

# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
29TH JANUARY 2023 Year A

## Reflection

The Diocesan Building Hope Initiative enters a new phase this year, as we form a new partnership of parishes, which now embraces Donabate/Balheary as well as the existing Swords parishes of River Valley and Dublin Airport, Brackenstown and Swords/Drynam. The parish teams (clergy, parish sisters and secretaries met already this past week, and we are now preparing for a joint meeting of the four Parish Pastoral Councils in early February. This will lead to the establishing of a new Partnership Council which will involve clergy and representatives from each of the existing Pastoral Councils.

The new Partnership Council will not replace the existing Pastoral Councils but work in tandem with them, looking at various ways the parishes can work more closely together, such as training people for various parish ministries and developing faith formation programmes. We will provide more detail on this shortly, but for the moment we simply invite parishioners to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we move forward on this collaborative journey. We encourage parishioners to pray regularly the Building Hope Prayer, which is attached here.

*Fr. Richard*

## The Building Hope Prayer

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.

You constantly journey with us  
even in our darkness and doubts.

We seek your way of loving kindness  
to walk together as one family.

Open our eyes to recognise you  
in the faces of one another,

in the breaking of bread  
and in the splendour of creation.

May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope  
and new life deep within us.

May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word,  
bringing forth truth, justice and peace.

May the Holy Spirit working in  
and through us do much more  
than we can dare to imagine  
as we live out our baptismal calling  
in humble and loving service.

We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.

St Kevin, pray for us.

St Brigit, pray for us.

## St. Brigid's Day Mass St. Cronans Church



Wednesday 1st Feb  
10:00 AM

A preparation Mass for  
Confirmation  
will take place this weekend,  
at 6.00pm on Saturday 28th  
& at 12.30pm & 5.00pm  
on Sunday 29th January



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



## CONFIRMATION RETREATS

led by Gerard Hanley

(FORMERLY WITH THE DUBLIN DIOCESE EVANGELISATION OFFICE,  
AND NOW YOUTH DIRECTOR WITH ALPHA)

will be taking place in  
St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre  
on Monday and Tuesday  
30th/31st January &  
Saturday 4th February



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](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

## The Bible Timeline - Understand the Entire Bible

Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that you can understand the Bible, and The Bible Timeline, a twenty-four part Bible study, makes it easy.

Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives you the keys to understanding the story woven throughout Scripture. The Bible Timeline divides the Bible into twelve colour-coded time periods that make it easier to follow its narrative thread. You will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the story of our faith. St. Cronan's Parish will offer The Bible Timeline beginning on Monday 20th February at 7.30 to 9.00 pm. Participants will 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.



The Hospitality Committee organise tea & coffee in the Parish Centre after 10.00am Mass each Wednesday All are welcome

### Bethany Bereavement Support Group



offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who may wish to avail of it  
**Please phone Kay - 086 2209297**  
**Sunday 29th Jan to Saturday 4th Feb**  
*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"*

### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Recently Deceased

Anzela Makrecka  
 Maria Del Rio  
 Baby Saoirse Fitzpatrick Crosby  
 Margaret Donnelly  
 Jennie Tierney

#### Anniversaries

Padraig Keane  
 Grace Docherty  
 June O'Hare  
 John Gallagher  
 Barbara McGuirk  
 Bernard & Margaret O'Reilly  
 Laurence (31A) & Ann Maughan

### 1ST COMMUNION



A preparation Mass for **First Communion** will take place next weekend, at 6.00pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and at 12.30pm and 5.00pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Many thanks to all those who have returned **Christmas Offerings**, which form part of the remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese.

### SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION EVENINGS

An **Information meeting on Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding** led by Garry Kehoe, Diocesan Training and Compliance Manager, will take place in **St. Colmcille's Church, Swords** on Monday 30th January at 7.00pm. Any parish volunteer or minister, who missed the similar meeting we had in our parish in November, is invited to attend this Information meeting but it would be helpful to let the parish office know in advance.



A **Training session on Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding**, also led by Garry Kehoe, will take place in **Rush church** on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 9.00am-1.00pm. Any parish volunteer or minister, who is working directly with children or vulnerable adults (*ie: bringing Communion to the housebound*), is urged to attend this training session, if you have not attended similar training in the past three years. Please let Fr. Richard or the parish office know if you wish to attend the training.

### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon** Breda O'Kelly (RD)  
**Tues** Mrs Farrell (RD)  
**Wed** Golden Wedding Anniversary Intention  
**Thur** Jim Reid (A)  
**Fri** Bridget McNally (RD)  
**Sat** Judith Hamill (A)

**SWORDS TIDY TOWNS QUIZ NIGHT**  
**FUNRAISER**  
 10 euro PER PERSON  
 4 PER TEAM  
 UPSTAIRS in PEACOCKS - RIVER VALLEY  
 THURS 9th FEBRUARY @ 7:30 pm  
 Prizes Galore  
 Have a great night out while supporting the GOOD WORK of TIDY TOWNS

We have taken down the posters of the names of deceased parishioners over the last year from the Sacred Space. If you would like to take the name of your loved one, please collect it from the back of the Church.

**Rivervalley Community Centre** opened its **Warm Room**. Open Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm, a warm relaxing space for everyone to enjoy a cuppa, read a book, take time out or wait for kids to finish school. All Welcome to drop in.

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

**Registered Charity Number**  
**20016166**



### Legion of Mary

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.

### RELIGIOUS GOODS

Rosary Beads, Candles, Children's Books, Statues, Holy Water Fonts and other religious goods available in Parish Centre after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. Catholic Papers & Magazines are available in the new bookrack at the back of the Church.