

# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

## Parish Newsletter

2nd February 2020

The Presentation of Our Lord ✠ Year A

St. BRÍGÍD



### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES GROTTO ROSARY

Tuesday 11th February

Volunteers required to recite the rosary every hour on the half hour, commencing 9:30am—9:30pm. Please sign the roster at the back of the Church or contact a member of Legion of Mary.



**Family Mass Group:** The Family Mass Group looks after the 12.30pm Mass on Sunday. New adult volunteers are needed. If you would like to help, please contact the Parish Office.

**Sincere Thanks** This week marked three months since my Dad passed away. On behalf of my mum and myself, I would like to thank you for your kindness and support at the time of the funeral and in the weeks since. It meant so much to see so many people at the Mass in Churchtown, it gave me the strength that I needed knowing that there were so many there, praying for us and supporting us.

It is only when you go through a death that you experience the vulnerability that comes with it. At these times the quiet word, the text, card or gentle look mean so much. In November the Sacred Space for our Deceased Parishioners used the symbol of the robin as a reminder of loved ones being near. It's funny how something so simple can give hope and consolation.

Thank you again for your prayers and support. *Fr. Paul*

This week we celebrated the great contribution that our Catholic Schools make to the formation of our young people here in Brackenstown. Each stream from St. Cronan's Senior School joined us for the 10:00am Mass and on Thursday morning the 4th classes who had represented the school at the Laudate Festival, a Diocesan celebration of Sacred Music, shared their songs with us.

On Tuesday the students from Colaiste Choilm with their Principal Mr. Boyle, joined us for Mass. In the entrance procession we were led by the new symbol of the Christian Brothers, a cross with a new branch sprouting from it as a sign of the new life that faith brings into our lives.

On Thursday St. Cronan's Junior School celebrated Grandparents Day by inviting the children's Grandparents into school. There was a great atmosphere around the place as the children asked their grandparents questions about their childhood like: Was their electricity in your day? Did you have water in your house? Was their money back in those days? Once the work was done they played board games and you could see the joy on the faces of the children and great pride on the faces of the grandparents.

Catholic Schools Week is an important celebration of what our schools do in the forming of our society. We should be very proud of the schools that we have and encourage and support their development for the future.

 Catholic Schools Week 2020  
26 January – 2 February 2020

Living in Harmony  
with God's Creation

### SIGN OF PEACE

The sign of peace is an important moment in the Mass to express our solidarity, community and being brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

The gesture of shaking hands with our neighbour is common practice in our society. However there may be circumstances where this is not as straightforward for some people eg: arthritis, skin conditions or injury. Also in this flu season some people feel vulnerable to infection and avoid shaking hands with others.

It is common practice here for people to use another form of the sign of peace like a nod or bow to their neighbour or a simple smile. This is respected by those around them and should you prefer to adopt one of these gestures when the Priest says "Let us offer one another a sign of peace," this is a way to express the peace of Christ.

At each of our doors we also provide anti-bacterial hand wash for you to use entering and leaving the Church. Our Ministers of the Eucharist also use a hand wash before distributing Holy Communion and if they have a cold or flu they get someone else to cover them.

The Dublin Diocese is in contact with the Public Health Office of the Department of Health and follows the advice that is provided.



#### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm:	Padraig Keane (A)
9:00am:	Altar List of the Dead and Intentions of Parish
11:00am:	Barney McCann (A)
12:30pm:	Martin Curran (1A)
5:30pm:	Bobby & Maoliosa MacCourt (A)

#### PRAY FOR

Gearóid Lynch (2A)  
Christopher McGuirk (BR)

#### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

<b>Mon:</b>	Eileen Boles (RD)
<b>Tues:</b>	Ludwicka Kulesza Sipracka (RD)
<b>Wed:</b>	Dcsd Members of Rickard Family
<b>Thur:</b>	Brendan O'Reilly (BR)
<b>Fri:</b>	Tom & Angela Dormer (A) Pray for: Nancy Savage (1A)
<b>Sat:</b>	Sr. Marie Galvin (RD)

# Dates for your Diary in 2020

Confirmation	13th & 14th February	St. Cronan's
Confirmation	5th March	GSBB
Lent Retreat	17th—21st March	
Confirmation	25th April	ETNS
First Holy Communion	9th May (10:00 & 12:00)	St. Cronan's
First Holy Communion	16th May (10:00)	GSBB
First Holy Communion	16th May (12:00)	ETNS



## PARKINSON'S GROUP

In St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre

**The next meeting is Tuesday 4th February at 11am Followed by Exercise Class with Sielbleu**  
Tea & coffee available from 10:30am. All Welcome!



