

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

14TH JANUARY 2024

YEAR B

Many thanks to all the representatives of our parish groups and ministries who organised an information point at the back of the church after 11.00am Mass last Sunday. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the different activities in our parish, and we were delighted to recruit a number of new



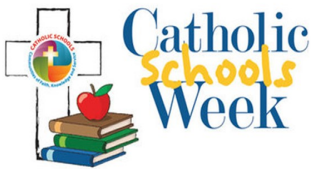
WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR
CHRISTIAN
UNITY
2024

“YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD...
AND YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF.”

Luke
10:27

volunteers for the different ministries or service. We have left some of the information flyers around the church so that parishioners can see what ministries are available in our parish. It's not too late to decide to get involved in some pastoral activity, and it's a great way to get to meet other parishioners. The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** runs from 18th-25th January. The theme this year is: 'You shall love the Lord, your God...and your neighbour as yourself' (Luke 10:7). A prayer or reflection for each day can be downloaded from www.ctbi.org.uk At a time of deep divisions and conflict, often along religious lines, in various parts of the world, we thank God for the faith, witness and hospitality of our fellow Christians in the Swords area.

Fr. Richard



Catholic Schools Week

runs from 21st-27th January. This year's theme for the week is:

Catholic Schools: Communities of Service. St Cronan's Junior NS will be hosting Grandparents Day on **Thursday 25th January.**

Advance Notice: **I am Mark**, a daring new staging of St. Mark's Gospel, performed by Stefan Smart, will take place in our church towards the end of February. It will be a ticket only affair and tickets will be free of charge. More details in the next week or two.



The week of February 7-14th, culminating on St Valentine's Day, has been designated as International Marriage Week 2024. International Marriage Day will be celebrated worldwide on Sunday February 12th.

To celebrate International Marriage Week, all sacramentally married and engaged couples who would like to explore and deepen their relationship are invited to participate in a zoom meeting on any of three Tuesdays leading up to St. Valentine's Day from 8.00-9.00pm:

Tuesday Jan. 30th

Love – what's it all about?

Tuesday Feb. 6th

Prayer and living faith as spouses

Tuesday Feb. 13th

Knowing each other

The Zoom details for attending any of the three sessions are as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88227705620?pwd=bVBNdG11M0JPSWJaYVQ5eXdCcXBxQT09>

Meeting ID: 882 2770 5620

Passcode: 1402

This initiative is facilitated by Teams (Equipe Notre-Dame) Ireland.

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

One-day **Retreats** for 6th class pupils preparing for Confirmation will take place in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th January from 10am-2.30pm.**

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CARS PARKING FOR FUNERALS
We are renewing our appeal to parishioners and visitors attending funerals in the church not to park on both sides of Park Avenue, as it may obstruct access for emergency services vehicles or residents seeking to get in or out of their driveways. We ask all those who may be attending a funeral to be conscious of where they are parking, especially if it means possible access for a fire brigade or ambulance would be impeded.



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Joseph Daly
Frank Walsh
Michael Savage
Fr Tommy McNulty

Anniversaries

Marie Lynch
Martin Curran (5A)
Bernard McGlynn
Jenny Tierney (1A)
Padraig Keane (8A)
Judith Hamill
Dolly Keane (10A)
Flora Moran (3A)
Margaret (1A) & Harry Donnelly
Carmel Kieran (30A)
Anne Hopkins (3A)
Barbara McGuirk
Billy Curtis

Fr. Timothy Radcliff OP will present: The Synod: A Word to the World at St. Mary's Church, Haddington Road, Dublin 4 at 7.00pm on Wednesday 1st February. At the request of Pope Francis, Fr. Radcliff led the three day preparatory retreat for participants at the Synod on Synodality in Rome last October. He is the author of many books, including *Why Go To Church* and *Questioning God* (with Lukasz Popko). He taught scripture at Oxford and in 1992 was elected (Superior General) of the Dominican Order. All are welcome, admission is free but a small contribution is welcome.

Our sincerest thanks to the parishioners of St. Cronan's Church for the wonderful delivery of sweets, biscuits, bars, tea, coffee, cereal, tinned items, hats, scarves, gloves, soups, crisps, various toiletries and Christmas gifts last week. All these items will be appreciated by the people who use our service. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the parishioners of St. Cronan's for their ongoing support for many years now. Our work continues with people who are homeless and are sleeping out. People present with the same problems we have seen over the years – mental health issues, addiction, childhood trauma, a feeling of worthlessness etc. However many of the people we meet continue to inspire and challenge us all to look beyond the label. With best wishes to all in Brackenstown – we know you will remember us and the people who use our service in your prayers.
Jeanette O'Brien, Manager Alice Leahy Trust

Please find at the following link resources for the **Sunday of the Word of God**, this Sunday, January 21: <http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/en/attivita/parola/2024.html>

Celebrate **Laudate 2024 Festival** with the Catholic Primary Schools in the Archdiocese of Dublin as an extension of Catholic Schools Week. Several hundred children will lead families and parishioners in song and reflection. The theme for this year's festival celebration is *Let us Create a Safe Climate for All*. The repertoire is suitable for parish choirs and congregational singing for all occasions. Entry is free, and all are welcome. Church of Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road, on Tuesday 30 January at 7.00-8.15pm.

Many thanks to parishioners and visitors who have returned **Christmas Offerings**, which support the priests of the parish and of the diocese. Your generosity is much appreciated.

A Sip of Support RETREAT

- DATE: Saturday 10 February 2024
- TIME: 10:00— 17:00
- LOCATION: White Sands Hotel, Portmarnock
- COST: €50.00 (this includes Tea/Coffee & a light sandwich lunch)



A GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP RETREAT

On the day we will have speakers, some group discussions, meditation and more!

Tickets must be purchased in advance:
Payments by Revolut: [revolut.me/sharon4v9](https://www.revolut.me/sharon4v9)
Text: 0879858837 (to confirm payment)

Reference your full name in the payment

Cash: You can purchase tickets at one of our weekly meetings
If you have any queries or dietary requirements, please contact our Instagram Page; Facebook Page or Email: haveaisipwords@gmail.com



Partnership Working Together

As parishioners are no doubt aware, as part of the *Building Hope* diocesan initiative, we have formed a partnership with Swords, River Valley and Donabate parishes. At a recent meeting of our Partnership Pastoral Council, it was agreed that each parish would have a section in their weekly newsletter to highlight common initiatives. This will serve to strengthen communication between the different parishes, as well as remind parishioners that we are working increasingly as a partnership. From this Sunday, the section will carry the above heading: *Partnership Working Together*.

River Valley is planning a weekly prayer/reflection on Thursday evenings from February to June. The first of these will focus on St. Bridget. The focus will change from week to week in keeping with the Liturgical season.

Brackenstown hold a Taizé type prayer service on the first Friday of every month at 7.30pm. However, this will not take place on Friday 2nd February. Instead it will take place on each of the Fridays in Lent, beginning on Friday 16th February.



Legion of Mary

Religious Goods & Literature

Suitable gifts for families during these changing times

Books including **Blessed Carlo Acutis 5 steps to being a saint**, The Order of Mass Congregational Cards, Candles, Statues, Children's books, Bibles etc. all available in main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Niall Boles (RD)
Tues	David Carroll (15A) Bernadette Cousins (1A) Flora Moran (3A)
Wed	Leo Levins (RD)
Thur	Margaret Gavney (BR)
Fri	Eugene, Michael & Eugene Jnr Fitzsimons Patrick & Carol Connolly (A)
Sat	Special Intention

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 week - Sunday 21st to Saturday 27th January 2024.

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

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