

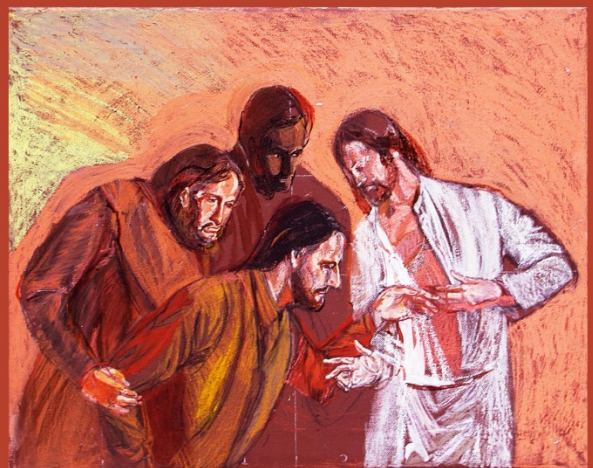
CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd SUNDAY of EASTER
16TH APRIL 2023 YEAR A

Reflection Ask any primary school child how long Lent lasts, and they will invariably tell you forty days or six weeks. If you ask them how long Easter is, however, they will probably reply: a day! Are we adults any more enlightened, or are we more a Lenten people than an Easter people? Liturgically, Easter runs for fifty days through Ascension to Pentecost. Baptism and Confirmation are Easter sacraments. Having celebrated no baptisms throughout the whole of Lent, we celebrated baptisms during the 11.00am Mass on Easter Sunday and will be celebrating a significant number of baptisms in the coming weeks. It is also why we are celebrating Confirmation this year a bit later than in other years.

Easter is not an event...it is a way of being, an approach to living. Externally, nothing may have changed. We may be faced with the same day to day issues, worries, or responsibilities, but we are different. We approach everything from a perspective of faith: that Christ is risen and is accompanying and supporting us through all the ups and downs of life, and nothing is impossible with God. So, no matter what we may be dealing with in our life right now, we are encouraged to approach it as an Easter people, full of joy and hope. Alleluia! Fr. Richard



“Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe”

DIVINE MERCY

Jesus I Trust In You

Sunday 16th April 2023

Beginning at 3:00pm
Concluding with Mass at 5:00pm

St. Cronan's Church
Brackenstown Parish
www.brackenstown-parish.com



Jesus, I Trust In You!

Divine Mercy devotions, including adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation, will take place from 3.00-4.30pm this Sunday. There will be a tea break before Mass at 5.00pm.

A meeting of the Pastoral Centre Committee will take place on Monday 21st April at 6.30pm.



Thank You

Many thanks to all those who helped to prepare for and who participated in the various liturgies for Holy Week and Easter: in particular the sacristans, the senior, young adult and children's choirs, ministers of the Word and Eucharist, those who helped to decorate and clean the church, hospitality team, members of the PPC, as well as our parish secretary and caretaking team. The liturgies were very meaningful and well attended and culminated with the celebration of baptism during Easter Sunday Mass.

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

THE WEEKEND OF
22ND & 23RD APRIL
AFTER ALL MASSES

CHURCH OF ST CRONAN
BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

Your support is asked for 3 young adults
from the parish who will attend
WYD Lisbon this summer



'MARY AROSE AND
WENT WITH HASTE'
LUKE 1:39



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

A Ceremony of Light in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for the children of St. Cronan's S.N.S. and their parents will take place on the following evenings at 7.30pm in the Church:

- Tuesday 22nd April (Ms. Mullins and Mr. Gegan's classes)**
- Wednesday 23rd April (Ms. Holligan and Mr. Hanley's classes)**
- Thursday 24th April (Ms. Crotty and Mr. Neary's classes)**



The annual **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock**, led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell will take place on Saturday, 29th April 2023. The coach, organised among the parishes in the Swords/Donabate partnership, is full.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Fr. John Galvin
Patrick Montgomery
Patrick Byrne

Months Mind

Marie Gavin

Anniversaries

Patrick Walsh (1A)
Seamus Griffith (3A)
Noreen (3A) & Peter McKittrick
Mary O'Neill
Marian Byrne
Terry Fitzpatrick (BR)
Enda Rogers (BR)
Martina Harley (BR & A)
John Jennings (BR & A)
Fintan, Dick & Pat Delamere
Anne, Tom & Philomena O'Leary
Lyndsey Byrne



Many thanks to parishioners who have already returned Easter Offerings, which form part of the annual remuneration for the priests of the parish and of the diocese. Easter Offering envelopes are available on the tables at the entrances to the Church.

