

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
5TH MARCH 2023 YEAR A

Lenten Reflection

Each year the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent presents the Transfiguration. This year we have Matthew's account. The event is significant in the life of Jesus as it points ahead to his passion and death in Jerusalem and beyond that to his glorification. For Jesus' disciples, Peter, James and John, it is also a unique moment of insight into Jesus' identity as 'Son' and 'Beloved'. We are all too familiar with recent stories of suffering: the effects of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, the ongoing war in Ukraine, famine in Somalia and other African countries, homelessness and violence in our country. Just as the meaning of Jesus' passion and death on the cross is transfigured by love and forgiveness, so too these recent tragedies can be transfigured through the compassion and solidarity we show towards those who are suffering. The response last weekend to the special collection for the survivors of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey shows that such compassion is alive and well.



Fr. Richard

The celebration of First Reconciliation (Confession) for children attending Gaelscoil Bhrian Boromhe, Swords Educate Together and Thornleigh Educate Together national schools will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 6th March and Wednesday 8th March



A Preparation Mass for Confirmation candidates and their families takes place this Saturday 4th March at 6.00pm and Sunday 5th March at 12.30 and 5.00pm



DIOCESAN COLLECTION

WEEKEND OF
25TH / 26TH FEBRUARY

The collection will be channelled through Trócaire, who are working with partners in the affected area.

Many thanks to parishioners for the fantastic response to last weekend's special **Diocesan Collection** in support of the people of **Turkey and Syria**

affected by the recent devastating earthquakes, which amounted to just short of €4,745. The proceeds, along with the amount collected in the other parishes in the Dublin diocese, will be channelled through Trócaire, who are working with partners in the affected area.



Taize Prayer Around the Cross

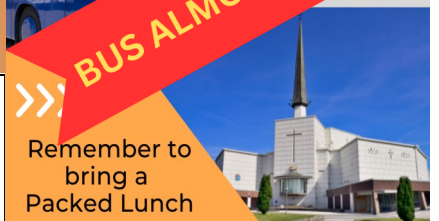
Each Friday during Lent, beginning next Friday 3rd March, (but excluding St. Patrick's Day) we will celebrate the Taizé Prayer Around the Cross in the Church at 8:15pm.

Brackenstown, Donabate, River Valley & Swords Cluster of Parishes

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

SATURDAY 29TH APRIL
€25 per person

St. Cronan's Church
We will provide free facilities



BUS ALMOST FULL!

Remember to bring a Packed Lunch

BUS LEAVING

St. Cronan's Church at 7:30am sharp

2023 Envelope Boxes

Boxes of weekly envelopes for the coming year for both **Family Offering** and **First and Second Collections** are available at the back of the church this Sunday. They will also be available for collection from the parish office during the week. If you do not currently contribute using the weekly envelopes and would like to receive a box, contact the parish office any weekday morning.

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 **Novena of Grace** in honour of St Francis Xavier begins in Gardiner Street Church on **March 4 and continues until March 12**. Preacher this year will be Fr Dermot Preston SJ. Mass times: Mon-Sat: 11am, 1pm & 6pm. Sunday 11am, 12.30pm & 3.30pm. It can be followed on webcam at: www.gardinerstparish.ie



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 5th March - Saturday 11th March
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"



The Bible Timeline Understand the Entire Bible

St. Cronan's Parish offers The Bible Timeline beginning this Monday 20th February from 7.30 to 9.00 pm. Participants will meet every week to view a 50-minute video presentation followed by a group discussion and an opportunity to ask questions. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives the keys to understanding the story woven throughout Scripture. Participants will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the story of our faith. For more information or to register, please contact Louise in the Parish office Tel. 01 8401188 or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com

ARISE! Lent is a series of workshops for young adults on key areas of social justice and how we can get moving on areas that matter. Evenings take place in St Paul's Church, Arran Quay, from 7pm each night. Details in poster and for more information, email natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie. Register interest now at: <https://forms.office.com/e/rwJkixXMYi/>.

