

Parish Newsletter

26th July 2020 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH First Holy Communion 2020

Sunday, September 13th at 2.30pm
St. Cronan's JNS - Ms. O'Brien

Saturday, September 19th at 11am
Swords & Thornleigh Educate Together

Saturday, September 19th at 2.30pm
St. Cronan's JNS - Ms. Quinn

Sunday, September 20th at 2.30pm
St. Cronan's JNS - Ms. Kavanagh

Saturday, September 26th
Gaelscoil Briain Boroimhe
11am - Muinteoir Dean

2.30pm - Muinteoir Roisin

Saturday, October 3rd at 11am
St. Cronan's JNS - Ms. Smyth

Saturday, October 3rd at 2.30pm
St. Cronan's JNS - Mr. Bailey

Here are the planned dates for First Holy Communion.

Under the current restrictions, we are able to facilitate 100 people in St. Cronan's Church, i.e. the child for First Communion and two adults. It is unlikely that this is going to increase by the time we reach First Holy Communion Day.

We will be talking to you over the next while about how we will be celebrating the Ceremony and also that there is some preparation that needs to be done between now and the Ceremony. Some of this will be done on line and some of it will be done when the Schools return in September.

We pray that these dates will not need to be changed again! Let's all play our part by continuing to social distance, wear masks when in public, wash/sanitize hands frequently and practice good respiratory etiquette.

I hope you felt that this was a fair way to allocate the dates for First Holy Communion. You will receive an email this coming Monday to remind you what date has been chosen.

PLEASE WEAR A FACE COVERING WHEN COMING TO THE CHURCH

Face coverings help prevent people who do not know they have the virus from spreading it to others. You are asked to wear one when attending Masses. You should still do the important things, such as keeping social distance and practicing good respiratory etiquette that are necessary to prevent the spread of the virus. If you have any underlying medical condition or if you are sick in any way (such as having a cold or infection) please stay at home. You may receive the Eucharistic after each Mass outside the Church.



YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

A large number of volunteers are still needed for stewarding and cleaning at both weekend and daily Masses. It is only thanks to the hard work of these volunteers that the Church can be opened for the Celebration of Mass. If you could give two hours a week to help, please contact the Parish Office.

The capacity for the Church remains at 90 people. The 11am Mass has been full for the past two weeks. We are hoping to have a sound system installed so that you can listen from outside the Church if necessary. Holy Communion will also be distributed outside. If at all possible, we **strongly urge you** to consider coming along to another weekend Mass where there is more availability.

ALL WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE OFFERED FOR INTENTIONS

Richard & Seamus Colgan (A)
Roseleen, Jack & Dermot O'Connell (A)
Pat Leyden (8A) & John Hallissey (33A)
Laura Letitia O'Conor-Nash (RD)

PRAY FOR

Dug Crosbie (RD)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Grace Osobase (A)
Tues: Anthony Delaney (RD)
Wed: Laura Letitia O'Conor-Nash (RD),
Prayer for Carmel Corrigan
Thur: Harry Donnelly (RD)
Fri: Bridie Maloney (RD)
Sat: Diana Ukutu (5A)

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MASS TIMES

MONDAY: 10am Mass
8:30pm Rosary & Night Prayer (online)

TUESDAY: 10am Mass
8:30pm Rosary & Night Prayer (online)

WEDNESDAY: 10am Mass
7pm Eucharistic Adoration
8pm Guided Prayer
8:30pm Rosary & Night Prayer

THURSDAY: 10am Mass
8:30pm Rosary & Night Prayer (online)

FRIDAY: 10am Mass
2pm - 4pm Adoration
7.30pm Taizé Prayer around the Cross (online)
8:30pm Rosary & Night Prayer (online)

SATURDAY: 10am Mass
6:30pm Mass (Vigil)

10.45am - 12 noon Confession
(for Confession, please take a seat in the Hospitality Area of the Pastoral Centre and you will be called)

SUNDAY: 9am Mass
11am Mass

4pm - 5pm Adoration

5:30pm Mass

(The 12:30pm Mass is suspended for the time being)

**All Masses and Services are broadcast online
via the parish website
www.brackenstown-parish.com**

Collections via the Donate Button

Over the past couple of months our Parish, like many institutions, businesses and families has faced extra financial challenges and this will continue for some time to come. Sincere thanks for supporting the parish financially in these difficult times. Just a reminder that donations to the Family Offering, 1st & 2nd collections and towards the new church furniture can be made online by using the Donate button on the Parish website www.brackenstown-parish.com. You can still use this facility if you would like to make a late donation to the Easter Dues. Thanks again for your support, it is much appreciated.

Parish Finance Committee

SACRISTY REFURBISHMENT

We propose to do some work on the Sacristy and surrounding rooms.

If you are interested in tendering for the job, please send an email to the parish office on or before Thursday 30th July 2020.



READINGS FOR 18th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: IS 55:1-3

PSALM: 145

2nd Reading: ROM 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: MT 14:13-21

*Praying with
God's Word*



This week saw the arrival of a new sanitization system known as SANYPLUS and purchased by the Parish from sanitysystem.ie. This eco-friendly, medical grade machine uses o-zone to kill 99% of bacteria and viruses, including COVID 19. It can be turned on each evening once the Church closed. This means that every morning, we can be assured that the Church has been fully sanitized. This doesn't

take away from the need to clean and disinfect throughout the day. But it does add an extra layer of protection for all. If you would like to read more about how the system works, please visit www.sanitysystem.ie

New Sanctuary Furniture

So far €23,225.78 has been donated to our fundraising appeal, this includes a donation to cover the cost of the Ambo from the Bible Study Group and a gift from the Marie Reparatrice Sisters to cover the cost of the Sanctuary Lamp. If you wish to make a donation there are envelopes at the display at the Main Door.

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Many people are still cocooning or would prefer not to attend Mass in person for the time being. If you would like to receive Holy Communion, a priest is available from after 10am Mass daily until 11am in the Pastoral Centre and on Sunday from 12.30pm - 1pm outside the main door of the Church. If you cannot leave your home, please contact the Parish Office at 8401188 and we can arrange for Holy Communion to be brought to you on a weekly basis.



Message of Hope

Framed pictures of Our Lady (€5) and battery candles (€6), each having **Pope Francis Prayer for Protection from the Coronavirus** are available in the Parish Centre.

All other religious items, including First Communion Prayer Books, Beads etc, can be purchased in the Parish Centre after weekend Masses (not Sunday 5:30pm) or obtained by contacting a member of Legion of Mary or emailing the Parish Office.

Catholic Papers & Magazines

Are available as usual in the new bookrack at the back of the Church.



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