

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

6th SUNDAY of EASTER
14th MAY 2023 YEAR A

Reflection

Parishioners, who have attended Mass during the week or dropped into the church to say a prayer, will have noticed various class groups rehearsing for the celebration of First Communion, which takes place this weekend and the next. For children it is a wonderful time as they anticipate receiving Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. For their parents and families, it is a time of joy, pride and celebration. For their teachers and catechists, it marks the culmination of their work of preparing the boys and girls for this step of becoming more fully a member of the Church. First Communion is also one of the high points for us as a Christian community. The Eucharist is not just something we do; it is who we are: the Body of Christ. To be a follower of Jesus is to belong to a community, whether we are conscious of it or not. We cannot grow in faith in isolation. Fundamental to the life of a Christian is to gather with other believers on Sunday, where we encourage each other to deepen our faith and are nourished together at the table of God's Word and at the table of the Eucharist. So as the children in our parish come to receive Jesus in Holy Communion this weekend, let us pray that they will always find in the Eucharist the source of life and the inspiration to share God's love with others, and may our faith nourish theirs.

Fr. Richard

✝ Sixth Sunday of Easter

If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever - the Spirit of truth.



John 14:15-17

Building Hope



Pentecost window by Evie Home at Manresa, Dollymount, Dublin

Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit

for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin
May 21 to 29, 2023

Come, Holy Spirit, revive and renew us
Come, Holy Spirit, inspire and enthuse us
Come, Holy Spirit, unbind and release us

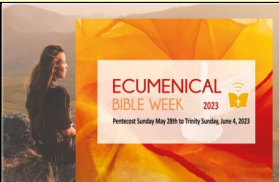
Open our eyes to see God's grace around us
Open our ears to hear God's voice within us
Open our hearts to welcome God among us

Send us out with joy to live the Gospel
Send us out with peace to act as one
Send us out with love to build up hope

Archdiocese of Dublin
Building Hope through
Prayer, Reflection and Planning

You are warmly invited to join with every parish in the diocese in a **Novena to the Holy Spirit** – a period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Novena will take place in the nine days from **21st to 29th May** beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. The **Novena Prayer Card** is available at the entrances to the church. A Prayer Service will take place in the Monastery of St Alphonus on Monday, May 15, at 8pm and will include the resource material and music suggestions for the Novena. The Sisters will join with the Diocesan Music Group in leading the music. Come in person or join online at www.rednuns.com

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will launch the Diocesan *Confirmation Connect* Process supporting parishes to Accompany Families in the Celebration of Confirmation at 6.00pm Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 28th May, in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road. Join via webcam at www.olv.ie. This will be followed by a Zoom session to equip parishes in using the process.



In anticipation of **Ecumenical Bible Week**, which begins on 27th May, our parish is hosting this week a **Pilgrim Icon of the Holy Family**. The icon is placed in the sanctuary as a focus at Mass during the week.. We will deliver the icon to the Lutheran church in Adelaide Road on Monday 15th May.



Congratulations to the boys and girls from St. Cronan's JNS who celebrated the Sacrament of First Communion this weekend! The children in Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe and in Swords Educate Together and Thornleigh Educate Together schools, will celebrate First Communion next Saturday 20th 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

A meeting of the **Partnership Pastoral Council** for Swords, River Valley, Donabate and Brackenstown parishes will take place on Tuesday 16th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre in Brackenstown.

The meeting of the **Parish Finance Committee**, due to take place on Monday 15th May, is postponed and will be rescheduled in a few weeks.

Building Hope
SERVANT LEADERSHIP
An introduction to the practice of Servant Leadership

Training Dates: April 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, May 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th

Knowledge Module: April 25th, May 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd

THURSDAYS: April 25th, May 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd

www.missionary.ie

Servant Leadership, the 5-session course on lay ministry, led by Peter Siney, a parishioner and former Parish Pastoral Worker here, and Patricia Carroll, director of the diocesan office of Mission and Ministry, continues on Thursday 18th May at 7.30pm. The course is open to everyone but may be of particular interest to members of Parish Pastoral. The final session will take place on 25th May. Participants are welcome to arrive from 7pm for tea and coffee.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased
Patricia Daly
Denis Kennedy
Jimmy Broaders

Months Mind
Anthony Gargan
Paul Rose-Nel

Anniversaries
Sheila O'Shea (1A)
Dennis Ryan (5A)
Olive Brennan
Christina Walsh
Jackie & Peggy Kelly & Deceased Family Members

TANZANIA APPEAL

NI NEART GOR CHUR LE CHÉILE

EDUCATION is the most powerful weapon which we can use to change the world! Nelson Mandela so rightly said...

