

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
15TH JANUARY 2023 Year A

Reflection

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs each year from 18th-25th January, and the theme and resources for the week are prepared by a different area of the church around the world. This year the churches in Minneapolis (USA) have chosen the theme *Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice*, reflecting on how we might pray for Christian Unity when Christians are sometimes part of unjust and racist structures. They present us with the challenge from the prophet Isaiah to 'do good and to seek justice' (Isaiah 1:17). The words of Isaiah, who was consistent in his denunciation of religious rituals which were not accompanied by just practices, continue to call Christians of all traditions in our time and place to engage with issues of prejudice, racism and exclusion.

Fr. Richard

Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice



The annual Service for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** will take place in St. Columba's Church at 8.00pm on Tuesday 24th January. All are welcome.

Catholic Schools Week 2023
Catholic Schools Walking Together in Faith and Love

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22 JANUARY-29 JANUARY

MONDAY

Walking Together in Faith

TUESDAY

Walking Together in Love

WEDNESDAY

Walking Together to Celebrate
(Grandparents Day)

THURSDAY

Walking Together to Transform our World

FRIDAY

Walking Together in Hope

A preparation Mass for
First Communion will take
place this weekend
at 6.30pm Saturday 14th and
12.30pm & 5.00pm on
Sunday 15th January

1ST COMMUNION



CONFIRMATION RETREATS

led by Gerard Hanley
(FORMERLY WITH THE DUBLIN DIOCESE EVANGELISATION OFFICE,
AND NOW YOUTH DIRECTOR WITH ALPHA)
will be taking place in
St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre
on Monday and Tuesday
23rd/24th and
30th/31st January &
Saturday 4th February



SUNDAY MASSES: (Sat Vigil) 6pm; 9am; 11am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: MONDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 10:45am to 11:30am in the Pastoral Centre

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

Christian Meditation

in Brackenstown Parish Centre
every Monday at 11am

Meditation is a spiritual discipline, a discipline of Presence. It is about awakening to one's true self. It is about silence, the silent Presence of God. Research has shown that Meditation benefits us at a physical, mental, cognitive and emotional level. It reduces blood pressure, helps us cope with stress and aids insomnia to mention but a few.

The fruits/ benefits of Meditation: Peace, love, joy, patience, understanding, kindness, goodness, freedom and self-control. Galatians:5:22



Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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

Please phone Brid - 086 6006397

week Sunday 15th January to Saturday 21st

Please phone after 6pm.

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



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

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Baby Rhea Kinsella (RD)
Anna Galligan (RD)
Vanda Fitzpatrick (RD)
Betty Harford (RD)
Pauline Knight (RD)
Maura Byrne (MM)
Margaret McKittrick (MM)

Anniversaries

Paddy McKittrick
Peter Harford (11A)
Richard & Eva Kearns
Julia Pentony
Sam & Mary Dennigan
V. Delaney (6A)
Martin Lawrence (2A)
James & Mary Hesnan
John & Annie Conroy
Josephine, Thomas & Donald Macken
Theo Dunne



PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

The after school religion classes for pupils attending Swords and Thornleigh Educate Together and Broadmeadows schools resume at the Pastoral Centre this coming Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th January at 3.00pm.

The parish programme of Preparation for Confirmation, *Confirmation Connect*, resumes this coming week. The online sessions for candidates and parents will be delivered on zoom at 6.30pm and 8.00pm on Monday 9th and at 6.30pm on Tuesday 10th January. A link for each session will be sent to the relevant parents.

A preparation Mass for **Confirmation** will take place next weekend, at 6.30pm on Saturday 21st and at 12.30pm and 5.00pm on Sunday 22nd January. A meeting of the parent team to organise the Mass will take place at 8.00pm on Tuesday 17th January in the Pastoral Centre.



Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 18th January 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 or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

A series of six evening lectures will take place in Marino Institute of Education starting from January 24th, 2023. These lectures will explore why we experience Mystery in different ways and its significance.

Venue: Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9.

Dates: 21, 31 January, 7, 21 & February and 7 March 2023.

Presenter: Dr. Denis Robinson Time: 7:00 - 9:30pm Cost: €150

Apply: 087 4508549 / mary.gao@mie.ie



Legion of Mary

CHRISTIAN UNITY

How can the Church better fulfil her mission of offering hope to ALL people? What is the Holy Spirit saying to the Baptised today? How can we embody God's style in living our faith? The next **Patrician Meeting**—

Christian Unity will focus on how we can revitalize our commitment to this important goal. Everybody most welcome especially new comers and members of parish ministries on **Thursday 19th January at 8:00pm** in Parish Pastoral Centre. Spiritual Director will attend.

Would You Like to Work for Our Lady?

The Legion of Mary needs new members to help in the work of giving witness to the Gospel especially with those who live on the spiritual, social, economic, geographical and existential peripheries of our world. Meetings are held in the Parish Pastoral Centre on Tuesdays at 10:30am, Wednesdays at 7:30pm and 5:00pm on Fridays for Junior members. Why not come along and see what you can do?

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon Dcsd Members of Stones & McGonigle Families
Dympna McEneaney (RD)
Tues Pray for: Daniel, Nathan & Mary Sinead Maughan (A)
Wed Mark Farrell (RD)
Thur Frank McNally (RD)
Fri Rose Fernie (A)
Sat Sandra Browne (R)

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