

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
6th February 2022 Year C



30th World Day of the Sick

*“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Lk 6:36).
Standing beside those who suffer on a path of charity.*

11th February is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. This year the Pope gives a special message that revolves around the theme of mercy:

“The supreme witness of the Father’s merciful love for the sick is his only-begotten Son. How often do the Gospels relate Jesus’ encounters with people suffering from various diseases! He “went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people” (Mt 4:23). We do well to ask ourselves why Jesus showed such great concern for the sick, so much so that he made it paramount in the mission of the apostles, who were sent by the Master to proclaim the Gospel and to heal the sick (cf. Lk 9:2).”
Pope Francis

Catholic churches around the world celebrate a Mass of the Anointing of the Sick. The anointing of the sick is given to those who not only suffer from physical sickness but emotional or mental illness as well.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place during the Vigil Mass and all Sunday Masses next weekend 12/13 February



Grotto Rosary Friday 11th February Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Volunteers required to recite Rosary on Friday 11th February every hour on half hour commencing 9:30am to 9:30pm. Please sign roster at back of Church or contact a member of Legion of Mary.

In Luke 5:1-11, the Gospel writer creatively combines the preaching of Jesus, a miracle and a call story. Luke invites us to recognise our own attraction to Jesus and the Good News. In the context of the Synodal Pathways – certain expressions jump off the page: *the word of God, put out into the deep, do not be afraid*

We should not be afraid to put out into the deep, both personally and as a community of faith. We pray to the Holy Spirit, that the Christian community may be full of courage as it gathers together on the Synodal Pathway.

Synodal Resources are available at: www.dublindiocese.ie



LOURDES

ST. CRONANS BRACKENSTOWN PILGRIMAGE

4* HÔTEL PADOUE
23rd - 29th September 2022

€795^{pps}

Single room supplement €250 (limited availability)

- INCLUDED**
- Return direct flights Dublin/Tarbes (Lourdes)
 - Coach transfers to/from Lourdes airport
 - 7 nights in the 4* Hôtel Padoue with free Wi-Fi
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have been living through a very testing time. Sickness and death from the Covid-19 virus have taken a heavy toll. The necessary restrictions on everyday life have at times been very hard to bear. The continuing pressure on healthcare staff and other vital workers has increased our admiration for their commitment to care.

The commitment of ACCORD Dublin has continued throughout this pandemic, finding new ways of working, and meeting people wherever and whenever they need us.

- In primary and secondary schools, ACCORD has continued to help students acquire and understanding of human relationships and sexuality, despite school closures, re-openings, cancellations, and re-scheduling's.
- Every couple preparing for marriage who requested a marriage preparation course, received one. Facilitators transitioned quickly to online courses, in order that couples might have the opportunity to reflect on their relationship, and their future lives together.
- ACCORD's counselling service is there to help couples explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties they may be experiencing in their relationships and family life. With the increases in family breakdown and domestic abuse, these services are needed now more than ever before and ACCORD's counsellors have risen to the challenge.

ACCORD Dublin relies heavily on the generosity of parishioners in order to provide these essential services to everyone in need and to promote good and healthy relationships from school age onwards. So I ask you to support the work of ACCORD at this annual collection so that we can ensure that love is nurtured and supported in every heart and home.

*I pray for God's blessing on you and your families.
+Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin,
Chairman ACCORD Dublin*

The ANNUAL COLLECTION for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of 12 & 13 February 2022

If you put a donation in the White Envelopes in the Church, 60% goes to the First Collection to support to the Priests in the Diocese and 40% will go to Accord on that weekend. An online donation can also be made by going to www.accord.ie.

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

- Mon:** Helen Lane (RD)
Pray for: Nancy Savage (3A)
Mai Delamere Thompson (RD)
- Tues:** Pray for: Audrey Harkin Mullan (A)
Declan McCarthy (MM)
- Wed:** John Kerins (RD)
Pray for: Special Intention
- Thur:** Patrick Boyle (A) & Dcsd Family Members
- Fri:** Niamh Oglesby (A)
- Sat:** Special Intention

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Anniversaries

Philip Hickey (1A)
Sr. Pat Hughes
Tom & Angela Dormer
Dcsd Members of Maginn, Barker & Ellison Families
Gretta & John Millington & Dcsd Family Members
June Daly (35A)
Jack & Agnes McGinnis
Patrick Byrne (7A)
Carmel Kieran (28A)
Michael & Bridget Kelly
Harry & Joan Mills
Declan McCarthy (M/M)
Winifred Hills (M/M)
Catherine Gilmartin (MM)
Brendan O'Reilly (BR)

Recently Deceased

Joan Tang
Sr. Elizabeth Dunne

2022 ENVELOPE BOXES

The new boxes of Family Offering Parish Envelopes will be available to be collected at the back of the Church after all Masses on the weekend of 12/13 February.

Your support for the Family Offering is greatly appreciated. The Parish depends on your Family Offering contributions for the running and development of the Parish.

The new envelope boxes for the First and Second collections at Mass will also be available to be Collected. There are substantial potential benefits for the Parish if the donor uses these envelopes for the collections at Mass. If you are an Irish taxpayer, using the envelopes will potentially allow the Parish to claim the charitable organisation tax relief on your weekly offerings.

The Parish depends on your voluntary contributions for the running and development of the Parish. Thank you to all who support the Parish so generously.

Paddy O'Byrne, Finance Committee

Grateful Appreciation

The family of the late John Kerins deeply appreciate and will always hold in grateful remembrance your kind expression of sympathy with them in their recent loss.

The Holy Sacrifice of Mass will be offered for your intentions on Thursday April 28th.

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 16th February at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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

Terri - 8403243 - week Sunday 6th to Saturday 12th February.

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

INVITATION

You are invited to pray for your intentions through the intercession of Servant of God, Fank Duff, Tuesday 8th February, 8—9pm in Parish Pastoral Centre. Everybody most welcome.



LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

Religious Goods

Rosary Beads, Candles, Children's Books, Statues, Holy Water Fonts and other religious goods available in Parish Centre after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. Also by emailing brackenstownparish@gmail.com Catholic Papers & Magazines are available in the new bookrack at the back of the Church.

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