

# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

## BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

### Reflection

As we enter a new month, there is a sense of Spring in the air, as the days get longer and the crocuses and daffodil stems make their first appearance. It has been a long January, and we have lost sadly a number of parishioners. It has also been



a busy month with sacramental preparation Masses and retreats for those preparing for Confirmation. As mentioned last week, the Diocesan Building Hope Initiative enters a new phase, as we prepare to form a new partnership of parishes, which embraces Donabate/Balheary as well as

### 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.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.

St Kevin, pray for us.

St Brigid, pray for us.

the parishes of River Valley and Dublin Airport, Brackenstown and Swords/Drynam. We are preparing for a joint meeting of the four Parish Pastoral Councils on 13<sup>th</sup> February, with the intention of establishing a new Partnership Council which will involve clergy and representatives from each of the existing Pastoral Councils. The season of **Lent** begins in less than three weeks. The diocesan office for Mission and Ministry are putting on a Lenten programme called Building Hope Through Servant Leadership, aimed particularly at Pastoral Councils members and those in pastoral ministries. It will run from 7.00pm on five Monday evenings in Lent at St. Paul's Arran Quay. We encourage parishioners to pray regularly the Building Hope Prayer, which is attached here.

Fr. Richard

5TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
5TH FEBRUARY 2023 YEAR A



**Grotto Rosary**  
**Saturday 11th**  
**February**  
**Feast of Our Lady**  
**of Lourdes**  
**Volunteers**  
**required to recite**  
**Rosary on**

**Saturday 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.**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**February** is  
a public  
holiday in  
honour of  
St. Brigid.  
Mass will be  
celebrated at  
10.00am.



Brackenstown,  
Donabate,  
River Valley &  
Swords Cluster  
of Parishes

**Dublin**  
**Diocesan**  
**Pilgrimage**  
**to Knock**

**€25 per person**

Stopping both  
ways at Mace &  
Supermacs,  
Ballinalack  
which has food,  
tea, coffee &  
toilet facilities



**BUS LEAVING**  
**8:00AM SHARP**  
**FROM ST. CRONAN'S**  
**CHURCH CAR PARK,**  
**BRACKENSTOWN**



A preparation Mass for  
**First Communion** will take place this  
weekend, at 6.00pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and  
at 12.30pm and 5.00pm on  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

1ST COMMUNION



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)

## The Bible Timeline—Understand the Entire Bible

Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that you can understand the Bible, and *The Bible Timeline*, a twenty-four-part Bible study, makes it easy. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives you the keys to understanding the story woven throughout Scripture. The Bible Timeline divides the Bible into twelve colour-coded time periods that make it easier to follow its narrative thread. You will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the story of our faith.

St. Cronan's Parish will offer *The Bible Timeline* beginning on Monday 20th February at 7.30 to 9.00 pm. Participants will meet every week to view a 50-minute video presentation followed by a group discussion and an opportunity to ask questions. For more information or to register, please contact Louise in the Parish office tel. 01 8401188 or email [brackenstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com).

The movie *The Letter*, which was made with the collaboration of Pope Francis and which was to have been shown in the Pastoral Centre before Christmas, will now be screened on Wednesday 15th February at 7.30pm. All are welcome.



Many thanks to all those who have returned **Christmas Offerings**, which contribute to the remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese.

## Bethany Bereavement Support Group



offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it  
**Please phone Terri - 8403243**  
**Sunday 8th to Saturday 14th January**  
*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"*

## SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

### Recently Deceased

Jim Long  
Sean Rossiter

### Month's Minds

Pauline Knight  
Frank Rooney  
Brigid McDonagh

### Anniversaries

Philip Hickey (2A)  
Sr. Pat Hughes (5A)  
John & Gretta Millington &  
Deceased Family Members



The annual collection in aid of **Accord** (the diocesan agency for Marriage and the Family) will take place next weekend 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> February and replaces the usual SHARE collection. Accord offers marriage preparation courses, school based relationship programmes and marriage counselling. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

A first joint meeting of the Parish Pastoral Councils from Swords/Drynam, River Valley/Dublin Airport, Donabate/Balheary and Brackenstown will be hosted by our PPC in our pastoral centre at 7.30pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February. This is a first step towards the establishment of a new **Partnership Council** which will involve clergy and representatives from each of the existing Pastoral Councils. The new Partnership Council will not replace the existing Pastoral Councils but work in tandem with them, looking at various ways the parishes can work more closely together, such as ongoing training for various parish ministries and developing faith formation programmes.

**Anam Cara North Dublin**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 15th February at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924. 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](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.



A **Training session on Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding**, led by Garry Kehoe, will take place in **Rush Church** on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 9.00am-1.00pm.

Any parish volunteer or minister, who is working directly with children or vulnerable adults (*ie: bringing Communion to the housebound*), is urged to attend this training session, if you have not attended similar training in the past three years. Please let Fr. Richard or the parish office know if you wish to attend the training.



## 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon** Brendan O'Reilly (BR)  
Patrick Byrne (8A)  
**Tues** Moya Murphy (RD)  
**Wed** Jack & Teresa Goulding & Dcsd  
Relatives & Friends  
**Thur** Nollag McCann & Nicola Fay (A)  
Mary Bohan (A)  
**Fri** Thanksgiving Mass for Our Lady of Lourdes  
**Sat** Thomas Donovan (RD)

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

**Registered Charity Number**  
**20016166**



**Baptisms will take place next Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th Feb. at 12noon.**



Legion of Mary

## Frank Duff Prayer Meeting

You are invited to pray for your intentions through the intercession of Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary on **Tuesday, 7th February 8:00pm—9:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre**. The Rosary, a reading from Sunday's Gospel and a little background information about Frank Duff will be included.

## 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. Catholic Papers & Magazines are available in the bookrack at the back of the Church.