

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11TH MAY 2025

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'Habemas Papam!' With these joyous words, the Cardinal Protodeacon announced the news of the election of Pope Leo XIV on Thursday evening. The white smoke billowing from the chimney above the Sistine Chapel on just the second day of the Papal Conclave took everyone by surprise, as did the announcement that the new pontiff would be American-born Cardinal Robert Prevost. Rather like the announcement of the election of his predecessor, the first reaction from most onlookers seemed to be: 'who is he?' Like Pope Francis, he is a member of a religious congregation and his heart is actually in South America, in Peru where he has ministered across several decades as an Augustinian missionary, and more recently as Bishop of Chiclayo. In between he served a twelve year term as Prior General of the Augustinians. By adopting the name Leo XIV, he is making a deliberate link to Pope Leo XIII, who in 1891 published the first of several encyclicals highlighting the



social dimension of the Gospel, *Rerum Novarum*, and to his own concern for the poor, among whom he ministered in Peru. In his opening greeting the new Pontiff echoed Christ's Easter gift of peace, embracing people everywhere and 'the whole earth', calling for unity and the building of bridges through encounter and dialogue. It also sounds a positive note that he wishes to build on the process of Synodality, started by Pope Francis, whereby Catholics, lay and clerical, collaborate in decision making through a process of mutual listening and discernment. It is very appropriate that the first Sunday following his election is Good Shepherd Sunday, so we ask God to bless our new shepherd as he takes up the task of leading the Church universal in the coming years. May the Holy Spirit guide the Church and Pope Leo in this new beginning!

Fr Richard

Our monthly **Family Mass** will take place this Saturday 10th May at 6.00pm.

We congratulate those families whose children will be received into our faith community through the sacrament of **Baptism** this Sunday 11th May.

Congratulations to the pupils from Swords and Thornleigh Educate Together Schools, who receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** this Saturday 10th May!

We pray for the pupils from Swords and Thornleigh Educate Together schools and from Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe who will receive their **First Communion** next Saturday 17th May at 10.00am and 12 noon respectively.

TWO TALKS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the run up to Pentecost, Sean Goan, Biblical scholar will give two talks on the Holy Spirit

Thursday 8th May
'Action of the Holy Spirit in the Early Church'

Thursday 15th May
'Current Process of Synodality'

These talks will be at 7:30pm in Parish Centre, St Cronan's Church



As we look forward to Pentecost, Sean Goan (biblical scholar) will give the second of two presentations on the activity of the **Holy Spirit** in the experience of the early Church and in the process of Synodality in the Church today. The first presentation on Thursday last was excellent and was very well received.

The talk will take place in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th May

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 and the Church Fathers course continues this Monday 12 th May		SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS Recently Deceased Vincent Convery Month's Mind Christine Stowe Anniversaries Christine Ledwidge (1A) Mary Banotti (1A) Bob McQuillan (3A) Roger Clancy (2A) Dermot & Ann Clancy Olive Brennan Christina Walsh Robert MacCourt Kathleen, John & Michael O'Regan Denis Quinlan James Snr & James Jnr Greene Philip McAuley
Next Sunday 18 th May, is Lay Ministry Sunday . As we celebrate the increasing role parishioners take in ministering to others in our parishes, the annual <i>Lay Ministry Appeal</i> takes place at each Mass across the diocese. The appeal replaces the usual Share Collection and funds the excellent training the Office for Mission and Ministry provides for parish funeral and baptism teams and catechists and also Parish Pastoral Workers. Your support is greatly appreciated.		
The newly established Dublin Diocesan Pastoral Council will be formally commissioned at the 11.00am Mass at the Pro-Cathedral next Sunday 18 th May. In the spirit of the Universal Synod on Synodality, a process of selection was designed that allowed for widespread invitation, prayerful discernment and practical application. In December 2024, the 15 Deaneries, made up of Parish Pastoral Council representatives, religious and clergy, were invited to put forward candidates whom they felt would have the necessary gifts to serve on the DDPC. A four-stage process of discernment then followed at Deanery, Pastoral Area, and finally Diocesan levels. At each stage the groups entrusted with the discernment were made up of both laity and clergy. The members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council will serve a three year term and will offer advice to the Archbishop on areas of pastoral concern. As we pray for them, as they prepare to take up this new responsibility, we also thank those parishioners who had the generosity to allow their names to go forward for consideration. Those to be commissioned as members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council are:		
Ms Áine Nolan (West Dublin) Ms Bruna Frota Mourao (City Centre) Ms Catherine Hennessy (North Dublin) Monsignor Ciarán O'Carroll (South Dublin) Archbishop Dermot Farrell Bishop Donal Roche Deacon Eamonn Murray (North Dublin) Father Gareth Byrne (North Dublin) Ms Geraldine Tallon (Wicklow) Mr Kevin Mullally (Southwest Dublin) Canon Liam Rigney (Kildare)		Sister Liz Byrne (West Dublin) Ms Maeve Davidson (South Dublin) Ms Orla McCarthy (South Dublin) Ms Orla O'Grady Walshe (South Dublin) Ms Patricia Carroll (North Dublin) Father Paul Thornton (North Dublin) Bishop Paul Dempsey Father Richard Sheehy (North & West Dublin) Mr Seán Feeney (North Dublin) Ms Sheila Keegan Groome (City Centre) Ms Thérèse O'Mahony (West Dublin)
 An Information meeting for those who might be interested in the diocesan two year Pathways programme or one year certificate in Catechesis will be held in St. Paul's, Arran Quay on 26 th May at 7.30pm. A number of our parishioners have participated in these programmes over the past few years and have found them very empowering for participating in parish ministry.		
Join us on a Journey through Carmelite Spirituality A series of talks exploring the teaching and example of the great Carmelite saints, brought to life by inspiring Carmelite speakers. Wednesday 14th of May – 7.30pm St. Therese of Lisieux, Her Little Way, Finding God in the Ups and Downs of Daily Life; Wednesday 21st of May – 7.30pm St. Titus Brandsma - Catholic Journalist, Courageous Witness to Truth. All Talks on in St. Sylvester's Parish Centre, Malahide.	Many thanks to those parishioners and visitors who have returned Easter Offerings , which form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese. The parish Easter card and Offering envelope can be found on tables around the church.	
Thanks also to parishioners who have returned their Trocaire Lenten boxes. Trocaire boxes can be returned to the sacristy or parish office up to Friday 2 nd May.		
Partnership: As part of the Diocesan Building Hope initiative, representatives of the Parish Pastoral Councils will address the congregations in each of the parishes in our partnership on the three year programme (2025-2027) of building partnership at Mass on (Pentecost) Sunday 8 th June. Parishioners from the parishes in our partnership are invited to participate in a pilgrimage to mark the Jubilee year. The pilgrimage involves visiting four churches in the heart of the city (City Quay, Westland Row, Sean McDermott Street and the Pro-Cathedral) on Saturday 14 th June.		
Pray...Reflect... Share Prayer Meeting Tuesday, 13 th May 8:00pm-9:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre, St Cronan's Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, reading & reflection on next Sunday's Gospel and a little background information about Frank Duff will be included. Prayer Group promotes devotion to the Servant of God, Frank Duff. You'll be most welcome.		
Religious Goods- Suitable for the home Baptism, Communion and Confirmation gifts/items, Statues, ornaments, children's colouring books, bibles and lots more available at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.		 Legion of Mary
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