

# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd Sunday of Christmas  
2nd January 2022 Year C



## A look back on 2021

In all that we have been through over the last 18 months, you'd be forgiven for thinking that very little happened apart from survival! Yet it was a rich year of memories here in the Parish with the visit of two Archbishops, a TV appearance, over 400 First Holy Communions and Confirmations and more weddings than we have had in recent years!



February 2021 our music group sang on the RTE Mass for Trócaire



In Lent we walked the Stations of the Cross around the Parish and for Easter the children coloured flowers for the Easter Garden



It was with great sadness that on Good Friday we said goodbye to a great friend who had served the Parish through music for so many years. May Aileen rest in peace, listening to the choirs of angels.



Wedding Bells rang for Kevin and Emma and Cronán and Mariane (above) this year.

In July we had the first of two Archbishop's to visit our Parish as we welcomed Jude Thaddeus Okolo, the Papal Nuncio, to celebrate Grandparents Day in July.



In November we welcomed Petra as a full member of our Church as she was Baptised and Confirmed.



At the beginning of Advent, the Synodal Pathway was launched in the Pro-Cathedral. The whole Diocese was called to a time of prayer in preparation for the conversations and planning for the future.



Christmas Blessings  
Peace Joy Hope Love

In December Archbishop Farrell visited the Parish, Blessed our new Altar and met Parishioners.



**Feast of the Epiphany—6th January-Nollig na mBán**

Wednesday 5th (Vigil) 7:30pm Thursday 6th 10:00am and 7:30pm

**Unwanted Christmas Gifts can be placed at the Christmas Tree from Sunday 2nd to Sunday 9th January**

**These will be shared with**

**Alice Leahy TRUST, SVP and CROSSCARE**

Alice Leahy TRUST are looking for long johns, comfort fit jeans (30ins waist), hats and scarves in particular if you can help. No second hand clothes please.



**10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK**

- Mon:** Eamonn Keane
- Tues:** Michael Hanrahan
- Wed:** Freda Heaslip  
Marian Movement of Priests
- Thur:** Special Intention  
Damian Byrne (B'day)
- Fri:** Laurence Maughan (30A)  
Anne Maughan
- Sat:** P.K. Thomas

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Anniversaries**

- Christina Walsh
- Olive Brennan
- Joseph O'Toole (10A)
- Katriona Harford
- Myra Mc Nulty (1A)
- Joe Lehany (Rem)

**Recently Deceased**

- Donal O'Driscoll
- Bill Hayes
- Paul Ledwidge
- Kitty McPartland

**Looking into 2022**

Before Christmas two initiatives were established by Archbishop Farrell to begin an process of renewal in the Dublin Diocese. One was the Pastoral Development Implementation Group which will take the recommendations of the Task Force and help Parishes to discuss and face the challenges that we have.

The second was the beginning of the Synodal Pathway which has both a local and a universal Church part to it. A Synodal Pathway comes from the earliest meeting of the Church in the Acts of the Apostles, where the community prayed to the Holy Spirit (like the banner in the Church "We stand before you Holy Spirit") and then listened to one another and discerned a way forward that was in keeping with the mission of the Church.

Both of these are complimentary initiatives. Using the Task Force Report gives a good foundation to community conversations. These will lead to change, locally and throughout the Diocese The structure and model that has served us needs to be changed if we are to be true to our mission to preach the good news. It will mean the good relationships that we have with Swords and River Valley will have to grow stronger and more practical as we work together as church in this area.

It will mean that the new Parish Pastoral Council, which will be established in early February, will have to be rooted in the synodal process in looking at how we meet the following needs:

- \* The Parishes role in supporting young people and families in their preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation
- \* Establishment of youth ministry and activities.
- \* Renewal of Liturgy and Music
- \* Outreach and engagement with people and groups in our community.

This will be the whole Parish working together and living the vocation we received in Baptism, to hear God's word and share it with others.

**Christmas Dues**

Please bring your Christmas Dues to the Church and place them in the Mass offering boxes on Sundays or in the brown boxes at the doors. Thank you for your support



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**CALENDARS**

Church Art Calendars, Candles, Children's Books, Statues, Holy Water Fonts and other religious goods available in Parish Centre after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

Also by emailing brackenstownparish@gmail.com Catholic Papers & Magazines are available in the new bookrack at the back of the Church.

**THE ROSARY**

Praying for a special intention? Praying for peace? The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in the homes of the Parish. If you would like to pray the Rosary and have the Rosary Statue in your home for a week, or get more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary or email the Parish Office.



**ST. JOSEPH'S PROVINCE OF CST FATHERS**  
LITTLE FLOWER CONGREGATION

*Loving greetings from St. Joseph's Provincial House, Aluva, Kerala, India*

*The St. Joseph's Province of the Little Flower Congregation, wish you a very graceful and joy filled Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2022. May Jesus, who was born as our Messiah and Emmanuel bless you abundantly and keep you healthy, safe and secure throughout the year 2022. May the true spirit of Christmas shine in your heart and light your path.*

Fr Francis Chittinappilly CST  
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