

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

4th SUNDAY of EASTER
30th APRIL 2023 YEAR A

Reflection

Traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter places before us the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In a week where we are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in our church, it is a timely reminder of the call for all Christians, rooted in our baptism, not just to follow Christ (as sheep follow a shepherd) but to be good shepherds ourselves. This Sunday is also traditionally a Day of Prayer for Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, but in our Synodal Church today, it is just as important that we emphasise the vocation of the lay faithful. Many parishioners respond to that call by coming forward to serve as members of the Pastoral Council, ministers of the Word or of the Eucharist, members of the St. Vincent de Paul or other parish groups. The strength of the faith life of our parish is a reflection of the participation of all its members.

Fr. Richard

Our final preparation Mass for the families of children in our parish preparing for **First Communion** will take place this Saturday 29th April at 6.00pm and on Sunday 30th April at 12.30pm and 5.00pm.

1ST COMMUNION



In the weeks preceding **Ecumenical Bible Week**, which runs from 27th May, a **Pilgrim Icon of the Holy Family** will be travelling around different parishes. Our parish has been invited to host the icon from **Saturday 6th - Saturday 13th May**.

We will receive the icon from Rev. Ken Rue, rector of the Narraghmore Union of Parishes on Saturday 6th May and deliver it to the Lutheran Church in Adelaide Road on Saturday 13th May. The icon will be placed in the sanctuary and be a focus at Mass during the week. It may also be brought around to schools and nursing homes or hosted by families who would like to gather neighbours for a moment of prayer. Post photos, etc of different places, groups, etc., that the icon has visited to your social media with #bibleweek.ie, EBW2023, #PilgrimIcon so we can follow its journey.

Good Shepherd Sunday



All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.
John 10: 8-9

The annual diocesan Collection for **Lay Ministry** will take place next weekend **May 6/7th** and replaces the usual Share collection.

SUNDAY 30TH APRIL 2023

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, send workers into your harvest
May the Spirit we received in baptism

Touch the hearts of many

To offer themselves in priesthood,
religious life and other forms of service.

Give the parents and families of our diocese
the wisdom and courage to support young people

In searching for and following
the call of God in their lives.

AMEN



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the boys and girls in St. Cronan's SNS who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation this week!

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for the children of Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe, Swords and Thornleigh ETNS on

Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe
Friday 5th May at 11.00am

Swords & Thornleigh ETNS
Saturday 6th May at 11.00am



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

Building Hope with SERVANT LEADERSHIP

An introduction to the practice of **Servant Leadership** especially for people in parish ministry and on PPGs led by Peter Siney & Patricia Carroll from the Office of Mission & Ministry.

- Exploring 5 key themes over 5 sessions
1. Baptism Matters
 2. Groupwork
 3. Prayer Skills
 4. Care of Creation
 5. Co-responsibility

Kimmage Manor TUESDAYS
April 25th, May 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd
7.30pm - 9pm

Brackenstown Swords THURSDAYS
April 27th, May 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
7.30pm - 9pm

www.missionministry.ie

A five session course on **Servant Leadership**, to assist us with developing the diocesan Building Hope process, is currently being presented in our pastoral centre by Peter Siney and Patricia Carroll from the office of Mission and Ministry. It is open to everyone but may be of particular interest to members of Parish Pastoral Councils and those in a parish ministry. The sessions continue on 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th May and will help people reflect on how Servant Leadership relates to our Baptism, working with others, praying together, mission and outreach (especially around care of our common home) and a renewed understanding of co-responsibility. Each session will run from 7.30pm-9pm. Participants are welcome to arrive from 7pm for tea and coffee.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased
Paul Daly
Maureen McNamara
Anne Holt

Months Mind
George Barnes

Anniversaries
Brendan O'Keeffe
Kathleen Wilde
May Shinnors
Michael Slevin (5A)
Peter (13A) & Maisie Blanche
Mai Cunningham (19A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon Special Intention
Tues John Heaslip (A)
Wed Marian Movement for Priests
Thur Vincent, Charlotte & Fintan Delamere (A)
Fri Muriel, Gerry & Donald Macken (A)
Phyllis Byrne (85BR)
Sat Dcsd Members of Lawless & Mulvaney Families

We wish a safe journey and blessed pilgrimage to all those travelling from the Swords/Donabate partnership to participate in the **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** this Saturday 29th April.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it
Please phone Brid - 086 6006397 Sunday 30th April to Saturday 6th May Please phone after 6pm.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"



A **Baptism preparation meeting** for parents who have booked to have their child baptised during the month of May will take place in the church next Thursday 4th May at 8.00pm.
The **Sacrament of Baptism** will be celebrated this Saturday 29th April at 12 noon for the families of Paudie Michael Byrne, Sadie Lauren Fitzsimons and Sam Patrick Meehan. We wish them and their families every blessing for the future.

EASTER OFFERINGS

Many thanks to parishioners for your generous *Easter Offerings* contributions, which form part of the annual remuneration for the priests of the parish and of the diocese. *Easter Offering* envelopes are available on the tables at the entrances to the church.

Swords Tidy Towns Clothes Swap Shop



Sat 6th May 2023
located at the River Valley Community Centre
Carpark in a Marquee

Bring 1-5 items of clean clothing for swapping to help reduce fast fashion consumption and support circular economy

Free Entry

10:00am - 2:00pm

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

If you do not currently contribute to the **Family Offering** and/or **First and Second Collections** at Mass using the weekly envelopes, and would like to receive a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office any weekday morning.

The Archdiocese of Dublin is seeking to fill one full-time vacancy for part of the Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy Service team for TU Dublin (Technical University Dublin) on a two-year fixed term basis. For full details, visit www.dublindiocese.ie/vacancies/.

Please email your CV with a covering letter to recruitment@adarehrm.ie by 5pm on **Friday, April 28**.

Annual Young Adult Conference at DCU All Hallows
Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th August 2023
Save the Date!
Talks-Fellowship-Faith
More info at www.legionofmary-deuspatria.com

Prayer Resources

A wide variety of religious goods for First Communion and Confirmation including 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.



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