

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

ASCENSION SUNDAY

21st MAY 2023

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## 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.

**ASSEMBLY POINTS**  
Entrance to Glasmore Park (from Rathbeale Road)  
Bottom of steps from Elmwood  
Junction Brackenstown Road & St. Cronan's Avenue  
Junction Brackenstown Road & Brackenstown Avenue (top Rathbeale)  
Please be at assembly point nearest you at 7:10pm



## ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION

TUESDAY 30TH MAY  
Followed by Mass at 7:30pm

Celebrant Fr. Richard Sheehy  
Co Parish Priest

## Novena to the Holy Spirit

21st-29th May 2023

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

Each parish will say the Novena at their Sunday Masses

MONDAY  
29TH MAY  
AT 7.30PM

From River Valley Parish  
**RIVER VALLEY WEBCAM**



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

## Building Hope



Pentecost window by Eric Hone at Manresa, Dollymount, Dublin

## 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 eyes to see God's grace around 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

Archdiocese 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](http://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](http://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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## 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)



Anam Cara 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 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.

## SUMMER SCHOOL IN PERSON AND ON LINE

From understanding how the Bible came to be... June 12-16  
...to engaging with the Word of God today St Patrick's College Maynooth

## UNLOCKING THE BIBLE

Keys for understanding today

For booking, content, timetable and hospitality please go to the TSS website

Jessie Rogers ✓ Cost: €50 (in person or on line; lectures only)  
Sean Goan ✓ In person: daily Eucharist / cafeteria / accommodation  
Kieran J. O'Mahony ✓ On line: live-streaming and recordings

Eventbrite booking

[www.tarsuscriptureschool.ie](http://www.tarsuscriptureschool.ie)

## Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service - Dublin

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL DUBLIN

9 JUNE, 2023 7.30PM

A SERVICE FOR ANYONE WHO HAS LOST A BABY IN PREGNANCY, AT BIRTH OR IN EARLY YEARS, WHETHER THE LOSS WAS YESTERDAY OR 80 YEARS AGO. THIS EVENT IS ALSO FOR THOSE GRIEVING THAT THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO CONCEIVE.

[SAYINGGOODBYE.ORG](http://SAYINGGOODBYE.ORG)

## 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  
**Fri** Brendan Lynch (1A)  
**Sat** Irene Greeley (A) & Dcsd Members of Greeley & Moore Families

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](http://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](mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie).



**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"*

**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](http://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.

## Prayer Resources



### Legion of Mary

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 \(legionofmary-deusetpatria.com\)](http://Annual Conference - DeusEtPatriaLegionOfMary (legionofmary-deusetpatria.com))

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