoil Bhrian Boraimhe** who are preparing for Confirmation will take place on **Wednesday 17th April**, and for children attending **Swords and Thornleigh Educate Together Schools** on **Thursday 18th April at 7.30pm**

The celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for children attending **St. Cronan's S.N.S.** will take place **at 11.00am and 1.00pm on Thursday 18th April**

A *Grow in Love* Mass in preparation for **First Communion** will take place next **Saturday 20th April at 6.00pm** and **Sunday 21st April at 5.00pm**

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

Religion classes for children preparing for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation and who do not attend a Catholic school continue at **3pm** each Tuesday in the pastoral centre.

Many thanks to parishioners and visitors who have already returned **Easter Offerings**, which form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese.



The new **Diocesan Child Safeguarding and Protection Policy** was launched in November 2023, and a copy is available on request to any parishioner from the parish office. A copy of the policy is also available for consultation in the sacristy. We would also like to draw parishioners' attention to the current **Parish Safeguarding Statement**, which is on display on notice boards in the church porch, in the sacristy and in the parish centre. Our parish safeguarding reps. are Mary-Liz Donaghue and Merry Zacharias.

Our parish partnership is also planning a **Pilgrimage to Lourdes** in September. The dates are **Sunday 15th to Thursday 19th September**, and the cost of the pilgrimage for four nights and five days (inclusive of flights, accommodation and full board) is €735 per person sharing. Single supplement is €40 per night. Booking forms available from the Parish Office.

LOURDES
SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY, DONABATE & BRACKENSTOWN

4* Hotel Rossy
15th - 19th September 2024
€735 pps
Single room supplement €40/night and on top

INCLUDED:
- Return from Dublin to Lourdes by air
- 4 nights accommodation in Lourdes
- Breakfast, lunch, & dinner each day
- Full travel insurance
- Services of a Priest (Eucharist) each day
- 24-hour medical assistance
- 24-hour assistance for lost items
- 24-hour assistance for lost luggage
- 24-hour assistance for lost passport

FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT
Marian Pilgrimages : (01) 87281150
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We congratulate the families of the children who will be welcomed into the community of faith through the sacrament of Baptism This Saturday and Sunday at 12 noon

This course introduces the learners to ISL and delivers teaching to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). The aim is to enable students to engage a basic conversation with Deaf people.

ISL
Sign Language class

Class starting week of the 15th of April
Monday 7:30 - 8:30pm
8 week course €80 (€40 Deposit)

For More information or to book the course please call or email
Phone: 01 890 2593 Email: jenny.baseswords@gmail.com

Archdiocese of Dublin

Knock 145
75th Anniversary

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock
Saturday, April 27, 2024

11AM Tea and coffee as pilgrims arrive

12 NOON Workshops on Nurturing Parish Volunteers – Serving in a Fragile World and Laudato Si' with prayerful preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

3PM Pilgrimage Mass celebrated by Archbishop Farrell

Our partnership of parishes is organising a coach to travel to Knock, and we are taking bookings already. Cost is €25. *The Choir of Many Voices* from throughout the Archdiocese will be back this year. As in previous years, parishes should plan to arrive in Knock for 11.00am. If you would like to take part in the choir, email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

Religious Goods & Literature - Suitable gifts for families preparing for the Sacraments
First Holy Communion gifts, Confirmation gifts, children's books, The Order of Mass Congregational Cards, Candles, Statues, Bibles etc. all available in main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses. Having them in the home sanctifies the circumstances of family life.

Patrician Meeting
How can families and parish communities grow vocations to the priesthood?
The next **Patrician Meeting** will put a spotlight on the role of communities of believers to grow the priesthood. There will be reflections on the priesthood as the love of the heart of Jesus and examples of scriptural-based intercessory prayers for vocations. All are most welcome. **Thursday 18th April at earlier time of 7:30pm in Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Centre.** Refreshments offered during interval.



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

- Recently Deceased**
Fintan Cullen
Nora Lowndes
Brendan Keogh
Laura McGuirk
Michelle Maguire
Carol Waters
Kathleen Browne
- Month's Mind**
Teresa Lynch
- Anniversaries**
Paul Rose-Nel (1A)
Eileen Byrne (1A)
James Keely (2A)
Martina Harley (23A & BR)
Rita Dempsey
Seamus Griffith
John Jennings
William Byrne
Mary Ellen, Jack & Pat Delamere
Anne, James, Teresa & Anthony Marmion
Enda Rogers (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Special Intention
Tues	Mary Ellen, Jack & Pat Delamere(A)
Wed	Ambrose Dunne (A)
Thur	Cecil Tracey (R)
Fri	Bridie, Mary, Phil, John, Mary & John Hackett (A)
Sat	Jimmy Rooney (RD)

Bethany Bereavement Support Group
offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it
Kay - 086 2209297 - Sunday 14th to Saturday 20th April
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

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