

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

4TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

28TH JANUARY 2024

YEAR B

Last Sunday we celebrated Sunday of the Word of God. For most of this year, our Sunday Gospel reading (and much of our weekday ones) is taken from St. Mark's Gospel, the earliest and shortest of the four accounts of the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus. However, when you only hear a short extract read at Mass once a week, it is very hard to get a coherent sense of the person of Jesus of Nazareth or of the impact of his mission and ministry. Stefan Smart's presentation I am Mark, allows us such an opportunity.

Fr. Richard

**Entry by TICKET ONLY available ONLINE
and from the parish offices of Swords, River Valley,
Donabate and Brackenstown parishes
Tickets free of charge**

A retiring collection will be taken up at the end of the evening
<https://www.brackenstown-parish.com/iammark>

A Parish Partnership Lenten Initiative



I AM MARK

A Daring New Staging of the Gospel of Mark

Performed by Stefan Smart
Directed by Lisa Gilmour

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY
At Church of St Cronan Brackenstown

WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY At 7:30pm

**One Man
One Chair
One Incredible True Story**

"Sometimes it takes a living voice, like this one, to make you hear the Bible for the first time."
Archbishop Rowan Williams

For more information go to www.iam-mark.com

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in celebration of
St. Valentine's Day

Join us at the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 11th February
(Sunday nearest St. Valentine's Day)

In celebration of the gift and vocation of marriage, we invite couples who got married in the past year, are preparing for marriage in the coming year or who have recently become engaged, to join us at the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 11th February, (Sunday nearest St.

Valentine's Day). We also invite couples who may be celebrating a significant wedding anniversary. A **blessing of wedding or engagement rings** will take place during the Mass.

The week of February 7-14th, culminating on St Valentine's Day, has been designated as International Marriage Week 2024. International Marriage Day will be celebrated worldwide on Sunday February 12th.

To celebrate International Marriage Week, all sacramentally married and engaged couples who would like to explore and deepen their relationship are invited to participate in a zoom meeting on any of three Tuesdays leading up to St. Valentine's Day from 8.00-9.00pm:

Tuesday Jan. 30th Love – what's it all about?
Tuesday Feb. 6th Prayer and living faith as spouses
Tuesday Feb. 13th Knowing each other



The Zoom details for attending any of the three sessions are as follows:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88227705620?pwd=bVBNdG11M0JPSWJaYVQ5eXdCcXBxQT09>
Meeting ID: 882 2770 5620 Passcode: 1402

This initiative is facilitated by Teams (Equipe Notre-Dame) Ireland.

MINISTRIES IN ST CRONAN'S CHURCH

Baptism
Eucharist
Minister of the Word
Parish Pastoral Council
Youth Choir
Children's Choir
Organist/Choir
Adult Choir
Funeral Ministry
First Communion Prep
Confirmation Prep
Finance Committee
Counters
Liturgy Group
Parish Centre Management Committee
Hospitality Group
Adoration Group
Scripture Group
Sacristans
Altar Servers
Care of Creation/Laudato Si
Family Mass Group

At our recent **Ministry Sunday** a number of new volunteers signed up to get involved in one or other of our parish ministries or activities.

If you were away that Sunday, you can still volunteer to join a particular ministry or group listed opposite. Information flyers on tables at the back of the church indicate what ministries are available in our parish.

Contact the parish office if you'd like to get involved or drop us a line at brackenstownparish@gmail.com.

It's never too late to get involved in some pastoral activity or service, and it's a great way to meet other parishioners.

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

Scripture study resumes this Monday 29th January at 7.30pm in the parish centre. Newcomers welcome.

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will take place on Monday 29th January at 9.00pm.

A preparation meeting for parents (and godparents) of children who will be baptised in the coming weeks will take place in the church on Thursday 1st February at 8.00pm. Baptisms will take place on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th February at 12 noon. Please note that baptisms will not take place during the season of Lent which commences on Ash Wednesday, 14th February. The next celebration of baptism will be on Easter Sunday.

On Friday, 2nd February, feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, candles will be blessed. On Saturday 3rd February, feast of St. Blaise, the blessing of throats will take during the 10.00am Mass.

A preparation Mass for First Reconciliation and First Communion will take place on Saturday 3rd February at 6.00pm and Sunday 4th February at 5.00pm.