Fr. Michael with two of the pupils. He supports to receive secondary education.

Please partner with us in this endeavour to 'change the world'.

MAJI NI UHAI = WATER IS LIFE
Access to clean water is rare in many communities. School children often have the chore of bringing water to family at home.

Fr. Michael with friends has helped sink a borehole for a community in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

He is hoping to be able to continue this work, with your help, for other communities in Tanzania.

FR. MICHAEL WHO SPENT 12 YEARS WORKING IN TANZANIA AS A MISSIONARY WILL SPEAK ON THESE AND THE OTHER PROJECTS HE IS STILL INVOLVED WITH SUPPORTING THEM.

FÁILTE WELCOME
IONAD PARÓISTE, BAILE UÍ BHREACHÁIN
BRACKENSTOWN PARISH CENTRE

A special meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will take place on Wednesday 17th May at 7.30pm to discuss with Gerard Hanley (youth officer with Alpha) the possibilities of a parish outreach to post-Confirmation children.

SUMMER SCHOOL IN PERSON AND ON LINE

From understanding how the Bible came to be... June 12-16
...to engaging with the Word of God today St. Patrick's College Maynooth

UNLOCKING THE BIBLE

Keys for understanding today

For booking, content, timetable and hospitality please go to the TSS website

Jessie Rogers ✓ Cost: €50 (in person or on line; lectures only)
Sean Goan ✓ In person: daily Eucharist / cafeteria / accommodation
Kieran J. O'Mahony ✓ On line: live-streaming and recordings

Eventbrite booking www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon Special 90th Birthday Intention

Tues Ailish Doyle (RD)
Dick Nugent (BR)

Wed Martina Harley (A & BR)

Thur Doreen McKittrick (RD)

Fri Thanksgiving Mass to the Blessed Trinity
Dr. Brendan Dempsey (RD)

Sat Margaret & Ernie Pawley (R)

Tanzanian Appeal Meeting in Brackenstown Parish Centre, Swords on Mon 22nd May @ 8pm. Presentation by Fr Mícheál Ó Sé. All are very welcome.

Let's Get Together Again – The Annual Evening of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will take place on Monday, May 29, at 8pm in our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road. This is not a 'training' evening for new ministers but an opportunity to gather, reflect, pray and sing in the light of this special calling. The Dublin Diocesan Music Group will lead the music. It is hoped that the evening will nourish and deepen our appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist. Join via webcam at www.olv.ie Any Minister of the Eucharist in the Diocese is welcome to attend.

We congratulate the families of those who will receive the **Sacrament of Baptism** Saturday 13th May at 1.30pm Sunday 14th May at 12 noon

Many thanks to parishioners who have dropped in their Trocáire Lenten boxes over the past few weeks. Any remaining Trocáire boxes may still be left at the sacristy or parish office over the weekend.

Many thanks to parishioners for your generous *Easter Offerings* contributions, 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, please contact the parish office any weekday morning.

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

Please phone Kay - 086 2209297
Sunday 14th May
to Saturday 20th May
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

St Pio-What was his secret weapon?

You are invited to the next Patrician Meeting which will discuss the topic of St Pio's secret weapon and why he is a saint for our times. It will focus on how we can imitate his devotion to Our Lady. Everybody most welcome especially newcomers and members of parish ministries on Thursday 18th May at 8:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre.

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Registered Charity Number
20016166

Prayer Resources

The Legion of Mary attaches great importance to portraying our Catholic faith in a way that pleases the senses and mind aesthetically. They have a wide selection of beautiful religious goods on sale for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. 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.