

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

4th April 2021
EASTER Sunday Year B

The great gift of Easter is HOPE!



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Parish Team we wish you a very Happy Easter.

Many years ago Cardinal Basil Hume said that the 'gift of Easter is Hope'. This has been the message on our Easter card and one that Archbishop Farrell shared in his Easter Message. It is easy to talk about hope when things are going well and at times as we use the word hope so often, that it loses its strength. We really come to understand what it means when we face into adversity. It is then it gives us the strength that carries ourselves and others along. Over the months I have seen this in so many people who have not just been coping with the restrictions that we are living under, but also facing bereavement, unemployment, illness and even staring in the face of death. In their strength we learn the power of hope, that against the unimaginable they fight each and every step of the way.

Hope is that strength of God that when we are climbing the mountain and the ground is slipping away from under our feet, we don't give up because we know that we are called to something greater. The Gospel of Easter Sunday begins with the sadness of Mary of Magdala, Mary and Salome. Did they really understand the message that Jesus had spoken about, that this would not end in disaster but in the glory of God? Like any of us who go to visit a grave, we go to connect and be close to our loved ones. It helps us to cope and gives us a place to mark their lives. When they arrived at the grave it was empty. Their hearts must have sunk and then the young man gives them the message, he is risen, he is not here.

As sure as spring follows winter, Easter follows Lent. This is the heart of our faith and the reason for our hope.

It may seem as if the experience of Lent is going on and on under the restrictions, but we are an Easter people and Hope is our message. We have gathered in our homes to pray the Holy Week Liturgies and celebrate the resurrection. Let our homes be the places that over time people meet this hope that we carry, let it be the message that we greet one another with on our walks and when out shopping. Like those who went to Jesus' tomb, let your hearts be lifted by knowing that Easter always follows our times of trial. Jesus is our hope, for he is risen from the dead, ALLELUIA!

Fr. Paul

GOOD FRIDAY: Morning Prayer 10:00am
Stations of the Cross for children 12 noon
Passion and Veneration of the Cross
3:00pm
Stations of the Cross 6:00pm—this will take place around the Parish with each Station being prayed on the Greens in the estates. A guide of times will be on Facebook.
Taizé Prayer Around the Cross 9:00pm
HOLY SATURDAY: Morning Prayer: 10:00am
Easter Vigil: 9:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY: Masses 9:00am and 11:00am –
Easter Water available after the 11:00am Mass
EASTER MONDAY: Mass at 11:00am and rest of the week at 10:00am
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER: Vigil 6:30pm
Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am
Divine Mercy Devotion 3:00pm
CONFESSION: Holy Saturday 10:30am – 12:30pm and weekdays by arrangement
ROSARY & NIGHT PRAYER: will return on Monday 12th April at 8:30pm

*All our Holy Week ceremonies are broadcast online at www.brackenstown-parish.com.
In accordance with Government guidelines, there will be no congregation attendance.*

DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY 11TH APRIL 2021

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

2:50pm Blessing of Image
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament &
Readings from the Diary of St. Faustina
3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:30pm Rosary
3:50pm Veneration of the Image
4:00pm Stations of the Cross
followed by Prayer and Solemn Benediction

online only @ www.brackenstown-parish.com



The Petition Box for Devine Mercy Devotions will be on a table at the Divine Mercy Shrine at the back of the Church. These petitions will be brought forward during our devotions next Sunday.

ALL EASTER MASSES ARE OFFERED FOR OUR PARISHIONERS & NAMES ON THE EASTER CARDS

Pray for:
Jim Kavanagh (RD)
Jack Leonard (RD)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon 11am: Special Intention
Tues: Joseph & Annie Byrne (A) & Dcsd Family Members
Wed: Marian Movement for Priests
Thur: Sadie Hinchliffe
Fri: Dcsd Members of Hanlon & McDaid Families
Sat: Special Intention

Easter Dues Envelopes are available at the back of the Church and can be returned by placing in one of the White Boxes at the back of the Church.

Easter Dues can now also be donated using the Parish online payments facility. Simply go to the Parish website. www.brackenstown-parish.com and then click on the "Donate" button at the top of the page. Then select "Easter Dues Donation". You will need to have both your credit card/debit card and your mobile phone to hand. Your mobile phone is needed because a confirmation pin number will be texted to it. Please also consider using the online payment facility to set up a regular contribution to the first and second collections. These collections are the primary sources of financial support for our priests and for Share. As you are aware we do not currently have the opportunity to support these collections in the traditional way, yet our priests and Share are still depending on your support. You may also use the online facility to support the Parish Family offering and/or make a donation towards the new church furniture. For more detailed instructions or further information regarding the purpose of different collections please refer to the Parish website. Click on "Our Parish" at the top of the page and then click on "Finances" Your support, it is very much appreciated. Wishing you all a very happy & holy Easter.



CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

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If you have concerns or queries about COVID-19
call ALONE's dedicated support line everyday, 8am - 8pm.
To volunteer your help, visit www.alone.ie

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer
My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

St. Colmcille's Parish Swords Bethany Bereavement Support Group



St. Colmcille's Parish Swords, Bethany Bereavement Support Group extends our sincere sympathy to anyone who has been bereaved during the past difficult year. We offer our free and confidential telephone support to any of your bereaved parishioners who might wish to avail of it. Please phone Terri - 8403243 - week Sunday 4th April to Saturday 10th April. Please phone after 6pm. Do not grieve alone or unaided. It's good to talk. "Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted".



Catholic Papers & Magazines are available in the new bookrack at the back of the Church. Candles of Hope, with **Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection from the Coronavirus** are available by emailing: brackenstownparish@gmail.com

'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords



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