

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5TH NOVEMBER 2023

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Reflection

November is a month of contrasts. With the change to wintertime the days are shorter and darker, and yet when we go for a walk along Brackenstown Road or through the Jacko, we are struck by the beautiful colours of the turning leaves, as the trees put on one last great show before winter strips them bare. Nature is going through its own retreat until, the arrival of Spring, so it is an opportune time to reflect on our own mortality and to ask ourselves if we are making the best use of our time and gifts. Are we living the life which God has dreamed for us? It is also traditionally the time when we remember our deceased loved ones, particularly those who may have died in the past year. Many parishes, and indeed many clubs and organisations will hold an annual service or Mass of Remembrance for those who died during the past year, and these all help with the grieving response. They also remind us that we remain in a communion of love and faith with our deceased loved ones in the Holy Spirit. Or, as one writer puts it, *'In prayer we stand in God's presence in the company of someone we love, even if that person has gone before us into death.'* At this moment, we are particularly conscious of all those who are dying unnecessarily because of conflict in various parts of the world. It is especially distressing to hear of the deaths of so many children in the Holy Land in recent days. We can only continue to pray for an end to the violence and suffering, and for the safe delivery of aid to those who are in greatest need.

Fr. Richard

GOD OUR CREATOR AND REDEEMER,

May we see the sorrow of war in the eyes of those who suffer and have known only violence in their lives.

Give us a voice for those who have no voice and are not heard;

Those who know that there is no tomorrow in war, And that the violence of weapons destroys both the beauty of creation and the joy of life.

That way, with your help, we will become true instruments of your peace.

AMEN

Pope Francis, *Word Day of Prayer for Peace. Assisi, 2016*



Scripture study class resumes this Monday 6th November



Confirmation Connect, the parish programme of preparation for Confirmation for candidates and their parents, begins on Monday 6th November in the church and runs each Monday and Tuesday in November from 7.00-8.00pm.

The Hospitality Committee will host tea/coffee in the parish centre after 11.00am Mass on the second Sunday of each month, beginning on Sunday 12th November. However, in order to accomplish this, the Hospitality Committee require the assistance of new volunteers. What better way to build up a sense of welcome and community! Please contact the parish office if you are willing to help out, even occasionally.



St. Cronan's Church, Brackenstown Parish Annual Mass to Remember



The annual Mass in remembrance of parishioners who died during the past year, will take place on

Thursday 16th November at 7.30pm

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the parish centre

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

Altar List of the Dead envelopes are available around the church. When completed, they may be deposited in the box at the back of the church or handed in to the sacristy or parish office. All those whose names are on the Altar List will be prayed for at Mass throughout the month of November and on the First Friday of every month.


A meeting of the **Partnership Pastoral Council** for the parishes of Swords, River valley, Donabate and Brackenstown, will take place in the parish centre on Wednesday 8th November at 7.15pm.

There will be a **Mass in Remembrance** of all passed members and Family members of Base and Fingal Counselling Service @ 8pm in Base Resource Centre, November 7th. Everybody Welcome and there will be light refreshments afterwards.

The Church of St Francis Xavier (Gardiner Street Parish) would like to invite you to join us for **Talks on the Mystics**. This is a series of seven talks by Fr Brendan Comerford SJ on seven different Christian mystics. Learn about their intimate experiences of God and their growth in the Christian life on Saturday mornings from November 4 to December 16, 10am to 12.15pm, in the John Sullivan Room. No registration needed. Simply come and be inspired by the lives of St Catherine of Siena, Julian of Norwich, St Teresa of Avila, St John of the Cross, St Pierre Favre, St Edith Stein and Pope St John XXIII. Listen to Fr Brendan introducing the Talks on the Mystics: <https://youtu.be/vwMxxuZOGck/>.

Mater Hospital Foundation Remembrance Walk

Join us on Sunday, 26th November in the beautiful and peaceful grounds of St. Anne's Park, Dublin for our annual gathering to remember those who are no longer with us. The Mater Hospital Foundation Remember Me Walk is a 5km fundraising walk, remembering those we have loved and lost but still carry in our hearts every day. Participants of all ages and abilities are welcome and there will be a shorter route available for those who need it. There will be refreshments in Olive's rooms afterwards. All funds raised will go to support vital End-of-Life-Care services in the Mater Public Hospital. Thanks to our supporters, the Mater Public Hospital has been able to refurbish fourteen family rooms and two comfort care family suites in the hospital so far. We have the ambitious goal of having a family room or family suite in every ward for our patients and their families. With your help, we can make it happen.

 Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding an **Evening for Bereaved Parents** on Wednesday 15th November at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, 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.

PRAY FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

A Day of Prayer for the souls in purgatory at Emmanuel House, Clonfert on Sunday 12th November. Bus departs St. Cronan's Church 8am and Fingal County Council Offices 8:15am. Contact Nora at 8404247 or 0863292329.

Life Love Loss - An Online Afternoon Retreat

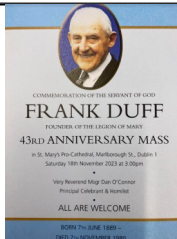
Sunday 5th November 3p.m. - 6p.m. Donation: €20. A sacred time to honour our losses and remember our loved ones. Input, Scriptural Reflections, Music, Meditation & Remembrance Service. Martina Lehane Sheehan with Fr. Ronald Rolheiser OMI. For further information & booking: www.ruahrest.com or Email: info@ruahrest.com



Legion of Mary

FRANK DUFF PRAYER MEETING

You are invited to pray for your intentions through the intercession of Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary on his 43rd Anniversary, Tuesday, 7th November 8:00pm-9:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre. The Rosary, a reading from Sunday's Gospel and a little background information about Frank Duff will be included.



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Patrick Callery
Joanne Lutz
Theresa & John Gurrin

Deceased

Nel McGroddy (MM)

Anniversaries

Niall Monks (1A)
Mary Maples (5A)
William & Eileen Byrne
Jack & Teresa Goulding & Dcsd
Relatives & Friends
Marie & Michael Reynolds & Dcsd
Family Members
Dcsd Members of Farquharson,
Daly & Healy Families
Patricia Ahearn
Maureen Lyle
Vincent Millington
Breeda Kissane
Healing Intention

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon Paddy, Elizabeth & Michael Shields (A)
Tues Marian Movement for Priests
Wed Florence O'Keeffe (3A)
James Okoye Snr. (3A)
Thur Austin O'Malley (3A)
Fri Winifred Kirwan (A)
Sat Deceased Legionaires

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it
Sr. Mary - 8404323
Sunday 5th to Saturday 11th November
Please phone Sr. Mary from 6-9.30pm
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

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