

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7TH APRIL 2024

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REFLECTION *It was a real joy to journey as a faith community through Holy Week and Easter this year. It was particularly heartening to see so many people attending and participating in each of the liturgies throughout the week and to witness the preparation and thought that went into each. It was also uplifting to see a constant stream of people throughout the week availing of the sacrament of Reconciliation. Having refrained from celebrating baptism during Lent, it was a joy to celebrate the baptism of three babies during Easter Sunday Mass. Easter is about*

new life and new beginnings. It is not a denial of suffering, of the pain of loss or of the tragedies that we witness around the world or experience in our own lives, but it is an affirmation that in Christ love and hope triumph over the cross. Easter invites us to renew our faith in the risen Christ and his presence and action in our lives and in the Church. As we journey towards Ascension and Pentecost, it is appropriate that we will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation in the coming weeks. May these Easter days be filled with light, peace and joyful anticipation. Alleluia!

Fr. Richard



The Building Hope Prayer



Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.
You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts.
We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family.
Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another,
in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation.
May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.
May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word,
bringing forth truth, justice and peace.
May the Holy Spirit working in and through us
do much more than we can dare to imagine
as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.
We make this our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy devotions will take place at 3pm and conclude with 5pm Mass

Religion classes for children preparing for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation and who do not attend a Catholic school, will resume at 3pm on Tuesday 9th April.

The Ceremony of Light for children in St Cronan's SNS who are preparing for Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 9th April at 7.30pm.

A meeting of the Parent Team to prepare for the next *Grow in Love* Mass will take place on Tuesday 9th April at 7.30pm 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

Many thanks to parishioners and visitors who have already returned **Easter Offerings**, which form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese.



Many thanks to all who prepared the church and the various liturgies for Holy Week and Easter! Thanks also to Maura for the floral decorations and to our sacristans, who have had a very busy week preparing the church for the various liturgies. Thanks too to our altar servers, ministers of the Word and Eucharist and music ministry for enhancing the liturgies, and to the Liturgy group which planned Holy Week.

A workshop for members of **Funeral Ministry teams** in Swords, River Valley, Donabate and Brackenstown parishes on Bereavement, Grief and Loss is being led by Bryan Nolan from 10.00am to 1.00pm next Saturday 13th April in the parish centre. Bryan is a former healthcare chaplain and currently a training and facilitation consultant specialising in Bereavement, Grief, and Loss.

Our parish partnership is also planning a **Pilgrimage to Lourdes** in September. The dates are **Sunday 15th to Thursday 19th September**, and the cost of the pilgrimage for four nights and five days (inclusive of flights, accommodation and full board) is €735 per person sharing. Single supplement is €40 per night. Booking forms available from the Parish Office.

Parishioners are welcome to return their **Trocaire boxes** to the sacristy during the next couple of weeks. Many thanks to all who have supported Trocaire's Lenten campaign in aid of the people of Malawi. There are still Lenten packs available in the church for those who would like an opportunity to contribute.

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 17th April 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.

Archdiocese of Dublin
Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock
Saturday, April 27, 2024

- 11AM Tea and coffee as pilgrims arrive
- 12 noon Workshops on 'Nurturing Parish Volunteers - Serving a Fragile World - and Eucharist with grateful preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation'
- 3PM Pilgrimage Mass celebrated by Archbishop Farrell

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead our **annual pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, April 27**. Our partnership of parishes is organising a coach to travel to Knock, and we are taking bookings already. Cost is €25. *The Choir of Many Voices* from throughout the Archdiocese will be back this year. As in previous years, parishes should plan to arrive in Knock for 11.00am. If you would like to take part in the choir, email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie



Legion of Mary

You are invited to pray for your intentions through the intercession of Frank Duff on **Tuesday, 9th April 8:00pm-9:00pm** in Parish Pastoral Centre. The Rosary, a reading and reflection on Sunday's Gospel and a little background information about Frank Duff will be included.

Religious Goods & Literature - Suitable gifts for families preparing for the Sacraments

First Holy Communion gifts, Confirmation gifts, children's books, The Order of Mass Congregational Cards, Candles, Statues, Bibles etc. all available in main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses. Having them in the home sanctifies the circumstances of family life.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Annamarie McGill
John Ryan
Yvonne Daly
Brendan Keogh
Laura McGuirk
Michelle Maguire
Brendan Begg
Peter Kelly (London)

Anniversaries

Dan Molloy (2A)
Mary Maples (5A)
Jim Maguire (17A)
Charlotte, Vincent & Fintan Delamere
Vincent Harford
Rita Dempsey
Dett & Jim McConville
Anna Walsh
Leo Levins
Nuala Ryan
Tina Ward
Jim Long (BR)
Catherine McNally (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Special Intention
Tues	Mary Snell & Margaret O'Hara (R)
Wed	Special Intention
Thur	James Kealy (2A) Michael Pentony (BR)
Fri	Mary King (1A) Patrick Lalor (2A)
Sat	Enda Rogers (BR)

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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

Bridget - 085 2812985

Sunday 7th to Saturday 13th April

Please phone from 6pm-8pm

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

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