

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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15th May 2022 Year C

Archdiocese of Dublin



LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION

SATURDAY SUNDAY
14th & 15th May 2022

Very grateful for your support

Working alongside each other to effect renewal.

Including and accompanying all, especially those on the margins.

Supporting and resourcing faith development.

LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION – MAY 14 AND 15

The Archdiocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection takes place on **Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15**. The Lay Ministry Collection will support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside the priests and deacons. Our hope is that lay ministry will make a significant contribution to pastoral life into the future. Donations can be made online at <https://pay-payzone.easypaymentsplus.com/customer/10012/product-list/>.

grown, as has the need for all kinds of lay ministries.

Working together, let us strive to 'put fresh heart' (Acts 14:21) into our faith communities, like Paul and Barnabas, encouraged by the hope we have in the Risen Lord and in the Spirit he sends to challenge and renew us.

-Archbishop Dermot Farrell

Archbishop's invitation to contribute to Lay Ministry Collection

In celebrating World Vocations Day last Sunday, we reminded ourselves to pray continuously for vocations to the priesthood, an urgent need in the Archdiocese today. An urgent need, too, is to find new ways for priests and people to work together in parishes. The time has come to commit ourselves to creative approaches that harness the time and talent lay people can make available and support them in developing their skills for use in the faith community.

The Lay Ministry Collection this weekend will therefore support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside the priests and deacons. Our hope is that lay ministry will make a significant contribution to pastoral life into the future:

- Working in parishes as part of a parish team
- Supporting and resourcing faith development
- Enabling people in parishes to work alongside each other to effect renewal
- Helping people to find their place by actively participating together in the life of their parish
- Building teams to accompany the moments that matter, especially in sacramental preparation for baptism, communion and confirmation, as well as supporting families at funeral time.

Building communities that are faith-filled, co-responsible, active in social justice, welcoming and inclusive.

These lay ministry roles are crucial for the road ahead. There is no other way. Indeed, there is more: our faith tells us that this is the way God is calling the Church to follow Christ today. Among the many dimensions of the way the Church is being transformed are not only the change in Western society and culture but also in the attention being paid to where God is leading people of faith. The Spirit of God is always at work among us: just as the Spirit was present in Jesus on the Cross, so the Spirit is among the People of God in these difficult times. Together with priests, lay ministers are enabling a new way of being the Church that is building hope and a new future for the people of the Archdiocese.

I ask you to be generous in your giving to the Lay Ministry Collection this Sunday, aware that the pastoral needs of the diocese have changed and

Brackenstown Parish Building Hope

The working group for Building Hope has now been established. It is made up of the Parish Pastoral Team, the Parish Finance Committee and an interim group to act for the Parish Pastoral Council. Their first meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th to look at the journey ahead, the Task Force Report, the Brackenstown Parish Profile and they will elect a Chairperson and Secretary.

They will also meet on the 17th May to prepare the Parish Meeting which will take place on Thursday 26th May. This is an important meeting and we hope that many Parishioners will attend. There will be two further meeting to write a report for Archbishop Farrell and to meet representatives from the Parishes that we will join in partnership. Please join in saying the Building Hope prayer every day up to the Feast of Pentecost.

Building Hope

Archdiocese of Dublin

**Brackenstown Parish
Open Meeting
Thursday 26th May
7:00pm to 9:00pm
St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre**

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
All our ceremonies are broadcast online at www.brackenstown-parish.com

FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION

Ireland praying for freedom from addiction through Jesus at the shrine of Matt Talbot



FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION MATT TALBOT PILGRIMAGE

Do you or somebody you know suffer from an addiction? Yes? Join us at the Shrine of Matt Talbot in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott Street, Dublin, on Sunday 12th June at 2:00pm-4:30pm, where we will pray for freedom from addiction through Jesus. This will be a day when Ireland unites in prayer to rid our country from the plague of addiction.

For more information, visit
www.matttalbotprayersociety.com or
contact (048) 71262894 or
vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com

The Easter Dues Envelopes

A sincere thank you to all who have returned their Easter Dues envelopes. They can be returned in the box at the back of the Church or to the parish office. Easter Dues can also be donated using the Parish online payments facility. Go to the Parish website, and then click on the "Donate" button. Then select "Easter Dues Donation". Your continued generosity to the parish is very much appreciated.



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.

St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society

For Catholics, the Eucharist is the "summit and source of the Christian life". In order to maintain the presence of the Eucharist in our parishes, let us continue to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the harvest.

Saint Joseph's Young Priest's Society currently supports about 700 seminarians in over 30 countries around the world, including every Irish seminarian studying in Maynooth.

To date we have supported over 20,000 men who were ordained to priesthood since the foundation of SJYPS over 125 years ago. Together, let us continue to support our seminarians and pray for more vocations to priesthood and religious life into the future.

Fr. Séamus McEntee, Chief Chaplain SJYPS

If you interested in joining the St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society in Brackenstown Parish, please email the parish office.

CHY Tax Rebate: We ask those who have recently received a CHY Tax Reclaim form to return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. The CHY Tax Rebate scheme allows the Parish reclaim tax for all qualifying **recorded contributions of €250 and over**. If you are not a PAYE or Self-Assessed donor, unfortunately we cannot claim tax back on your donations but please let us know in order to avoid receiving future CHY documentation. Sincere thanks to all those who support the running of the Parish through your financial offerings.

Parish Finance Committee

INVITATION

You are invited to pray for your intentions through the intercession of Servant of God, Frank Duff, **Tuesday 10th May, 8:00pm—9:00pm** in Parish Pastoral Centre. Everybody most welcome.

Would You like to Work for Our Lady?

Legion of Mary needs new members to help Our Lady bring Jesus to more people. Meetings are held in Parish Pastoral Centre on Tuesdays at 10:30am, Wednesdays 7:30pm and at 4:45pm on Fridays for Junior members. Why not come along and see what you can do!

LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords



Confirmation and First Holy Communion Cards, gifts, prayer books, beads and other religious items available from Legion of Mary, in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

Children's books, Messenger, St. Martin Magazine, weekly Catholic papers available from bookrack on back wall of the Church.

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

Please phone Terri - 8403243

Sunday 15th to Saturday 21st May

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

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Bob McQuillan
Olive Kenny
Declan Finnegan
Fr. Joseph Doran
Anna Rycowska
Jimmy Kelly (MM)

Anniversaries

Fionnula Foy (1A)
Bernie Fitzpatrick (14A)
Richard Forbes (25A)
Jonnie O'Reilly
Pat Kinsella (80th BR)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

	Our Lady of Lourdes Thanksgiving Mass
Mon	Pray for: Margaret Jackson (91st BR) Pray for: Special Health Intention
Tues	Fr. John O'Connell (A) Special Intention
Wed	Florrie Connolly (RD)
Thur	Bretta Clarke (RD)
Fri	Thanksgiving Mass Holy Trinity
Sat	Michael Collins (RD)

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