

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
12TH MARCH 2023 YEAR A



Reflection

Next week we celebrate the feast of our patron saint which is also our main national holiday. No other saint and no other national holiday are celebrated more across the globe, with parades in hundreds of cities and monuments decked in green. It is a day when we are proud to be Irish and millions of people celebrate their connection with Ireland. It is also a time when we think of loved ones living abroad, who will be gathering to celebrate with other members of our diaspora.

St. Patrick's Day invites us to give thanks for the great gift of our Christian faith and the generations since St. Patrick who have witnessed to that faith down to our time. We remember especially the missionaries, lay and religious, who have brought the Good News to every continent and lived it out in very practical ways. It is helpful to remind ourselves that Patrick was an immigrant whose first experience of Ireland was full of challenges. It is largely thanks to our immigrant community of various nationalities that our Church is being renewed today. May they continue to discover an Ireland of the welcomes!

Fr. Richard

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day



Masses Thursday 16th at 7:30pm
Friday 17th at 10:00am

Wishing all our
parishioners
a blessed
St. Patrick's Day



Taize Prayer Around the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, beginning next Friday 3rd March, (but excluding St. Patrick's Day) we will celebrate the Taizé Prayer Around the Cross in the Church at 8:15pm.

Brackenstown,
Donabate,
River Valley
& Swords
Cluster of
Parishes

Dublin
Diocesan
Pilgrimage
to Knock

SATURDAY
29TH MARCH
€20

**BUS ALMOST FULL
4 PLACES LEFT!**

Knock has food,
tea, coffee
& toilet facilities



Remember to
bring a
Packed Lunch

BUS LEAVING

St. Cronan's Church at 7:30am sharp

A vigil Mass for the feast of St. Patrick will take place on Thursday 16th March at 7.30pm with music led by the Young Adult Choir. Mass on St. Patrick's Day will be at 10.00am, with music led by the Senior Choir.

Burca Herzbruch and Mary Coogan, representatives from Trocaire, will speak at all Masses this weekend. Trocaire Lenten campaign packs and boxes are available at the church entrances. This year's campaign focuses on Somalia, where lack of rain over a number of years has led to a failure of harvests and a devastating food shortage.



CHURCH GATE COLLECTION SUNDAY 19TH MARCH 2023

The Swords branch of the Society, based in St. Cronan's, Brackenstown, will be holding an annual church gate collection at all Sunday masses, including the Saturday vigil mass, on March 18th and 19th.

March 19th is the feast day of St. Joseph. Your prayers, help and support would be very much appreciated.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY IS A LAY ORGANISATION WITH THE THREEFOLD AIM OF:

- FOSTERING VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE THROUGH PRAYER
- PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SEMINARIANS STUDYING FOR THE PRIESTHOOD
- HELPING THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN PERSONAL HOLINESS OF OUR MEMBERS



ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG
PRIESTS SOCIETY

23 Merrion Square, Dublin 2

2023 Envelope Boxes

Boxes of weekly envelopes for the coming year for both Family Offering and First and Second Collections are available from the parish centre. They are also available for collection from the parish office during the week. If you do not currently contribute using the weekly envelopes and would like to receive a box, contact the parish office. If you can help deliver to the areas of Rathbeale Crescent, Brackenstown Ave, Village & Glasmore please call into the parish office.

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

The Bible Timeline - Understand the Entire Bible

The Bible Timeline continues every Monday evening from 7.30 to 9.00 pm. Participants meet every week to view a 50-minute video presentation followed by a group discussion and an opportunity to ask questions. For more information or to register, please contact Louise in the Parish office Tel. 01 8401188 or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com



Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it
Sr. Mary - 8404323
Sunday 12th to Saturday 18th March
Please phone Sr. Mary from 6-9:30pm
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you. Next Coping with Life Alone Programme will take place on Saturday 1st April 2023 in Carmelite Community Centre, 56 Angier St, Dublin 2. D02 T258. Next residential Programme will take place in Avila Carmelite Centre Donnybrook, Morehampton Road Dublin 4. For further information please phone Dublin Team 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com.

ARISE! LENT is a series of workshops for young adults on key areas of social justice and how we can get moving on areas that matter. Evenings take place in St Paul's Church, Arran Quay, from 7pm each night. Details in poster and for more information, email natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.

