# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

ASCENSION SUNDAY 21st MAY 2023 YEAR A

## Reflection

When I was chaplain in Trinity, it often struck me that it was no accident that the Exam hall was situated directly opposite the College Chapel in Front Square.

This a time of year for students when prayers are particularly appreciated. Whether it's end of year college examinations, finals, or the approaching Junior and Leaving Cert exams, it can be a stressful time for students...and their families! As we approach Pentecost, we pray that the Holy Spirit will bless them with his gifts of peace, wisdom and perspective. For many it is also a time of graduation, as they mark the transition from secondary school to third level or from college to the world of work or, for some, the prospect of travel abroad. It is a fitting time to look back with gratitude on all that has shaped their development and prepared them for this transition and to look forward in hope to wherever the next stage of their lives may lead them.

We pray God's blessing on their journey as they set off in various directions.

Fr. Richard

Due to staff holidays, the parish office will operate a reduced schedule next week and will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.00am - 12.00noon only.





PARTNERSHIP SCHEDULE FOR PRAYING THE NOVENA

SUNDAY 21st MAY Each parish will say the Novena at their Sunday Masses

MONDAY 22ND MAY AT 7.30PM

From Swords Parish SWORDS WEBCAM

TUESDAY 23RD MAY AT 7.30PM

From River Valley Parish RIVER VALLEY WEBCAM

WEDNESDAY MAY 24TH AT 7.30PM

From Donabate Parish
DONABATE WEBCAM

THURSDAY 25TH MAY AT 7.30PM

From Donabate Parish DONABATE WEBCAM

FRIDAY 26TH MAY AT 7.30PM

From Brackenstown Parish BRACKENSTOWN WEBCAM

SATURDAY 27TH / SUNDAY 28TH

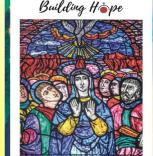
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MONDAY 29TH MAY AT 7.30PM

From River Valley Parish
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Congratulations to the boys and girls from St. Cronan's JNS, Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe, Swords Educate Together and Thornleigh Educate Together schools, who celebrated First Communion this weekend!



Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin May 21 to 29, 2023

Come, Holy Spirit, revive and renew us Come, Holy Spirit, inspire and enthuse us Come, Holy Spirit, unbind and release us Open our ears to hear God's voice within us Open our hearts to welcome God among us Send us out with joy to live the Gospel Send us out with peace to act as one Send us out with love to build up hope

Archdi cese of Dublin

Building Hope through Prayer, Reflection and Planning You are warmly invited to join with every parish in the diocese in a **Novena to the Holy Spirit** — a period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Novena will take place in the nine days from **21st to 29th May** beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. The **Novena Prayer Card** is available at the entrances to the church. A Prayer Service will take place in the Monastery of St Alphonsus on Monday, May 15, at 8pm and will include the resource material and music suggestions for the Novena. The Sisters will join with the Diocesan Music Group in leading the music. Come in person or join online at www.rednuns.com

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

#### Tanzania Appeal

This Tanzania Appeal is a call for help and for financial support for the people living in the Tanga Region of Tanzania. Fr Mícheál Ó Sé spent 12 years as a missionary priest in the region and has been involved in promoting the development of a variety of charitable and community projects. Fr Mícheál recently visited the region and observed the dire poverty of the people and their need for basic services. A recent project involved the sinking of a bore hole for the supply of water. The people of Fingal are invited to a meeting in Brackenstown Parish Centre, Swords on Mon 22nd May @ 8pm. Fr Mícheál will make a presentation to the meeting. All are very welcome. Fr Mícheál can be contacted on his mobile 085 1460106.



The 6<sup>th</sup> year boys from Colaiste Choilm will celebrate their

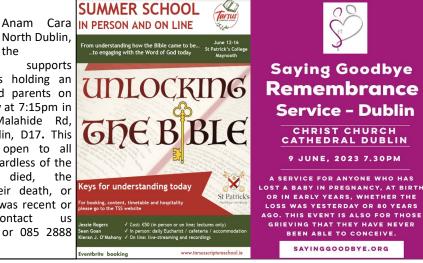
**Graduation Mass and Ceremony** in St. Cronan's Church next Tuesday 23rd May at 7.30pm.

**Servant Leadership,** the 5-session course on lay ministry, led by Peter Siney, a parishioner and former Parish Pastoral Worker, and Patricia Carroll, director of the diocesan office of Mission and Ministry, concludes next Thursday 25th May at 7.30pm. Participants are welcome to arrive from 7pm for tea/ coffee.



North Dublin, the

organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding an Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 24th May at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the vour child died, circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.



Archbishop Dermot Farrell will launch the Diocesan Confirmation Connect Programme supporting parishes to Accompany Families in the Celebration of Confirmation at 6.00pm Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 28th May, in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road. Join via webcam at www.olv.ie. This will be followed by a Zoom session on Wednesday, May 31, at 7:30pm to begin training and equipping parishes to use the process. Register for the Zoom using the following link: https://forms.office.com/e/2LunznvExv/. Further information can be sought by emailing natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.



Let's Get Together Again - An Evening of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist from every parish in the diocese will take place on Monday, May 29, at 8pm in our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road. This is not a 'training' evening for new ministers but an opportunity to gather, reflect, pray and sing in the light of this special calling. The Dublin Diocesan Music Group will lead the music. It is hoped that the evening will nourish and deepen our appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist. Join via webcam at www.olv.ie

Many thanks to parishioners who have dropped in their Trocáire Lenten boxes over the past few weeks. Any remaining Trocáire boxes may still be left at the sacristy over the weekend.



Many thanks to parishioners for your generous Easter Offerings contributions, which support the priests of the parish and of the diocese. Easter Offering envelopes are available on the tables at the entrances to the church.

Legion of Mary

### **Praver Resources**

The Legion of Mary attaches great importance to portraying our Catholic faith in a way that pleases the senses and mind aesthetically. They have a wide selection of beautiful religious goods on sale for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. Rosary Beads, Candles, Children's Books, Statues and Holy Water Fonts are available in Church Porch after weekend

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

#### **Praying the Rosary**

The Legion of Mary are an untiring advocate of the rosary championing a better understanding of it, a stronger commitment to praying it and a deeper appreciation of its power. As part of our outreach, the "Rosary Statue" was blessed for use in the homes of the parish at the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to have the statue in your home for a little time, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in the main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.

#### **Annual Young Adult Conference at DCU All Hallows**

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th August 2023. Save the Date! Talks-Fellowship-Faith. For Frank Duff's essays and more go to Annual Conference - DeusEtPatriaLegionOfMary (legionofmarydeusetpatria.com)

#### **SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **Recently Deceased**

James Flynn Paul McGee

#### **Months Mind**

Eileen Byrne Celine O'Reilly

#### **Anniversaries**

Bernie Fitzpatrick (15A) PK Kuriakose (25A) Ann Curtis Bobby MacCourt Dcsd members of Pawley & Shiels families Michael Slevin (BR)

#### **10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK**

Mon Special Intention

Tues Eileen Byrne (RD)

Wed Thanksgiving Mass

Thur Seamus Mongan (BR) & Tom Mongan (R) & Deceased **Family Members** 

Brendan Lynch (1A)

Sat Irene Greeley (A) & Dcsd Members of Greeley & **Moore Families** 



#### **Bethany Bereavement** Support Group

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

Please phone Sr. Mary on 8404323 from 6pm-9.30pm Sun 21st to Sat 27th May

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

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

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