

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

20th Sunday Ordinary Time
14th August 2022 Year C

The right
relationship won't
distract you
from *God*.
It will bring
you *closer*
to Him.

In the middle ages they used to put people guilty of some petty crime in the stocks, while others filed up to throw rotten fruit or vegetables at them. Today, people sometimes use social media to discredit the reputation of someone else. It amounts to the same thing. No one likes to be the butt of someone else's joke, and yet we can do it to others all the time. This is the plight of the prophet Jeremiah in this Sunday's First Reading: the ignominy of

being lowered into a well where he sinks in the mud is worse than any physical punishment. When you become a figure of ridicule in the eyes of others, it is hard for people to take your message seriously. And what is Jeremiah's crime? His words 'dishearten' the soldiers and the people. We have a tendency to listen to those who tell us what we want to hear, rather than what we need to hear, to those who reinforce our way of life rather than question whether our current western way of life is either just or sustainable. The role of the prophet in any society is to speak truth, however unpalatable. As people of faith, we rightly focus on the compassion of Christ, particularly towards those who are struggling or in any kind of need. We tend to pray when we want something, but the God of Jesus Christ is not just there when we need him. Jesus came to call us back to right relationship with God, with other people and with the whole of creation. Sometimes the implications of that call can make uncomfortable hearing: *'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already!'*

Fr. Richard



Mass Times for the Feast of the Assumption
Monday 15th August at 10 am and 7:30 pm

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Join us for 11:00am Mass
on Sunday 28th August
and afterwards in the Parish Centre
for tea/coffee to give thanks to the
Lord for the ministry
of Fr. Bibin & Niamh
in St. Cronan's Parish

FAREWELL & BEST WISHES!

Fr Bibin & Niamh (PPW)

Rejoice always, pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



As the threat to health posed by Covid infection has been significantly reduced in recent months due to the high level of vaccination in the community, we feel that it is now timely to ease some of the restrictions that were introduced following the return to the public celebration of Mass after lockdown.

From the weekend of Saturday/Sunday 3rd/4th September, Ministers of the Eucharist will no longer bring Holy Communion to the congregation in the pews. Instead, those who wish to receive will be invited to come forward to receive Communion at the steps of the

altar as they would have done prior to Covid.

Children or adults who wish to receive a blessing are also welcome to come forward. Parishioners, who wish, may continue to wear face masks at Mass, and we strongly encourage parishioners to receive Communion in the hand. These arrangements will apply for weekday and weekend Masses and the celebrant on the day will remind parishioners of the new arrangements.



We welcome Fr. Joseph Hao
who will transfer as curate from
River Valley Parish to
St. Cronan's Parish from
1st September

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

If you are interested in receiving the
Parish Newsletter weekly by email,
Please email the Parish Office
Office Hours: Mon - Fri 9:30am -1pm

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Pilgrimage will take place from 7th—12th September 2022. While the pre-Covid number of 180 sick pilgrims will not be able to travel this year, some wheelchair pilgrim will travel with their parishes. By becoming an Associate Member you can help the pilgrimage greatly by your prayers and donations. You can do so after Mass today, by making a donation and placing your name on the blue sheets. These sheets of names will be taken to Lourdes with the pilgrimage, where the intentions of all will be remembered at the Masses in the Sanctuary. Please keep the whole Pilgrimage in your prayers.



PASTORAL AREA OFFICE VACANCY

The Pastoral Area of Garristown, Naul & Rolestown is currently recruiting a Secretary. This role is offered initially on a one-year fixed term and part-time basis, 12 hours per week. Duties include:

- Providing an administrative service to the Pastoral Area
- Managing the Pastoral Area Office with the effective use of up-to-date office systems
- Receiving members of the public and dealing with enquiries
- Maintaining computerised parish accounts
- Recording and managing parish records.

Letters of applications should be made by email to the Moderator, V. Rev. Derek Farrell at pagnr44@gmail.com with the subject title "Pastoral Area Secretary". **Closing Date for applications is Monday 15th August 2022.** Candidate requirements, and a full job description can be downloaded from the Pastoral Area website www.pastoralareagarristown.com



Godly Play Ireland in partnership with the Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education, is offering a Commuter Core Training Course in Dublin

Core Commuter training consists of three days training to take place over three Saturdays in September, October and November. It offers the opportunity to develop your practice and understanding of the art of Godly Play. There will be a mixture of facilitator-led presentations together with participant storytelling presentations. Each Saturday explores one of the primary genres of Godly Play: Sacred Stories, Parables and Liturgical Lessons. Cost: €300 Location: The Well @ Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education, DCU Institute of Education, St Patrick's Campus, Drumcondra.

BOOKING THROUGH THIS LINK:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/godly-play-core-training-tickets-394941048307>






SEARCHING FOR SWORD'S TIDEST ESTATE

Please enter your estate in Swords Tidy Town Estate Competition, run by your local Tidy Town Committee

Competition runs from August to September

Estate will be judged on:	Prize:
Communal Area (40%)	€500 cash
Gardens (30%)	Free Skip
House Exterior (30%)	Winners Plaque

Please support Swords Tidy Towns

Contact Grace Dunne at gracedunne45@gmail.com or call on 087 627 2332

www.greyhound.ie 01 4577777

Charity Booklets

This week is Heritage Week and two booklets have been compiled by local historian Marie Bennett to support the work of Northside Partnership. The first is on the great 1921-22-23 three-in-a-row Dublin All-Ireland football champions side, while the second is on Dublin's legendary 1924 All-Ireland winning hurling side. The charity booklets, limited to 100 copies, are available for €10 each from Northside Partnership at Bunratty Drive, Coolock.



Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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

Please phone Sr Mary - 8404323
Sun 14th to Sat 20th August . Please phone Sr Mary from 6-9:30pm

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

ROSARY STATUE

Everybody wants peace..... Peace in our hearts, in our homes, peace in the world. Prayer brings peace. You might like to have the "Rosary Statue" in your home for a week and pray the rosary... Of you would like this, arrangements will be made to suit your circumstances. Please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch, after Saturday evening Mass or Sunday Morning Masses or through the Parish Office.

'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Con Carroll (MM)
Ellen Caroline Kershaw (MM)
Michael Kelly
Jimmy Lynch

Anniversaries

George & Mary Mulligan (7A)
Mark O'Neill (14A)
Noel Lowndes
Maureen Prew
Kay Ryan
Eamon Kelleghan
60th Wedding Ann

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon 10am	Evelyn O'Malley (A)
7.30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tues	Maura Taylor Buckley (RD)
Wed	Bob McQuillan (RD)
Thur	Elizabeth Fay (A)
Fri	Special Intention
Pray for	Maisie & Peter Blanche (3A) Sr. Anne-Marie Stacey (4A) Eileen Howard (A)
Sat	Martina Harley (A)

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Registered Charity Number
20016166

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.