If you do not currently contribute to the **Family Offering** and/or **First and Second Collections** at Mass using the weekly envelopes, and would like to receive a box of envelopes, contact the parish office any weekday morning.

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 19th April at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, 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. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.



10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

- Mon** Jim Long (RD)
- Tues** John & Kathleen O'Connor
Kathleen Noakes (MM)
- Wed** Doreen McKittrick (MM)
- Thur** Dick Nugent (RD)
Patrick, Mary, Simon, Jonnie & Teresa Marmion (A)
- Fri** James Pentony (A)
- Sat** Kieran Devery (RD)

Building Hope through Servant Leadership

This Introduction to Servant Leadership is a five session course designed especially for members of Parish Pastoral Councils and those in a parish ministry, but **everyone** is welcome. Following the very successful roll out of the course in the city centre (St. Paul's, Arran Quay) during Lent, we are very fortunate that Brackentown parish has been invited to be one of only two centres in the diocese offering this course during the Easter season. As it is open to all parishes on the north side of Dublin, it will likely be booked out very quickly, so I encourage interested parishioners to register for the course ASAP. Each session is a mixture of input, discussion, group work etc. as we explore together what Servant Leadership is and why we should engage in it. The 5 Thursday evenings, which run from 27th April, will help people to reflect on how this relates to our Baptism, working with others, praying together, mission and outreach (especially around care of our common home) and a renewed understanding of co-responsibility. Places are limited and each person wanting to take part in the course needs to complete a registration form which is available on the Adult Faith section of www.missionministry.ie (or by scanning the QR code on the poster).



Exploring 5 key themes over 5 sessions

1. Baptism Matters
2. Groupwork
3. Prayer Skills
4. Care of Creation
5. Co-responsibility

Kimmage Manor
TUESDAYS
April 25th, May 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd
7.30pm - 9pm

Brackentown Swords
THURSDAYS
April 27th, May 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
7.30pm - 9pm

For registration complete the form on the Adult Faith section of www.missionministry.ie or scan the QR code.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it

Please phone
Sr. Mary from 6pm-9.30pm on 8404323

Sunday 16th - Saturday 22nd April

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE CHOIR

Would you like to participate in a Choir of Many Voices for our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, April 29? Our pilgrimage choir will provide a unique opportunity for people from every corner of our Archdiocese to participate in our pilgrimage Mass, which will be celebrated by Archbishop Dermot Farrell. The choir will be under the direction of Ciaran Coll, who is well known for a wide variety of music ministry in our Diocese and beyond. If you would like to be part of the choir, please email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie with your name, your parish, the position you sing in and your phone number or email address. Alternatively, you can phone 086 369 1217 with this information. Rehearsals will be organised and we will provide updates over the coming weeks.

Patrician Meeting

You are invited to the next **Patrician Meeting** which will discuss the topic of why we are an Easter people. It will focus on **new approaches to living as Easter people**. Everybody most welcome especially newcomers and members of parish ministries on **Thursday 20 th April at 8:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre**.

Prayer Resources

A wide variety of religious goods for First Communion and Confirmation including Rosary Beads, Candles, Children's Books, Statues and Holy Water Fonts are available in Church Porch after weekend Masses. Catholic Papers & Magazines are available in the bookrack at the back of the Church.

Praying the Rosary

The Legion of Mary are an untiring advocate of the rosary championing a better understanding of it, a stronger commitment to praying it and a deeper appreciation of its power. 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.



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