There has been much favourable comment since the installation of the new seating in the church several months ago. However, the new arrangement seems to be causing some confusion about the best way to organise the Sunday Mass collections. Following a number of suggestions, we propose the following procedures to come into effect from next Sunday 4th February.

Revised Procedures for the Sunday Mass Collections

The (red and blue) collection pouches will be placed on the hooks at the end of each pew on either side of the centre aisle **only**.

Parishioners seated on either side of the centre aisle are asked to pass first the red and then the blue pouches sideways along each pew, across the two intermediate aisles and towards the wall on either side of the church. The pouches are then placed in the large wicker baskets at each Confession box. The baskets containing the pouches should be brought into the sacristy at the conclusion of Mass. We appreciate the cooperation of parishioners and visitors with these procedures.

Many thanks to parishioners and visitors who have returned *Christmas Offerings*, which support the priests of the parish and of the diocese. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Fr. Timothy Radcliff OP will present: **The Synod: A Word to the World at St. Mary's Church, Haddington Road, Dublin 4 at 7.00pm on Wednesday 1st February.** At the request of Pope Francis, Fr. Radcliff led the three day preparatory retreat for participants at the Synod on Synodality in Rome last October. He is the author of many books, including *Why Go To Church and Questioning God* (with Lukasz Popko). He taught scripture at Oxford and is a former Master of the Dominican Order. All are welcome and admission is free.

A Sip of Support RETREAT

- DATE: Saturday 10 February 2024
- TIME: 10:00— 17:00
- LOCATION: White Sands Hotel, Portmarnock
- COST: €50.00 (this includes Tea/Coffee & a light sandwich lunch)

A GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP RETREAT

On the day we will have speakers, some group discussions, meditation and more!

Tickets must be purchased in advance:

Payments by Revolut: [revolut.me/sharon4v9](https://www.revolut.me/sharon4v9)

Text: 0879858837 (to confirm payment)

Reference your full name in the payment

Cash: You can purchase tickets at one of our weekly meetings

If you have any queries or dietary requirements, please contact our Instagram Page; Facebook Page or Email: haveasispwords@gmail.com



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Anthony Mulligan
Kathleen Ryan

Month's Mind

Willie Hughes
Mary Cooney
Colette Redmond

Anniversaries

Eithne Moore (1A)
John Hughes
June O'Hare
Harry & Joan Mills
Bernard & Margaret O'Reilly
Anne, Tom
& Philomena O'Leary
Lyndsey Byrne

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Leo Levins (RD) Harry & Joan Mills (A)
Tues	Niall Boles (RD)
Wed	Jim Long (1A)
Thur	Special Intention
Fri	Special Intention Jack & Agnes McGuinness (A)
Sat	Bernard McGlynn (A) Philip Hickey (3A) Special Intention



BUDDHIST TEMPLE VISIT

A group from the parish are hoping to visit the Buddhist Temple in Temple Bar on Saturday 09th March.

If you are interested please be at the gates of Trinity College on or before 1.45 p.m. on that day.

ORGANISED BY
MARY SCANLON

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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

Please phone Sr. Mary - 8404323

Sunday 28th January
to Saturday 3rd February 2024

Please phone from 6-9.30pm.
"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted"

Partnership Working Together As part of the *Building Hope* diocesan initiative, we have

formed a partnership with Swords, River Valley and Donabate parishes. At a recent meeting of our Partnership Pastoral Council, it was agreed that each parish would have a section in their weekly newsletter to highlight common initiatives. This will serve to strengthen communication between the different parishes, as well as remind parishioners that we are working increasingly as a partnership.

River Valley plans a weekly prayer/reflection on Thursday evenings from February to June. The first of these will focus on St. Brigid. The focus will change from week to week in keeping with the Liturgical season.

Brackenstown hold a Taizé prayer service on the first Friday of every month at 7.30pm. However, this will not take place on Friday 2nd February. Instead it will take place on each of the Fridays in Lent, beginning on Friday 16th Feb.

I am Mark, is a Lenten initiative of the partnership of parishes and is a dramatic presentation of St. Mark's Gospel by Stefan Smart, will take place in our church on Wednesday 28th February at 7:30pm. Tickets can be booked online on our website

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Legion of Mary

Religious Goods & Literature

Suitable gifts for families during these changing times

Books including *Blessed Carlo Acutis 5 steps to being a saint*, The Order of Mass Congregational Cards, Candles, Statues, Children's books, Bibles etc.

all available in main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.

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