Register interest now at: <https://forms.office.com/e/rwJkixXMyi/>.

ARISE! Accompaniment

An evening for those in parish partnerships looking to accompany young adults and find out about upcoming training opportunities, as well as learning about the new developments of youth and young adult ministries in the Archdiocese of Dublin. **Tuesday, March 14**, at 7pm in St Paul's, Arran Quay. For more information contact youth@dublindiocese.ie. Register by 12noon on Monday, March 13, here: <https://forms.office.com/e/zRUESxcOUg>

Join Swords Singers every Tuesday evening 7.30pm to 8.30pm St Colmcilles
GAA Swords No audition necessary. €5 or donation.
Contact swordssingers@gmail.com for information or call down. All Welcome.

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding an **Evening for Bereaved Parents** on Wed 15th March at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, 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. Contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888.



We may be saying farewell to our current pastoral centre caretaker, Aaron, in the coming weeks as the CE scheme on which he is a participant and which normally runs for two years, is due to draw to a close in mid March. We would be sorry to lose, Aaron, but are hopeful that he may be able to extend his time with us until such time as a replacement on the scheme may be found. It is in this context that Donabate & Swords District CE Project is currently advertising for the position of Caretaker of Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Centre. The position is for 19.5 hours per week, five days weekly. The position is based mainly at the Pastoral Centre adjacent to the parish church but includes other locations, such as St. Joseph's room and the church itself. The Community Employment (CE) programme is designed to help people to get back to work by offering part-time and temporary placements in jobs based within local communities. Interested applicants should apply to the CE project coordinator at f.iannitti@swordsceproject.com - 085 702 9001.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Geraldine Mooney
Eileen Carroll
Aileen Devine
Marie Gavin
Eamonn Walsh
Robert Haughton

Month's Minds

Noel O'Toole

Anniversaries

Rosaleen Cox (1A)
Joey (12A) & Betty Harford
Patrick, Carmel & Albert Bissett
Ruth Shannon
Dcsd Members McTiernan Family
Ambrose Dunne
John Galvin
James & Julia Kelleghan
Frs. Anselm & Oliver Kelleghan
Dcsd Members Wall & Kelleghan Families
Jim Keith
Mai Logan
Tom McArdle
Alice Farrell
Freda Nolan (BR)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon Mary & Andrew Byrne (A)
Fionnuala Foy (A)
Tues Billy Snr (40A) & Billy Jnr (1A) Ryan
Frank Fitzgerald (2A)
Wed Anthony Morris (BR)
Thur Hugh Patrick O'Reilly (A)
Fri Jimmy Kirwan (A)
Sat Carole Raftery (RD)
Betty Carey (MM)

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
9:30am - 1:00pm

Registered Charity Number
20016166

A preparation Mass for **First Communion** will take place this weekend, at 6.00pm next Saturday 18th March and at 12.30pm and 5.00pm on Sunday 19th March.

The next meeting of the **Partnership Pastoral Council** will take place in St. Cronan's Parish Centre on Tuesday 21st March. The partnership embraces the parishes of Swords + Drynam, River Valley + Dublin Airport, Donabate + Balheary and Brackenstown.



Legion of Mary

Lenten Fast that goes beyond the required fasting!

Last month's Patrician meeting noted new ideas for fasting from <https://young-catholics/672/Lent>. They include fasting from conveniences and technology, fasting from something you enjoy, fasting from a bad attitude or habit. The Legion of Mary hopes this resource will help everyone to be renewed in their identity as the people of God and grow in joy, hope and confidence this Lent. 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.

Important Date for Legionnaire's and all Courageous Committed Pro-active Lay Faithful

Acies Celebration will take place on Saturday 24th March in St Anne's Church, Portmarnock at 3:00 pm. It is a moment for all to recommit to what Pope Francis calls "the Marian 'style' to the Church's work of evangelization". For information on the work of the Legion of Mary please ask any of our members. An excellent background resource is the Homily of Archbishop Dermot Farrell at the Mass for the Centenary of the Foundation of the Legion of Mary at <https://dublindiocese.ie/category/2021/>. Hope to see you there!

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