

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21ST APRIL 2024

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REFLECTION *The fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The Gospel from John chapter 10 depicts Jesus describing himself as the Good Shepherd, one who not only cares for his sheep and goes in search of the lost sheep, but is also willing to 'lay down his life for his sheep'. If this image describes how Jesus sees his relationship with the community of his disciples and his role in making the kingdom of God a living reality, then it also says something about our role as his disciples today. Traditionally we have referred to this as Vocations Sunday and made a special appeal for vocations to the priesthood and to religious life. Today, however, we place increasing emphasis on the vocation of all Christians, that is rooted in our baptism, hence the emergence in recent years of the ministries of parish pastoral worker and catechist. Through the new diocesan office of Ministry and Mission, the diocese provides training at partnership and deanery level in servant leadership as well as ongoing support for baptism and funeral teams, ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist. This year, six members from our partnership (five from this parish) have just completed an excellent new course in catechesis run by the office of Mission and*

Ministry, which will enable them to assist with the preparation of older children and adults for reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). A special collection for the continued development of lay ministry will take place at all Masses next weekend and replace the second (Share) collection. It is a once yearly opportunity to support the great work being done by the office of Mission and Ministry in developing lay leadership and ministry as part of the Building Hope

initiative in our parish and diocese. The April e-zine from the Office of Mission & Ministry, which outlines various courses offered by the office can be found at <https://www.missionministry.ie/e-zine/>.

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.

Archdiocese of Dublin

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Sun 28th
April



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The celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for children attending **Gaelscoil Bhrian Boróimhe** will take place at **11.00am on Friday 26th** and for those attending **Swords and Thornleigh Ed** **Together on Saturday 26th April**

A *Grow in Love* Mass in preparation for **First Communion** will take place this **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

The Coach will pick up in

- Donabate Church at 7.00am
- St. Cronan's Church Car Park at 7.30am
- Swords Main St (Co Co Offices) at 7.45am
- River Valley Church Car Park at 8.00am
- Cost of the bus (return) is €25.
- Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee available in St. John's Centre Knock.
- The coach will make a 15 min stop on the way to and from Knock.

Last chance to book for the annual **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** next **Saturday, April 27!** Our partnership of parishes is organising a coach to travel to Knock, cost is €25.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Jimmy Rooney

Anniversaries

Brendan Carton (3A)

Breda Boylan (BR)

Bernard Oldham

John Martin

Noreen, Peter & Mary McKittrick

Muriel Harford

Niamh Curry

Dcsd Members of Kilbane &

Brennan Families

Kathleen Savage

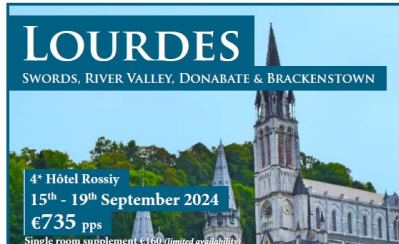
Special Intention

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.

Parishioners are requested to return their Trocaire boxes to the sacristy by Sunday 28th April. We will return the proceeds to Trocaire during the following week. Many thanks to all who have supported this year's Trocaire Lenten campaign in aid of the people of Malawi.

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.

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.



10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Sr Celine O'Reilly (1A) Mary Cleary (BR)
Tues	Vincent, Charlotte & Fintan Delamere (A)
Wed	Pat, Frank, Jim, Florence & Chris Cantwell (A) Special Intention
Thur	James, Catherine, Seamus & Martin O'Toole (A) Ivan Pentony (RD)
Fri	Paul Daly (1A) Paddy Ryan (BR)
Sat	Marie Scahill (RD)

An Earth Day message from Fingal County Council

Happy Earth Day 2024! This year, let's focus on one of the most pressing environmental issues: plastic pollution. From single-use plastics clogging our oceans to microplastics infiltrating our food chain, the impact is undeniable. But together, we can turn the tide. Let's pledge to reduce our plastic footprint by saying no to single-use plastics, embracing reusable alternatives, and supporting businesses that prioritize eco-friendly packaging. Small changes can lead to big results for our planet.

See here for your Earth Day 2024 Action Toolkit <https://www.earthday.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/EarthDay-2024-Toolkit-March-12th-Update.pdf>

The Office of Mission & Ministry is running the **Introduction to Servant Leadership course** again during the coming year. It is aimed at members of PPCs and those with a parish ministry – but all are welcome. The course requires participants to attend three sessions on Zoom (consecutive Tuesdays from 7.30pm to 9pm) and a Saturday session in person (from 10.00am to 2.00pm). Sessions are a mixture of input, discussion and reflection exploring what Servant Leadership is and how we might grow this ministry. For more information, contact peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie. To complete the online registration please visit the Adult Faith section of www.missionministry.ie.

Religious Goods & Literature - Suitable gifts for families preparing for the Sacraments

First Holy Communion gifts, Confirmation and Baptism, 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.

Calling all children aged 6-11 years to Faith 'n' Fun

This year participants will get to know Blessed Carlo Acutis, a computer savvy Italian teenager who championed the Eucharist. The project will take place 2:00-4:00pm on 25th July, 1st Aug & 8th August. We are ready to take bookings over the next 8 weeks. Deadline for registration 23rd June 2024. It is free. Brochure and information leaflets are available in the Church Porch after Mass.



Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it

Terri - 8403243

Sunday 21st to

Saturday 27th April

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

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