ARISE! Accompaniment

An evening for those in parish partnerships looking to accompany young adults and find out about upcoming training opportunities, as well as learning about the new developments of youth and young adult ministries in the Archdiocese of Dublin. **Tuesday, March 14**, at 7pm in St Paul's, Arran Quay. For more information contact youth@dublindiocese.ie. Register by 12noon on Monday, March 13, here: <https://forms.office.com/e/zRUESxcOUU>

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased
Reginald Cheevers
Marius Tudor Mamaliga

Month's Minds
Fr. Liam Pentony
Maria Del Rio
Alice O'Brien
Eithna Moore

Anniversaries
Michael Emery
Christy & Eileen McGuirk
Enda Rogers (19A)
Ben Galligan (3A)
Eamonn McGinnis (1A)
James & Mary Agnew
Kevin Harford (50A)
Eamonn Snr & Eamonn Jnr Madden
John Cuddihy
Damien Byrne
John & Hannah Conroy
Jim Kissane

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding an **Evening for Bereaved Parents** on Wed 15th March at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, D17 Y924. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888.



10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon Patrick, Margaret & Kathleen Kearns (A)
Alice O'Brien (MM)

Tues Dcsd Members of Hanlon & McDaid Families

Wed Dcsd Members of Lynch & Dunne Families

Thur Rosaleen Cox (1A)

Fri Marian Movement for Priests

Sat Bill Mannion (RD)

We may be saying farewell to our current pastoral centre caretaker, Aaron, in the coming weeks as the CE scheme on which he is a participant and which normally runs for two years, is due to draw to a close in mid March. We would be sorry to lose, Aaron, but are hopeful that he may be able to extend his time with us until such time as a replacement on the scheme may be found. It is in this context that Donabate & Swords District CE Project is currently advertising for the position of Caretaker of Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Centre. The position is for 19.5 hours per week, five days weekly. The position is based mainly at the Pastoral Centre adjacent to the parish church but includes other locations, such as St. Joseph's room and the church itself. The Community Employment (CE) programme is designed to help people to get back to work by offering part-time and temporary placements in jobs based within local communities. Interested applicants should apply to the CE project coordinator at f.iannitti@swordsceproject.com - 085 702 9001.

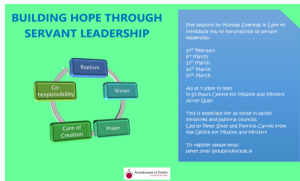
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Trocaire Lenten campaign packs (including a Trocaire box) are available at the church entrances from this weekend. This year's campaign focuses on Somalia, where lack of rain over a number of years has led to a failure of harvests and a devastating food shortage. A representative from Trocaire will speak at all Masses about the campaign on Sat/Sun. 4/5th March, Second Sunday of Lent.



The Diocesan Office for Mission and Ministry are putting on a **Lenten programme** called Building Hope Through Servant Leadership, aimed particularly at Pastoral Council members and those in pastoral ministries. It will run from 7.00pm on five Monday evenings in Lent beginning on Monday 27th February at St. Paul's Arran Quay.



PERMANENT DEACON
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
9:30am - 1:00pm

Registered Charity Number
20016166



Frank Duff Prayer Meeting You are invited to pray for your intentions through the intercession of Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary on Tuesday, 7th March 8:00pm-9:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre. The Rosary, a reading from Sunday's Gospel and a little background information about Frank Duff will be included.

Lenten prayer Where? When? What? How? Why?
Get answers to these questions by Fr. Mike Schmitz in 'Tips for Praying' at <https://young-catholics/672/Lent/>. The Legion of Mary in the parish hopes our wide range of religious goods will complement this resource and keep your prayer life fresh this Lent.

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.

A wide variety of religious goods for First Communion and Confirmation including 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.