

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time
28th August 2022 Year C

Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy. They are charming gardens with whom our souls blossom.

As I prepare myself to move I would like to remember once more the words

of the prophet Joshua "be strong and courageous do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go". Whenever I remember these words, it reminds me about that cold evening on which I met Fr Paul at Dublin Airport, and the cold mornings of January 2018 when our lovely parishioners used to come to me and said "don't worry father we will look after you". Now I can say you looked after me well and thanks a million for the love you have been to me until this day.

I would like to remember gratefully some special people, Fr. Paul, Fr. Richard, Louise, Niamh, Peter, Deacon Declan, Sacristans and all of you, the parishioners of Brackenstown. In the Gospel of St. John 15: 9-11 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love."

The love of Christ is an amazing thing always. It demands everything, and must cost us everything. Sometimes people are delighted with this love, and embrace it; but then somehow lose sight of it, and refuse to go any further towards it. Having given so much, they will give no more. This is always sad, because in so far as we give, so much the more do we receive - grace upon grace - and as our love is called upon, and exercised, and stretched, so is it purified, and deepened, and widened, and strengthened, until finally it flows easily, spontaneously, naturally, with all the joy of the Holy Spirit. To reach this state is the highest conceivable good for us. No human aspiration can go beyond that. To live according to this is to be perfectly happy.

To live without it, is to lack the beatitude for which we were made.

At the Last Supper, along with his new commandment of love, Jesus also gave us the Sacrament of love. Let us remain in the grace of his love. Wherever I live, my love will always be connected to each of you in prayer. We are united with Jesus and with one another in one Body: for our own infinite good, and for God's eternal glory.

May God bless you all and keep you close to his heart.

Fr Bibin



Gratitude and attitude are not challenges, they are choices



This weekend we prepare to say goodbye to Fr. Bibin and to Niamh Morris and to give thanks for their ministry in the parish. Fr. Bibin has served as curate at Brackenstown parish for the past five years, and Niamh has served St. Cronan's as Parish Pastoral Worker for the past three years. Their presence and their contribution to building up the faith life of St. Cronan's parish is greatly appreciated, and they will be missed. The readings this Sunday speak of gentleness and humility, qualities which Fr. Bibin has exemplified in his ministry and in his engagement with parishioners. Niamh has brought a whole new dimension to sacramental preparation and to adult faith development during her time here.

The mystery of death and resurrection is at the heart of our Christian faith, and we experience that mystery at different times in the course of a lifetime, both as individuals and as a community of faith. This summer the parish bids farewell to

Fr. Paul, Fr. Bibin and Niamh. Though it is sad to see them depart, we trust that their witness to the Gospel of Christ will continue to bear fruit in our parish with the help of the Holy Spirit. We ask God's continued blessing on their journey, as they take up new ministries in Cabra, India and with Trócaire respectively.

As we prepare to welcome Fr. Joseph to our parish next weekend, we also ask God to bless and guide the new parish team. We also ask God's blessing on pupils, students, parents and teachers as a new school year begins.

May all our work be 'ad maiorum Dei gloriam', for the greater glory of God!

Fr Richard



We welcome Fr. Joseph Hao who will transfer as curate from River Valley Parish to St. Cronan's Parish from 1st September

SUNDAY MASSES: (Sat Vigil) 6pm; 9am; 11am & 5pm
WEEKDAY MASSES: MONDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am
CONFessions: SATURDAY 10:45am to 11:30am in the Pastoral Centre
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



Óglaigh Náisiúnta Na hÉireann (ONE)

Organisation of National Ex Servicemen & Women

The Fr. James Gilmore Branch of Organisation of National Ex-Service Personnel (ONE), is a support organisation for ex-service personnel of the Irish Defence Services. Our branch covers the North County Dublin and Dublin North-East areas.

The primary objective of ONE is to ensure the welfare of ex-servicemen and women by way of providing subsidised accommodation and shelter and any other assistance that may be required. ONE has been in existence since 1951 when it was established following the amalgamation of a number of ex-service organisations and is a registered as a charity.

