


CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

24th October 2021 Year B
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MISSIO IRELAND *We Cannot Remain Silent – 'we cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard' Acts 4:20*

Building peace in Nigeria
Learn how missionaries like Sister Veronica are speaking out on behalf of those who are weaker, and how you can support World Mission Sunday by visiting www.missio.ie

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
24th October 2021

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The World Mission Sunday Appeal takes place this weekend

In another age, 'mission' was understood as going abroad to countries where the Church was not yet strong, or to places where people suffered from poverty and conflict. Others saw mission as a task, a job entrusted to some but not to themselves. While mission always had outreach to the other at its core, both personally and communally, the Holy Spirit has led the Church to appreciate and make present other vital dimensions to the life of faith. Every baptised person is called to remember: 'I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptised man and woman is a mission.' These words of Pope Francis are challenging but true. He sums them up as an urgent need to call forth missionary disciples ready to evangelise the world and to enter dialogue with contemporary culture.

Mission is at the heart of the Christian life, and the Church from the outset is indelibly marked for mission. Jesus' final words to his disciples were 'Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations (Matt 28:19).' The role of the Holy Spirit in this commissioning is very significant (see Jn 14:16-17; 16:7 and 20:22). Earlier this year, Pope Francis reminded the Pontifical Mission Societies that mission 'is the work of the Holy Spirit and not the consequence of our ideas and projects.' The Spirit poured out by the risen Jesus empowers and directs the

outward mission and all its journeys, but there is also an inner journey to the heart, which every believer makes. In *The Go-Between God*, the late Bishop John V. Taylor said, 'to engage in the mission of God, therefore, is to live the life of prayer; prayer without ceasing, as St Paul puts it, that is to say, sustaining a life that is focussed on God. This is indeed to engage in the mission of the Holy Spirit by being rather than doing. To realise that the heart of mission is communion with God in the midst of the world's life will save us from the demented activism of these days.'

The focus on mission during the month of October reminds us of our responsibility to witness the life of Christ, with its good news and its hope, to the peoples of the world. Witness, as effective proclamation of the Gospel can only be '*verbis et exemplo*' and entails the building up of the entire ecclesial community in fraternal unity and missionary discipleship (*Pope Francis, 24th May 2021*). For ourselves, we cannot have encountered Jesus and remain concerned only with our own issues. In solidarity we must have concern for the younger, poorer churches until they are able to be self-sufficient. As Pope Benedict XVI underlined, 'in no way can the Church restrict her pastoral work to the "ordinary maintenance" of those who already know the Gospel of Christ. Missionary outreach is a clear sign of the maturity of an ecclesial community (*Verbum Domini*, 95).' There are profound reasons for this. Addressing the Amazon Synod Pope Francis said, 'the Church is always on the move, always going out and never withdrawn into itself. Jesus did not come to bring a gentle evening breeze, but to light a fire on the earth.'

Mission Month and World Mission Sunday presents us with an opportunity to express our gratitude for the contribution we, as Irish people, have made to the mission of the Church to spread the Gospel of Christ in different parts of the globe. We remember and give thanks for the courage, the enthusiasm, and the generosity of so many people who have given their lives to the spread of the Gospel. They help bring the message of Christ to the peoples of the world.

As Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples, Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle shared that in Africa alone, with a population of 1.3 billion people across 54 countries, 'more than 74,000 religious sisters and over 46,000 priests are operating 7,274 hospitals and clinics, staffing 2,346 homes for the elderly and vulnerable and educating over 19 million children in 45,088 primary schools.' In many rural areas they are the only providers of healthcare and education. Although 19.4% of Africans are Catholic, the Church reaches out to all people in need across the continent, not just Church members. Likewise in Asia, a continent with a population of 4.6 billion people, of whom 3.3% are Catholic, the Church provides healthcare, charity assistance, and education to people of all faiths and none.

The Scriptures introduce us to the heart of God, that 'God is love' (Jn 1:4-8). Other words for love are compassion, concern, and solidarity, which are hallmarks of the Christian life. I hope the reflections in this booklet for Mission Month 2021 will be rewarding in assisting all of us to deepen our relationship with God as love, and our understanding of what it means to be called as missionary disciples today.

