

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27TH AUGUST 2023

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## Reflection

The Season of Creation runs from September 1st (the World Day of Prayer for Creation) to October 4th (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). It is a wonderful opportunity to respond to the call of Pope Francis to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. As the ecological crisis worsens, our newsfeeds are filled with stories of devastation, particularly in the most vulnerable parts of the world. Creation cries out as forests burn, animals flee, lives are lost and people are forced to migrate. The theme for this year's Season is inspired by the Prophet Amos who cries out: "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24). The symbol is that of a 'mighty river': "Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:19). As we join the river of justice and peace with others then **hope** is created instead of despair, "for we know that things can change!" (Laudato Si'). On behalf of Trócaire, wishing you all of God's blessings for a beautiful Season of Creation. As Pope Francis tells us, "Truly much can be done!" (Laudato Si').

Jane Mellett, Trocaire



BE LOVED. BE KIND. BE YOU.

**BRACKENSTOWN PARISH WISHES...**

**All the Boys & Girls**  
coming back to school and those starting for the first time...

**Good Luck**  
Enjoy Each Day  
Look After Each Other

Jesus my friend  
Be with me today  
Help me to be my best  
In what I do and say  
Amen

In light of the Season of Creation, we are setting up a parish Care for Creation committee, chaired by Paddy O' Byrne. Anyone interested in participating in this group should contact the parish office or Paddy directly.



St. Cronan's Junior and Senior Schools reopen on Thursday next, 31<sup>st</sup> August. We welcome back all the pupils and teachers and hope that they are refreshed after the summer holiday and ready for the new school year. We continue our tradition of *Tea and Tears* on 31<sup>st</sup> August, inviting the parents of Junior Infants to join us in the Pastoral Centre for tea/coffee etc from 9.00am.



TEA & TEARS

**PARENTS OF JUNIOR INFANTS**  
are invited on  
**THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST**

TO MEET IN ST. CRONAN'S PARISH CENTRE  
FOR A CUP OF TEA OR COFFEE AND A CHAT!  
DOORS OPEN FROM 9:00AM

TEA & TEARS

## Baptism

A preparation meeting for parents (and godparents) of children who will be baptised in our church in the coming months takes place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm in the church. At least one parent needs to attend this meeting.

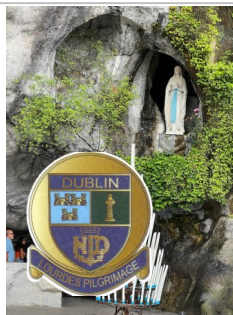


Many thanks to all the volunteers who participated in the clean-up of the church and its precincts on Saturday 19th August. There was a good turnout, a great spirit and everyone put in a huge effort.

The Parish Pastoral Council is inviting volunteers to become part of a church cleaning group, who would on a rota basis assist with keeping our beautiful church clean. If interested, please give your name and contact details to the parish secretary.

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)

Fr. Martin Noone, director of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, wrote a letter of thanks this week acknowledging the generous support of parishioners to the **Lourdes Associate Membership** collection which the Legion of Mary organised in June. Approximately 100 sick pilgrims from across the diocese will travel with the Diocesan Pilgrimage from 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> September, and Fr. Martin notes that without the generous support of parishioners to the Lourdes Fund, many of these sick pilgrims would not have the opportunity to travel. The enrolment sheets with the names of the Associate Members will be placed at the Grotto in Lourdes, and they will be remembered at a pilgrimage Mass.



**Summer Dues 2023** Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the *Summer Offerings* and for your continued contributions to the weekly Mass collections and to the Family Offering through weekly envelope or regular standing order. Parishioners and visitors who don't carry cash may contribute to the Mass collections by using the Tap and Go machine at the entrance to the church. You will notice that we have installed a second Tap and Go machine, which facilitates parishioners and visitors who wish to make a contactless donation for shrine candles, a Mass offering or towards the parish maintenance costs.



**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: [haveasipwords@gmail.com](mailto:haveasipwords@gmail.com)





**Taize Prayer  
Around the Cross**

On the First Friday of each month,  
we will celebrate  
**Taizé Prayer Around the Cross**  
in St. Cronan's Church at 7:30pm  
**Next Taizé Prayer: Friday 1st September**  
[www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

**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](http://www.missionministry.ie).

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased**  
 Mary Lane

**Anniversaries**  
 Larry O'Donohoe (1A)  
 Martin Feehan (2A)  
 George Daly (4A)  
 George & Mary Mulligan (8A)  
 Patrick, Kitty, Jack, Noel, George & Pete Cowley  
 Chris Darcy  
 Cora Duffy & Marie Healy  
 Kathleen & James Smith  
 Thomas Reid

**10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK**

**Mon** Special Healing Intention  
**Tues** Dcsd Members of Hagan, Donnelly, Pyne & Barker families  
**Wed** Larry O'Donohue (1A)  
**Thur** Anthony Donnelly (6A)  
**Fri** Special Intention  
**Sat** For the intentions of those who supported the family of the late Jim Long (RIP)

**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  
 Sunday 27th August  
 to Saturday 2nd September

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

**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](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie). Register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/vnhG5552SW>



Teams of Our Lady Ireland invites you to join an information night about TANDEM, a journey of 14 meetings for and with young couples (engaged or recently married) who want to enrich their relationship and grow together. The meeting will take place on Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm on ZOOM (Zoom Meeting ID: 824 5542 0054 Passcode: tandem) For more info, contact Ilaria at 089 2431725, talk to Fr. Richard or write to [tandemireland@gmail.com](mailto:tandemireland@gmail.com)

Teams of Our Lady Ireland invites you to join an information night on strengthening your marriage, your couple relationship and your relationship with God. The meeting will take place on Zoom on Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm (Meeting ID: 885 7137 4468 Passcode: 240923) For more info., talk to Fr. Richard or contact Paola at [batori@btinternet.com](mailto:batori@btinternet.com)

If you would like to know more about Teams, you are very welcome to join us for our annual picnic, which takes place in the grounds of Malahide Castle at 2pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Just let Fr. Richard know if you would like to come. All you need to bring is sun lotion, a picnic lunch, a rug and a rain jacket!

Congratulations to all the children who received their Leaving Cert results on Friday! We pray that these will enable them to make decisions for the next stage.



**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. Listen to a 2.42 min clip by Bishop Robert Barron on [Why Pray the Rosary? - YouTube](#). 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.

**Upcoming Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine**

Sunday 24th September Legion of Mary Pilgrimage. Those interested in travelling on pilgrimage are invited to leave their name and contact details with a member of the Legion of Mary at Church Repository before /after Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

**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](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie) or <https://forms.office.com/e/2LunznvExv>

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

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