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BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Season of Creation—Restoring Our Common Home

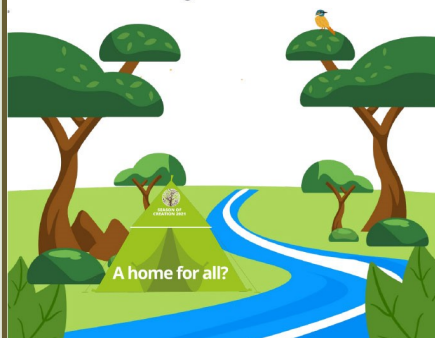


2021 Season of Creation

Celebration Guide

A Home for All?

Renewing the *Oikos* of God



The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

The Season of Creation or Creation Time, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October ending on the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

The theme for the Season of Creation 2021 is 'Restoring Our Common Home'. During this season we are asked to join together to celebrate creation and protect our common home through prayer, reflection and action.

The global Christian family is called to awaken to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and with each other and to encourage our parish communities to do the same, "for we know that things can change!"

(Laudato Si', 13).

This year we celebrate this season mindful of the fact that our world continues to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic as well as a devastating climate and biodiversity crisis. We look towards two UN Conferences in the Autumn, COP15 (on Biodiversity, due to take place in China) and COP24 (on climate change, Glasgow) in the hope that world leaders take the urgent action that is needed to Restore Our Common Home. Catholics are urged to sign the "[Healthy Planet Healthy People](#)" petition as a key action for this year's Season of Creation. This petition has been endorsed by the Vatican Dicastery for Integral Human Development in the hope that millions of Catholics will raise their voices in the public sphere to help Restore Our Common Home in the run up to these vital UN Conferences.

Pope Francis on Caring for Our Common Home

"We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family.

"The Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet, the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish."

"Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years."

"We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us."

"The idea of infinite or unlimited growth, which proves so attractive to economists, financiers and experts in technology ... is based on the lie that there is an infinite supply of the earth's goods, and this leads to the planet being squeezed dry at every limit."

"Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start."

The Feast of St Francis of Assisi is celebrated on 4th October each year. The feast commemorates the life of St Francis, who was born in the 12th century and is the Catholic Church's patron saint of animals and the environment.

St Francis (1181 or 1182 – 1226) was born the son of a rich fabric merchant, Pietro di Bernardone, and a noblewoman from Provence, Pica. He grew up occupied with family duties and worldly affairs. St Francis was small in stature with an extrovert personality. He always had in his heart the desire to do great things. When he returned from his war experience, he was ill and shaken, unrecognizable to all. Something left a deep impression on his soul beyond his experience of the war.

He was the founder of the Franciscan Order of the Catholic Church, lived during the late 12th and 13th centuries in Italy. He is remembered for his generosity to the poor and his willingness to minister to the lepers. However, what many people recall about him is his love for animals and nature. St Francis died at Portiuncula, Italy on October 4, 1226.

Pope Gregory IX pronounced St Francis a saint in 1228.



**A BLESSING OF ANIMALS
WILL TAKE PLACE ON
SUNDAY EVENING
AFTER THE 5PM MASS
ON THE GRASS AREA AT
THE FLAG POLES
ALL WELCOME!!**

MASS TIMES:

MONDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am

SUNDAY (Sat Vigil) 6:00pm; 9:00am;
11:00am & 5:00pm

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 10:45am to 11:30am
in the Pastoral Centre;

ADORATION: WEDNESDAY 6:00pm - 9:00pm and
FRIDAY 3:00pm—6:00pm



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LET'S READ THE GOSPEL OF JOHN!

**MONDAY'S FROM 4TH OCTOBER
ON ZOOM 7:30PM - 8:30PM**

For more details please email Paddy at

pobyne50@gmail.com

Brackenstown Bible Study group invite you to join us in our forthcoming reading of the Gospel of John. Our Autumn Scripture Study classes will commence on Monday 4th October and due to the ongoing Covid restrictions the study will be home based.

There will be an optional Zoom, on-line group discussion/questions and answers facility available from 7.30 to 8.30pm each Monday night. There is no charge to take part so why not give it a go?

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Confirmation Ceremonies

Saturday 9th October
12:00pm Ms. Quinn
3:00pm Ms. Conroy
Saturday 16th October
12:00pm Rang Cristóir
3:00pm Rang Emma
Sunday 17th October
1:00pm Thornleigh ETNS & Swords ETNS



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Prayer Books, Rosary Beads, Rosettes, Medals, Souvenirs etc. for First Holy Communion & Confirmation available by emailing the Parish Office.



St. Joseph Statues are available by emailing:

brackenstownparish@gmail.com

Catholic Papers & Magazines are available in the new bookrack at the back of the Church.

'LIKE' Legion of Mary
Brackenstown Swords



Register now for



First Holy Communion 2022
& Confirmation 2022



You can now register your child for
First Communion & Confirmation 2022 on
our parish website:

www.brackenstown-parish.com

Go to the Home Page for the link to the
Registration Form.

2 Great Events for Our Lady in October!

On Saturday October 9th, **The Hail Holy Queen Conference** will be on Radio Maria Ireland at 2pm. Guest speakers include Bishop John Keenan, Dr. Patrick Kenny, Fr. Gerry McCloskey, and Dr. Blythe Kaufman.

On Sunday Oct 10th, the **Coastal Rosary** will take place at 2.30pm. Join people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our grottos, churches, at the coasts and other suitable places. We encourage you to gather safely being mindful of COVID 19 regulations. Simply sign up a Rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 087 278 6552.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Anniversaries

Martin Feehan (MM)
Bridget Taylor
Joan Hoey
Esther Halpin
Bridie McNally
Jimmy McNally
Annie McManus
Joseph Brady
John Howard (Rem)
Margaret Morandeira (BR)
Bernie Maguire (16A)
Helen Whelan (18A)

Recently Deceased

Eduard Marska
Theresa Harris
Fr. Jean Claude Zocli

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Special Intention
Tues: John Keaney (A)
& Dcsd Members
of Keaney & Kealy Families
Wed: Marian Movement for Priests
Thur: John Ryan (RD)
Fri: Special Intention
Sat: Special Healing Intention

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offers a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who might wish to avail of it.

Please phone - Kay - 086 2209297

week Sunday 3rd October

to Saturday 9th October

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

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of using the Tap and Donate as this machine cannot record your details.



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