CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

17th October 2021 Year B

First Holy Communion and Confirmation



This weekend we had the celebration of Confirmation for the young people from Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe and Swords and Thornleigh ETNS. It brings to the end six weeks of celebrating these Sacraments. Following the current guidelines each ceremony had one class group. Even though it was very different, there was also something very personal and beautiful about having a smaller number at each ceremony. It will be something that we will be taking into account as we plan for next year.

As the Parish took the lead in the preparation of the ceremonies it meant more work than other years, but as I said the reward was worth it. I would like to thank the following who played an extraordinary part in the organisation.

Louise our Parish Secretary who handled all the registrations, questions, and communication with the families.

Niamh our Parish Pastoral Worker who set up and oversaw the Parish Programme delivered online since last year. Niamh also organised the candidates to take part in reading, gift bearing and singing.

Many of the planning details were down to her organisation.

Maura who looks after the flowers had a marathon session in making sure the flowers were fresh, that they were changed for the different ceremonies and looked right. As always her creativity was seen in the beauty of the arrangements which enhanced every ceremony.

Orla our piano player who looked after most of the ceremonies with our team of very talented singers Chinedu, Louise, Nicole, Amy, Purple, Gretta, Paul and Maria. For the Gaelscoil, Seamus led the music. The beauty of their singing led to a very prayerful atmosphere at all the ceremonies.

Teresa from our Do This In Memory Programme and the other volunteers, the teachers and Principals in all the schools all of whom helped the candidates prepare for their sacraments.

Our stewards and cleaning teams made up of those from our Church teams and parents from the various schools ensured that our high standards of hygiene were maintained.

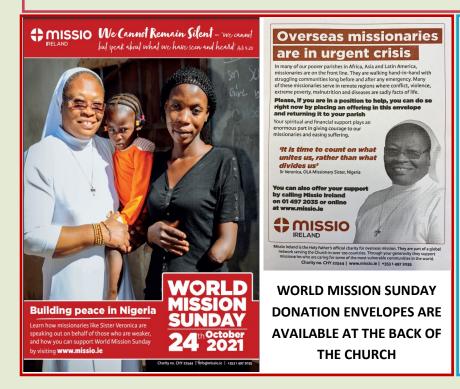
To Fr. Paddy Boyle, Fr. Vasal and Fr. Pat Littelton who celebrated the ceremonies in Irish. Declan our Permanent Deacon and Fr. Bibin who assisted with all the ceremonies.

It was truly a team effort and a lot was asked of everyone. But as always people came through and made sure that each ceremony was a special memory for the children and young people.



My sincere thanks and gratitude to each of you.

Fr. Paul





October 17th. The opening liturgy for the Archdiocese of Dublin will take place in the Pro-Cathedral on at 3pm. Archbishop Dermot Farrell has invited a representative from each parish to attend and we invite you to join us online <u>https://</u> dublindiocese.ie/watch-listen-live/



We are urgently looking for foster carers in North Dublin to enable our young people to stay connected with their family & friends, community, schools & sporting clubs. Currently in North Dublin nearly one third of our care population are placed outside of the area which means that many of these children are separated not just from their family but also from their community. Local children need local carers.

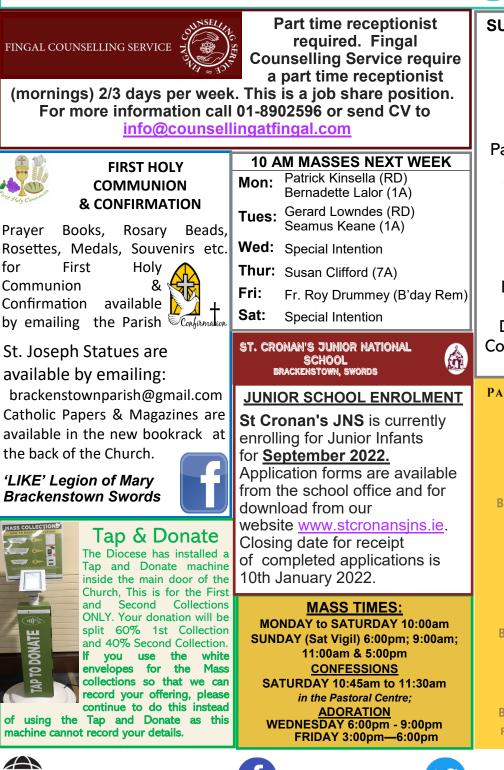
We in North Dublin have nearly 200 foster carers who are transforming the lives of children every day, but we need MORE! Join us for our online fostering information sessions on October 20th & November 3rd and connect with experienced foster carers and our inspirational care leavers through this interactive event.

At our virtual fostering event we will explore: What is Foster Care? This includes explanations relating to respite foster care, emergency, short term foster care and long-term fostering. Some common myths about fostering - including who can foster. What do I need to foster? The assessment, training and support process.

TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT SEARCH TUSLA **FOSTERING ON EVENTBRITE & FOR MORE INFORMATION LOG ONTO WWW.FOSTERING.IE**







SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS Anniversaries

Frances Brown (MM) Bill & Kay O'Connor Síobhain Ní Scanaill John Cantwell Patrick, Margaret & Kathleen Kearns Terry Culbert (Bday Rem) Moira Ryan Norton **Thomas Reid** May O'Rafferty **Thomas Hamilton** Bernadette, John & James Pender Dcsd Members of Corbett. Corrigan & Kavanagh Families

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