

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22ND OCTOBER 2023

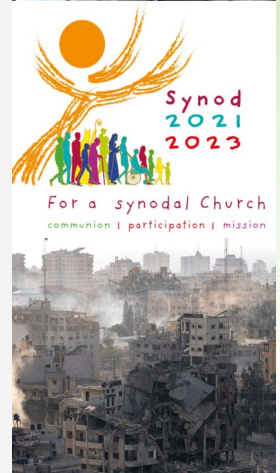
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The Synod on Communion, Participation and Mission, which has taken place in Rome throughout the month of October and has brought together bishops, lay men and women, priests and members of religious congregations, enters its final week of discussions and discernment. It is merely the first part of a Synod which will reassemble in Rome in October 2024. As parishioners who are following the Synod reports online are aware, and as this week's newsletter indicates, much of the discussion has been around the role of women in the Church and the theme of co-responsibility. Perhaps even more important than what emerges from the Synod is the way the Synod has been conducted and the inclusion of lay women and men in the process, which must mark the way forward for future Synods. This week's newsletter, distributed by the Diocesan Synodal Committee, is available at the church entrances.

Much of our attention this week, as well as our thoughts and prayers, has been focussed on the situation in Israel/Palestine. As more details come to light, the scale of the atrocity committed on hundreds of innocent Israeli citizens is truly horrifying. We can only imagine the anxiety of the families of those who have been kidnapped and join them in praying for their safe release. But what is taking place in the Gaza strip is equally appalling, with many people already killed or injured, thousands of others driven from

their homes and threatened with hunger, disease and lack of access to medicines. We can only pray that the situation does not escalate, that the violence cease and that a humanitarian corridor be created to allow vital supplies to reach those who are suffering. In war, no one wins, and everyone suffers.

Fr. Richard



*Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say:
'Never again war!' With war everything is lost.
Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps
to achieve peace.*

*Lord, God of Abraham, God of the prophets, God of love,
You created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace.
Enable us to see everyone who crosses our path
as our brother and sister.*

Pope Francis, Prayer for Peace. Holy Land, May 2014

Mission Sunday

is celebrated this weekend 21st/22nd October.

A special collection for Missio (formerly World Missions Ireland) takes place at all Masses and replaces the usual Share collection. Envelopes have also been left on tables at the church entrances, so that parishioners can take one home, make a donation and drop the donation into the safe at the back of the church. We will make sure the donation is added to whatever is collected during Mass. Please remember to pray for all those who work as missionaries, especially in places where it is not always safe or comfortable.



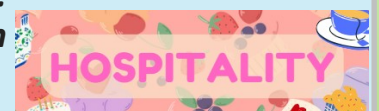
Brewley's BIG COFFEE MORNING SOCIAL FOR HOSPICE

ST FRANCIS HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

Jean & Frank Stacey would like to thank everyone who supported their recent coffee morning for St. Francis Hospice.

€1000 was raised and forwarded to the Hospice.

The Hospitality Committee will host tea/coffee in the parish centre after 11.00am Mass on the second Sunday of each month, beginning on Sunday 12th November. However, in order to accomplish this, the Hospitality Committee require the assistance of new volunteers. What better way to build up a sense of welcome and community! Please contact the parish office if you are willing to help out, even occasionally.



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The **Enrolment Mass for Confirmation** takes place this Saturday 21st October at 6pm and Sunday 22nd October at 5.00pm.
- The first training session for new **altar servers** will take place immediately after the 6pm Mass this Saturday.
- **Scripture study** classes continue each Monday at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.
- The **Parish Finance Committee** meeting will take place at 9.00pm on Monday 23rd October.
- A meeting of **parent volunteers** to prepare for the next *Grow in Love* Mass in preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion will take place at 8.00pm on Tuesday 24th October at 7.30pm.
- The **Funeral Ministry team** will meet at 2.00pm on Thursday 26th October.
- The **annual Mass in remembrance of parishioners**, who died during the past year, will take place on Thursday 16th November at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the parish centre.

The Church of St Francis Xavier (Gardiner Street Parish) would like to invite you to join us for **Talks on the Mystics**. This is a series of seven talks by Fr Brendan Comerford SJ on seven different Christian mystics. Learn about their intimate experiences of God and their growth in the Christian life. Saturday mornings from November 4 to December 16, 10am to 12.15pm, in the John Sullivan Room. No registration needed. Simply come and be inspired by the lives of St Catherine of Siena, Julian of Norwich, St Teresa of Avila, St John of the Cross, St Pierre Favre, St Edith Stein and Pope St John XXIII. Listen to Fr Brendan introducing the Talks on the Mystics: <https://youtu.be/vwMxxuZ0Gck/>.



The **Missionaries of Africa** will share their experience of mission at all Masses next Sunday 28/29th October. They will also leave envelopes on the seats for anyone who would like to make a donation.

There have been many favourable comments about the new seating which was recently installed. It really creates the sense of the community of faith gathering around the sanctuary for the 'breaking of bread' at the Eucharist, and the feedback is that it is more comfortable too!



There have been one or two enquiries about the plaques which were on the old pews. We are happy to report that they are currently away being cleaned and laquered in preparation for being mounted on an elegant wooden frame on the wall of the church.

B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you. Next residential Programme will take place from 3rd – 5th November 2023 in Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village D24 KA40. For further information please phone Dublin Team 086 0877379 or email bedublin@gmail.com



We at CASA would like to thank the parishioners of Brackenstown most sincerely for supporting our charity collection at St. Cronan's Church on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th October 2023. I am delighted to inform you that we raised €1,192 which is a remarkable amount, and we are extremely grateful your Parishioners for their incredible generosity. The proceeds from our collections provide us with the ability to continue to work with people with disabilities and their families and each donation we receive truly makes a difference.



Legion of Mary

Legion of Mary Rosary Statue

The statue of Mary, Our Blessed Mother was blessed by Fr Richard at our recent Mass in honour of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. All are invited to host this statue in your home over the next 12 months. Meditating on the mysteries of Christ's life in the Rosary enables Mary to train and mold us so that Christ's divine power reaches us. If you would like to foster a 'genuine school of prayer' in your home, please book the statue from a member of the Legion of Mary.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Knel Deeb
Susan Tutty
Gregory O'Brien
Paul Power
Cassie Kelly

Month's Mind's

Eddie Monaghan
Cathy MacAleavey
Holly O'Brien Condon
Anne Kavanagh
Fred Curtis

Anniversaries

Noel Ryan (1A)
Seamus Grant (2A)
Kathleen Dargan (2A)
John Cantwell (4A)
Bernadette Pender (5A)
Ned Monaghan
Annie & Andrew Martin
Nellie Lowndes
Susan Clifford
Sr. Alice Moran

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

- Mon** Tom (19A) & Seamus Mongan (R) & Dcsd Family Members
Maggie Rogers (A)
- Tues** Brena Jennings (RD)
Celine O'Reilly (Rem)
- Wed** John, Margaret & John Jnr Murtagh (A)
- Thur** Special Intention
- Fri** John & Gretta Millington & Dcsd Family Members
- Sat** Liam Campbell (RD)

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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

Phone Bridget 085 2812985

Sunday 22nd to

Saturday 28th October

Please phone from 6pm-8pm.

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

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:30am - 1:00pm

Registered Charity Number

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