CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ★ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st June 2020 Year A

# Parish Newsletter



Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it. PROVERBS 22:6

# Come worship the *Cord*,

for we are God's people!

### Guidelines for returning to Mass

Maximum number in Church: 50 people This will be revised as we move forward

Form 29th June 2020 Please:

- Enter by the Main Door
- Wear a face mask
- Dispose of gloves at the door
- Sanitise your hands with the gel provided
- Follow the stewards directions
- Sit only in the marked places
- Stay in your place for Holy Communion
- Exit on by the side doors on the invitation of the stewards

We are in this together,

Let us help one another

#### Father's Day Prayer God our Father, In your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves, the responsibility of parenting. Bless those who have lost a spouse to death or divorce who are parenting their children alone. Strengthen them by your love that they may be and become the loving, caring persons they are meant to **l** Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

A group has now been set up to co-ordinate the celebration of Mass with a congregation from the 29th June 2020. As part of their work they set up an online survey which you can answer on our website. We thanks all of those who have taken part already.

The group has a number of tasks with which they need help:

- $\Diamond$ We need a group of volunteers to take on the role of stewards. This will involve assisting people as they come into the Church, show them their seat, guide the ministers of Holy Communion and guide people as they leave the Church.
- $\Diamond$ We need a group to wipe down the benches after the Mass to prepare the Church for the next group.

If you can volunteer please email: brackenstownparish@gmail.com

Following the advice of the Diocesan co-ordinator and out of respect for the care and wellbeing of those who share in various ministries in the Parish, we are asking the volunteers for these role to be over 16 and under 70. Many who have responded to the survey have been very appreciative of this. I know for others this is not so easy, but as we open up slowly and carefully we are conscious that Covid19 has not gone away, but that because of our working together we have controlled its spread.

### Signs to guide you in the Church



**10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK** Mary Carroll (1A) & Joseph Carroll (A)

Tues:

Fri:

Sat:

These signs mark where you can sit in the Church.

Couples can sit together at the marker.

There will be parts of the Church allocated for families to sit together.

St. Cronan's SNS Graduation Mass Wed: Cyril O'Neill (3A) Thur: Gerald Thornton (BR) Nathan Maughan (BR) Alan Ralph (9A)

# ALL WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE OFFERED FOR INTENTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN BOOKED

Anne Scully (A) John, Paula & Aaron Thornton (A) Philip & Nuala Ryan (A) Pat & Pauline Hughes (A)

Rose Taylor (1A) Sean O'Brien, Fred Alldrit (A) Gene & Noeleen Hendrick Eileen, John, Paddy, Julie, Maii and Tom Fallon Brian Whooley (R/D) Garda Colm Horkan Rose Gorman (A)



## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION &** CONFIRMATION

This week Archbishop Martin asked us to begin organizing the Sacrament of Confirmation between the end of July and mid-October. As we have only one ceremony left to celebrate for the boys and girls in Swords and Thornleigh ETNS an email will go out during the week offering Saturday 22nd or Saturday 29th August as possible dates.

For the children in all our primary schools who were due to make their First Holy Communion, a Survey Monkey Questionnaire will be sent to you by email later next week about your opinions regarding the celebration of First Holy Communion.



#### PARISH DONATIONS

Thank you to the many people who have kindly left in envelope contributions to the parish for Family Offering, First and Second Collections. For anyone leaving in a donation into the Church, if you want the contribution to go towards your Parish Account, please make sure to either put your name and address on the envelope or your Family Offering number on it. This way we can ensure that your contribution goes toward your name. Many thanks again.

We are aware that some parishioners have recently experienced difficulties in using the on-line Donate button for the first and second collections. This was due to technical issues which have now been resolved. The on-line donate process has now been simplified and we encourage you to avail of this facility. Many thanks for your continued financial support in these times.



During the time of staying at home, many of us have being looking at our lives an thinking about our need to let go of the things from our OU ARE past and present. We want to experience the love, forgiveness and reconciliation with God. The Sacrament of Confession is now available every Saturday from 11:00am to 12:00pm in St. Cronan's.

In a recent newsletter I made a comment in response to questions as to why we didn't have he Sacrament in the carpark like other Parishes. If I caused offence to anyone including mu brother Priests in that Parish, I apologise. I believe that great efforts were made to address the privacy of the Sacrament and the public health guidelines during the celebration of the Sacrament. Fr. Paul

**READINGS FOR 12th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time** 1st Reading: Jer 20:10-13 **Praying with PSALM:** Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 God's Word 2nd Reading: Rom 5:12-15 Gospel: Mt 10:28-33

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# 2020 ONLINE SUMMER SCHOOL Theology, Spirituality and Religious Experience

by Fr Pat Collins C.M.

**TWO-WEEK ONLINE** COURSE WILL BEGIN ON 13TH JULY AND AGAIN ON 10TH AUGUST. ONE LECTURE PER DAY.

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# Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

#### My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



# **Read St Luke's Gospel** over 5 Weeks

### Brackenstown Bible Study Group invite you to join us in reading

Brackenstown Bible Study group will be concluding our reading of St. Luke's Gospel in the coming week. We will be reading chapter 24, the final chapter which covers the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. There will be a Zoom, online group discussion/questions and answers facility available from 7.15 sharp to 8.15pm on Monday night. There is an open invitation to all, you are very welcome to join in. Just contact Paddy at pobyrne50@gmail.com and you will be sent a link.



aotunda Hospital Medical Social Work Department Appeal for Baby Gro's & Vests

With the shops being closed and donations not being left into the hospital due to the current Covid-19 crisis, the Medical Social Work Department are having difficulties obtaining baby products for families in need.

We are therefore requesting donations of Baby Grows and Vests in good condition for Newborn and 0-3 months only! These can be left into St. Cronan's Church Parish Office and we will forward them on.

New Sanctuary Furniture So far €22,918 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.

#### **Easter Dues**

Many thanks to everyone who has returned their Easter Dues Envelopes. These are still available at the back of the Church if vou would like to contribute.



Easter Dues along with Family Offering, First Collection and Second Collection can now be donated using the Parish online payments facility. Simply go to the Parish website. www.brackenstown-parish.com and then click on the "Donate" button at the top of the page. For more detailed instructions or further information regarding the purpose of different collections please refer to the Parish website. Click on "Our Parish" at the top of the page and then click on "Finances". Thank you for your support, it is very much appreciated.

Paddy O'Byrne, Parish Finance Committee

# Candle of Hope

These beautiful battery-powered candles have the prayer of Protection from the Coronavirus by Pope Francis on the back. They cost €6 and can be bought by contacting a member of Legion of Mary or through the Parish Office. Also available are framed pictures of Message of Hope Prayer at €5 each.



#### **Catholic Papers & Magazines**

Are available as usual in the new bookrack at the back of the Church. All other items can be obtained by contacting a member of Legion of Mary or emailing the Parish Office.

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