Saint Thérèse, Patroness of the Missions, pray for us.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin

Overseas missionaries are in urgent crisis

In many of our poorer parishes in Africa, Asia and Latin America, missionaries are on the front line. They are walking hand-in-hand with struggling communities long before and after any emergency. Many of these missionaries serve in remote regions where conflict, violence, extreme poverty, malnutrition and diseases are daily facts of life. **Please, if you are in a position to help, you can do so right now by placing an offering in this envelope and returning it to your parish.**

Your spiritual and financial support plays an enormous part in giving courage to our missionaries and easing suffering.

'It is time to count on what unites us, rather than what divides us'
Sr Veronica, OLA Missionary Sister, Nigeria

You can also offer your support by calling Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035 or online at www.missio.ie

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Missio Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission. They are part of a global network serving the Church in over 100 countries. Through your generosity they support missionaries who are caring for some of the most vulnerable communities in the world.

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**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
DONATION ENVELOPES ARE
AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF
THE CHURCH**

We are urgently looking for foster carers in North Dublin. Currently in North Dublin nearly one third of our care population are placed outside of the area which means that many of these children are separated not just from their family but also from their community. Local children need local carers.

Join us for our online fostering information session on November 3rd and connect with experienced foster carers and our inspirational care leavers through this interactive event.

TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT SEARCH TUSLA FOSTERING ON EVENTBRITE & FOR MORE INFORMATION LOG ONTO WWW.FOSTERING.IE



I am Raising Amazing

It's the ordinary little moments in the foster care journey that show children just how amazing they are.

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FINGAL COUNSELLING SERVICE



Part time receptionist required. Fingal Counselling Service require a part time receptionist (mornings) 2/3 days per week. This is a job share position. For more information call 01-8902596 or send CV to info@counsellingatfingal.com

Bethany Bereavement Support Group offers a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who might wish to avail of it.

Please phone Terri - 8403243 week

Sunday 24th to Saturday 30th October.

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

ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD



The envelopes and notelets for the Altar List of the Dead are now ready to be delivered. If you can help in distributing the envelopes into homes in the parish, please contact the Parish Office. There are also some available on the tables at the back of the Church. When you complete your list please put it in the box at the doors of the church or hand it in to the Parish Office. The names on the Altar List are remembered at the 9:00am Mass every Sunday.

With St. Martin's Feast Day coming up on 3rd November, a "Retreat With St. Martin" will be held in the Oratory, 42 Parnell Square, Dublin 1 on Monday 1st November to Friday 5th November and Monday 8th November to Friday 11th November at 1:00pm. You can also join on Facebook Live Stream.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Prayer Books, Rosary Beads, Rosettes, Medals, Souvenirs etc. for First Holy Communion & Confirmation available by emailing the Parish Office.

St. Joseph Statues are available by email brackenstownparish@gmail.com Catholic Papers & Magazines are available in the new bookrack at the back of the Church.

'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords



10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Andy O'Gorman (RD)
Tues: Margaret Flynn (A)
Wed: Tony O'Donnell (A)
Thur: Gerry Thornton (2A)
Fri: Mass for Holy Souls
Mrs. Maud Walker (nee Kavanagh) (RD)
Sat: Esther Halpin (A)

ST. CRONAN'S JUNIOR NATIONAL SCHOOL
BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS



JUNIOR SCHOOL ENROLMENT

St Cronan's JNS is currently enrolling for Junior Infants for **September 2022**. Application forms are available from the school office and for download from our website www.stcronansjns.ie. Closing date for receipt of completed applications is 10th January 2022.

MASS TIMES:

MONDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am
SUNDAY (Sat Vigil) 6:00pm; 9:00am;
11:00am & 5:00pm

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 10:45am to 11:30am
in the Pastoral Centre;

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY 6:00pm - 9:00pm
FRIDAY 3:00pm-6:00pm

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Anniversaries

Jimmy Devine
Nellie Lowndes
Gretta & John Millington
Michael Ward Jr.
Nora & Michael Snr. Ward
Seamus Keane
Susan Clifford
Tom & Seamus Mongan
Dcsd Members of
Jennings, Healy & Gilligan families

Recently Deceased

Thomas Palmer
Josephine Hughes
Kathleen Dargan
Seamus Grant
Gerard Lowndes

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Tap & Donate

The Diocese has installed a Tap and Donate machine inside the main door of the Church. This is for the First and Second Collections ONLY. Your donation will be split 60% 1st Collection and 40% Second Collection.

If you use the white envelopes for the Mass collections so that we can record your offering, please continue to do this instead of using the Tap and Donate as this machine cannot record your details.



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