

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
8TH JANUARY 2023 Year A

Reflection

The season of Christmas concludes today with the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. We sometimes forget that only Luke and Matthew's Gospels contain narratives about the birth and infancy of Jesus. For Mark and John, since we know practically nothing about Jesus hidden life at Nazareth, the story of Jesus begins with his baptism by John in the river Jordan. This is not an isolated event but marks the beginning of his public ministry of preaching, healing and calling disciples. Jesus has clearly reflected before presenting himself for Baptism, knowing that it represents a step out of the shadows and a willingness to go wherever God's Spirit leads him, even to a hill in Jerusalem. The sacramental life of believers is not a series of isolated events either, however joyful or memorable the celebrations. It represents rather a deepening of our engagement with Christ and his Gospel, so that God's kingdom of truth, justice and peace may become a reality in our world. As we return to Ordinary Time tomorrow, let us hear the invitation to live out the meaning of our Baptism in our daily lives and encounters with others.



Fr. Richard



Pope Benedict XVI
Joseph Ratzinger
1927 — 2022

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held on
2nd and 4th Saturday and Sunday
of each month at 12 noon
Up to three babies may be
baptised at each ceremony

Please contact the Parish Office
to register your child for Baptism
brackenstownparish@gmail.com

Congratulations to the families whose children are being welcomed into the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend!

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.

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



For the past few years, it has been customary for parishioners to bring in gifts that can be donated to **Trust** (the Befriending Social and Health Service for People who are Homeless run by Alice Leahy). Items that can be left at the steps of the altar on the feast of the Epiphany or this Sunday include tins of biscuits, tea bags, toiletries, etc. The parish undertakes to deliver the gifts to Trust in the coming weeks. Alternatively parishioners can donate directly to Trust online (www.aliceleahytrust.ie).

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who may wish to avail of it. Please phone Terri - 8403243 - week

Sunday 8th January to Saturday 14th January

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

Many thanks to all who helped deliver the parish **Christmas card, timetable of services and Christmas Offerings** around the parish. Our thanks to those who have already returned Christmas offerings!

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Angela Weldon
Eileen Holmes
Vanda Fitzpatrick
Catriona Dixon (MM)
Brian Lally (MM)

Anniversaries

Bernadette Connolly (1A)
Declan McCarthy (1A)
Billy Corcoran (1A)
Michael Hoare (11A)
Sarah & Edward Greene
John McNally
Patrick O'Malley
Tom, Anne & Philomena O'Leary
Lyndsey Byrne

Retreats for candidates for Confirmation led by Gerard Hanley (formerly with the Dublin Diocese evangelisation office, and now Youth Director with Alpha) will also be taking place in the Pastoral Centre on Monday and Tuesday 23rd/24th and 30th/31st January, and also Saturday 4th February.

The next preparation Mass for **First Communion** will take place next weekend, at 6.30pm on Saturday 14th and at 12.30pm and 5.00pm on Sunday 15th January.

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.

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon Frank McNally (RD)
Pray for: Shane Behan (BR)

Tues Frank McNally (RD)

Wed Freda Heaslip (A)

Thur Cathal Blundell (RD)
Pray for: Mick Hanrahan (BR)

Fri Dcsd Members of Buckley Family

Sat Dick Nugent (RD)



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 Avonue, 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

Prayer Meeting

You are invited to pray for your intentions through the intercession of Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary, **Tuesday, 10th January 8:00pm—9:00pm** in Parish Pastoral Centre. Everybody most welcome.

Christ Centred

The rosary helps us to focus on the main events in the life of Jesus. It tells of Mary's role in our salvation... a wonderful prayer. 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.



Legion of Mary

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