## CUIDIÚ are having a BRING & BUY with BAKE SALE

In St. Cronan's Parish Centre  
On Sunday 2nd February from 1pm

This is a Bring & Buy Fundraiser with Bake Sale for Cuidiú, so why not bring along your nearly new items to sell and buy something that's already on display!



## 2020 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 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> of February. Your support for the Family Offering is greatly appreciated. The Parish depends on the voluntary contributions of parishioners 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 at the back of the church after all Masses on the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> February. There are substantial potential benefits for the Parish if the donor uses these envelopes for the collections at Mass and is an income taxpayer. Last year the Parish received a CHY income tax refund of over €40,000. Previously our highest tax refund had been €34,214 in 2010.

You can request a box of envelopes or a standing order form for the Family Offering to support the running of the Parish by contacting the Parish office Tel 8401188, or email [brackenstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com). There are also forms available on the tables at the back of the church. Completed forms can be placed in the white post boxes in the Church or returned to the Parish office. The Parish depends on the voluntary contributions of parishioners for the running and development of the Parish. Thank you to all who support the Parish so generously.

*Paddy O'Byrne, Finance Committee*

## New Sanctuary Furniture

So far €11,505.00 has been donated to our fundraising appeal, this includes a donation to cover the cost of the Ambo from the Bible Study Group and a gift from the Marie Reparatrice Sisters to cover the cost of the Sanctuary Lamp. If you wish to make a donation there are envelopes at the display at the Main Door.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon: 10.30 am – 11.30 am  
Wed: 6.00 pm – 11.00 pm  
Fri: 10.30 am – 5.45pm  
Sat: 10.30am – 11.30am



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on the last Sunday of every month from 4pm—5pm. Can you stay 1 hour with me? We encourage new people to come & join us.

## PRAYER MEETING

Spend One Hour...**Tuesday 4th February, 8-9pm** in Parish Pastoral Centre, (St. Cronan's Church). This Prayer Meeting honours Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary. Everybody most welcome.

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation souvenirs, necklets, cards, rosary beads, etc. as well as other religious items & books, available main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

## PRAYING THE ROSARY

Honour the Mother of God this year with the Rosary. Let us help you get started by having the Rosary Statue in your home. Just leave your contact details with a member of the Legion of Mary in the main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass and suitable arrangements will be made for you.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR OUR LADY?



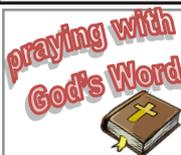
Legion of Mary needs new members to help Our Lady bring Jesus to more people. Meetings are held in the new location— "Crosscare" room at priest's house, on Tuesdays at 10:30am, Wednesdays at 7:30pm and 4:45pm on Fridays for Junior members in Parish Pastoral Centre. Why not come along and see what you can do!

## HELPERS

**Glasmore Park, Park View, Ormond, Swords Manor, and other areas of the parish, - New Helpers** needed to deliver the "Alive!" Catholic paper. If you could give **20-30 minutes a month** you could do great work to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Enquire at Legion of Mary table in the main porch after Sat. Evening or Sun morning Masses or leave your contact number with Louise in the Parish Office.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords



## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading: Mal 3:1-4**  
**Second Reading: Heb 2:14-18**  
**Gospel: Lk 2:22-40**

## FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund.

December Standing Order: €3,719      1st Collection €1505.41 (Tax €346.26)  
Family Offering €677.85      Share Collection €1188.37 (Tax €223.10)

## NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

We have been having some issues since before Christmas in sending the newsletter out by email. Hopefully from this weekend, everyone who has signed up for the newsletter should receive it.

If you are receiving the newsletter by email and do not wish to continue receiving it, please notify the parish office by return email and your details will be taken off the mailing list.

Likewise if you wish to receive the newsletter by email, please notify the parish office on [brackenstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com). You will receive a notice of permission which needs to be signed and returned to the parish office. This is for GDPR compliance.



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