

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

Reflection

A first meeting of the full Pastoral Councils of the parishes of Swords/Drynam, River Valley/Dublin Airport, Donabate/Balheary and Brackenstown, took place in our Pastoral centre during the week and was a good beginning to our working together in partnership for mission. It was mostly a getting to know one another session, which was greatly helped by a pizza delivery towards the end of the meeting! We also began to discuss how we might collaborate more so as to support one another and to maximise resources. We further agreed to review the current weekend Mass schedule across the four parishes, so as to offer parishioners the maximum opportunity to attend Mass at different times. We will come back to parishioners when we have a more concrete proposal. In the meantime we invite you to support this process, which is part of the diocesan Building Hope initiative, by praying the Building Hope prayer.

Fr. Richard

**7TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
19TH FEBRUARY 2023 YEAR A**

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 Brigid, pray for us.

Turn away from sin
and believe the
Good News



ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes will be distributed at the
10:00am & 7:30pm Masses

Archbishop Farrell has given approval for a **DIOCESAN COLLECTION** to be taken up in support of the people of **TURKEY AND SYRIA** affected by the devastating earthquakes on Monday 5th February. The collection, will be taken up at all Masses on 25/26 February, 1st Sunday of Lent, will replace the **SHARE** collection and will be channelled through Trócaire, who are working with partners in the affected area.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION

WEEKEND OF
25TH / 26TH FEBRUARY

The collection will be channelled
through Trócaire, who are working
with partners in the affected area.

Trocaire Lenten campaign packs (including a Trocaire box) are available at the church entrances from this weekend. 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. A representative from Trocaire will speak at all Masses about the campaign on Sat/Sun. 4/5th March, Second Sunday of Lent.

2023 Envelope Boxes

The new boxes of Family Offering Parish Envelopes will be available to be collected at the back of the Church after all Masses on the weekend of 25th & 26th of February. Your support for the Family Offering is greatly appreciated.

The new envelope boxes for the First and Second collections at Mass will also be available to be collected at the back of the church after all Masses on the same weekend. There are substantial potential benefits for the Parish if the donor uses these envelopes for the collections at Mass and is an income taxpayer.

You can request a box of envelopes or a standing order form for the Family Offering to support the running of the Parish by contacting Louise in the Parish office Tel 8401188, email brackenstownparish@gmail.com. There are also forms available on the tables at the back of the church. Completed forms can be placed in the box inside the main door or the St. Cronan's door or returned to the Parish office. The Parish depends on the voluntary contributions of parishioners for the running and development of the Parish. Thank you to all who support the parish so generously.

Paddy O'Byrne, Finance Committee

Brackenstown,
Donabate,
River Valley
& Swords
Cluster of
Parishes

Dublin
Diocesan
Pilgrimage
to Knock

**SATURDAY
29TH APRIL
€25 per person**

Stopping both
ways at Ballinalack
which has food,
tea, coffee
& toilet facilities



Remember to
bring a
Packed Lunch

BUS LEAVING

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

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

St. Cronan's Parish offers The Bible Timeline beginning this Monday 20th February from 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. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives the keys to understanding the story woven throughout Scripture. Participants 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. For more information or to register, please contact Louise in the Parish office Tel. 01 8401188 or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com

Confirmation Connect, the online parish programme for candidates and their parents preparing for Confirmation, continues on Monday at 7.00 and 8.00pm and Tuesday at 7.00pm (depending on which group candidates belong to).



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.



The Diocesan Office for Mission and Ministry are putting on a **Lenten programme** called Building Hope Through Servant Leadership, aimed particularly at Pastoral

Council members and those in pastoral ministries. It will run from 7.00pm on five Monday evenings in Lent at St. Paul's Arran Quay.



Accord (the diocesan agency for Marriage and the Family) have asked us to convey their thanks for your contribution to the annual collection last weekend.

A LENTEN RETREAT from the Priory Institute is available online during Lent, beginning on Sunday 26 February and ending on Palm Sunday 2 April. This retreat is offered entirely online with fifteen-minute video reflections focusing on the Sunday Gospels of Lent. The first reflection will be available on Sunday 26 February and subsequently each Sunday of Lent until Palm Sunday. All reflections will remain available for you to watch at your convenience until 14 April.

<https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2023-priory-lenten-retreat>
enquiries@prioryinstitute.com

Ruah: Breath of God
Life in the Spirit Seminars

You're Invited

To Life in the Spirit Seminars

Venue: Portmarnock Parish Centre
Portmarnock Co. Dublin D13 WK33

Date: Starts Wednesday 22nd February for 6 Weeks

Time: 8pm **All Are Welcome**

To register: Contact Teresa 0872069249
A Series of potentially life-changing Talks, Praise & Prayers

On behalf of Irish Water, GMC are carrying out work on a new trunk watermain to improve security and resilience of water supply for 350,000 people in North Dublin across homes, hospitals and businesses. To facilitate these works, a water outage is required from 1am Sunday night to 11am Sunday morning - 26th February.



You will have noticed that we have installed four extra new shrine stands. Apart from the fact that they enhance the appearance of the church and blend in particularly well with the new sanctuary furniture, the candles they use involve no plastic, and the waste from the candles can be recycled by the supplier to make new candles. As there is an increased cost involved, the recommended donation is now 50 cent per candle.

SHRINE CANDLES
SUGGESTED OFFERING
50 Cent

Bethany Bereavement Support Group
offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it
Please phone Brid - 086 6006397 - week Sunday 19th February to Saturday 25th - please phone after 6pm
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Elizabeth Carey
Noel O'Toole

Month's Minds

Margaret Donnelly
Breda O'Toole
Jennie Tierney

Anniversaries

Catherine Long
Mary Ryan (9A)
Daniel (19A), Nathan & Mary
Sinead Maughan
John, Nora & Brian McDonagh
Bernadette, John & Jimmy Pender
Thanksgiving Intention

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon Kevin & Sheila Maguire (R)
Alice & Jim Crothers (R)

Tues Margaret McKittrick (RD)
Feast of the Holy Faith

Wed Larry O'Donoghue (RD)
Pray for: Dolly Keane (9A)

Thur Special Intention

Fri Patrick & Mary Kate Gallagher (A)

Sat John Behan (RD)

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9:30am - 1:00pm

Registered Charity Number
20016166



Legion of Mary

INVITATION TO PATRICIAN MEETING

How should we celebrate the season of Lent in 2023? What is the significance of Lent?
The next Patrician Meeting will focus on how we can revitalize our commitment to Lent. Everybody most welcome especially newcomers and members of parish ministries on
Thursday 23rd February at 8:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre.
Spiritual Director will attend.

Christ Centred... Pray the Rosary

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.

GROTTO ROSARY

The Legion of Mary would like to thank all who recited the rosary for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday 11th February. The numbers attending made it a great success.

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE

Service for Healing of the Generations
Venue: St. John the Evangelist Church,
Kilbarrack, Dublin 5.
Date: 26th February beginning at 7pm