In the near 68 years since its foundation, the organisation has gone from strength to strength and today has 42 branches located throughout Ireland, UK, US and Australia. As members of ONE we arrange social, cultural and sporting activities for members in order to develop a spirit of comradeship between serving and retired members of the services. We are also here to help and support those that may fall on hard times.

If you are a former/retired serving member of the Defence Forces, FCA/RDF, Slua Muirí/Naval Reserve, Civil Defence, Red Cross or An Garda Síochana, we still NEED you to become a member of the Fr. James Gilmore Branch of ONE. Please contact Sean Shinnors, Secretary of the Branch.

Members of Óglaigh Náisiúnta Na hÉireann will participate at the 11:00am Mass in St. Cronan's Church on Sunday 4th September in remembrance of deceased members



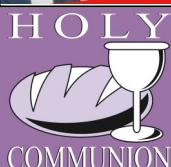
Legion of Mary

In thanksgiving for
100 years of Legion of Mary
Holy Mass will be offered
in St Cronan's Church
on Tuesday 6th September
at 7:30pm
Everybody most welcome!



BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS EXHIBITION

The Blessed Carlo Acutis International Exhibition of the Miracles of the Eucharist will be at Blessed Sacrament Shrine on Bachelors Walk on September 19, 20 and 21. Further information from Fr Jim Campbell SSS.



**From next weekend Saturday/Sunday 3rd/4th September
Ministers of the Eucharist will no longer bring Holy Communion to the congregation in the pews**

Those who wish to receive Communion, will be invited to come forward to the steps of the altar as they would have done prior to Covid. Children or adults who wish to receive a blessing are also welcome to come forward. Parishioners, who wish, may continue to wear face masks at Mass, and we strongly encourage parishioners to receive Communion in the hand. These arrangements will apply for weekday and weekend Masses and the celebrant on the day will remind parishioners of the new arrangements.

A Zoom Meeting by the Dublin Interfaith Forum will take place on Tuesday 6th September at 7pm. The topic will be "What Buddhism can bring to interfaith dialogue". The link will be available from next week.

Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre

When it is Darkest
Understanding Suicide

Saturday, 24th September

9.30am - 4.30pm (£40)

Everyone Welcome

RESERVATIONS

Tel: 028 648 (from ROI) 3052 1964. Email: admin@dromantineconference.com



DROMANTINE RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

Workshop Facilitator Fr. Hugh Lagan SMA is a priest with the Society of African Missions and a chartered clinical psychologist. He has led retreats, workshops and trainings internationally on psychological and spiritual well-being, positive change, trauma, mental health and resilience.



Bethany Bereavement Support Group
offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who may wish to avail of it

Please phone Brid - 086 6006397
Sunday 28th August to Saturday 3rd September
Please phone after 6pm

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

ROSARY STATUE

Everybody wants peace..... Peace in our hearts, in our homes, peace in the world. Prayer brings peace. You might like to have the "Rosary Statue" in your home for a week and pray the rosary... If you would like this, arrangements will be made to suit your circumstances. Please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch, after Saturday evening Mass or Sunday Morning Masses or through the Parish Office.

'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Frances (Frankie) O'Toole (MM)

Cormac Carey (MM)

Anniversaries

Martin Feehan (1A)

Anthony Donnelly (5A)

Cora Duffy & Marie Healy (11A)

Dcsd Members of Donnelly

& Hogan Families

Chris Darcy

Bridget Gallagher

James & Mary-Alice Agnew (A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon Seamus Corcoran (RD)

Tues Marian Movement for Priests

Wed Dermot & Mary Buckley (A)

Thur Brendan & Angela Rodgers (A)

Fri Souls in Purgatory

Sat Paddy Ryan (MM)



From October 2022
Baptisms will be on
2nd and 4th Saturday
and Sunday of each
month at 12 noon
Up to three babies
may be baptised at
each ceremony

Building Hope

Archdiocese of Dublin

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.

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