

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

6TH AUGUST 2023

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It is perhaps timely that the movie *Oppenheimer* is showing in cinemas this week, since this Sunday 6th August marks the anniversary of the dropping of the first atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima in 1945. The narrative of the movie follows the collaborative work of a group of international scientists under the direction of the US government, at a secret location in the New Mexican desert, and in a race against time, to create an atomic bomb. Only in the second half of the movie are the ethical issues surrounding such work addressed, but even as the film's special effects convey something of the extraordinary destructive power of atomic energy, the audience never really gets a sense of what it must have been like for the thousands of Japanese civilians who either were killed immediately or suffered horrific injuries as a result of the detonation of the bombs over Hiroshima and later Nagasaki. The feast of the Transfiguration testifies to a very different power: the power of self-sacrificing love, compassion for those who are suffering, and forgiveness to completely transform human relationships and overcome evil. It is the power revealed by Christ on the cross, and it gives birth to hope.

Reflection

Fr. Richard



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass times for the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady are the following:

Monday 14th August
Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Tuesday 15th August
Mass 10.00am

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BRACKENSTOWN PARISH



We pray for the families of those children who will receive the **Sacrament of Baptism** next Sat/Sun 12th & 13th August

Baptism

FAITH 'N' FUN

Bible Stories, Crafts & lots more fun things to do!

FREE - to all aged 6 - 11 years

in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre
Brackenstown Road, Swords



Tuesdays
8th August
2pm - 4pm

Organised by Legion of Mary
Registration Forms available in
Main Porch of St. Cronan's Church
Parish Office Phone No: 01 8401188



WORLD YOUTH DAY

We pray for the young people from the parish partnership of Brackenstown, River Valley, Swords and Donabate, who are participating this week in the World Youth Day with Pope Francis in Lisbon.

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 *Instrumentum Laboris*, the official working document for the first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, was launched on June 20. A large number of people from various parts of the world with different expertise prepared this important text which will animate all the work of the October assembly. See <https://synod.ie/instrumentum-laboris-for-synod-2021-2024/>.

PPC Training on Voluntary Ministries

Training for Parish Pastoral Council members on the **Voluntary Ministry Matters** resource takes place on **12th AND 19th September 2023** via Zoom. This is a **2 part** training course exploring the new guidebook for all members of PPCs in the Archdiocese. This is a REPEAT of the training given on 1st and 8th June 2023. If you would like to register for this Zoom training please complete the online form on the Adult Faith section of www.missionministry.ie.

Diocesan Youth Leadership Course

Beginning in September, a new **Diocesan Youth Leadership Course** will take place to equip young adults to take on leadership roles in their parish setting and for peer-to-peer ministry, as well as training those looking to accompany young adults in their parish. Each month, new skills are learnt and will be put into practice at the retreat day which will be shaped and organised by the course participants. For more info email natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie. Register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/vnhG5552SW>



St. Cronan's Church Parish Pastoral Council

Invites Volunteers to become part of a Church Cleaning Group

who would on a rota basis assist with keeping our beautiful church clean.

A general clean-up of the church and its precincts will take place on **Saturday 26th August** from 12 noon. If interested, please give your name and contact details to the parish secretary.

Contact the Parish Office
Many thanks to those who have volunteered already
More are welcome!



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

William Stacey

Anniversaries

Christy Reilly (4A)
Michael Field (19A)
Catherine McNally
Mary Tormey
Breda Kissane
Sr Idus Cuddihy
Sr Anne Cuddihy

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon Special Healing Intention
Tues For those who sympathised with the family of the late Paddy Ryan
Wed John Clinton (RD)
Thur Michael Fitzsimons (A)
Fri Brian Lyons (27A) & Brigid McNally (A)
Sat Noel Lowndes (A)



A Sip of Support Meeting Group located at B.A.S.E.

Brackenstown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin K67 PH96

A Grief Support Group Starting 6 September 2023 Weekly Meetings every Wednesday 7-8pm

We hope to offer a listening ear to anyone who is dealing with or living with Grief

*If you cannot fly then run, if you cannot run then walk
If you cannot walk then crawl, but whatever you do,
Do your best to keep moving forward*

Email: haveasipswords@gmail.com



Confirmation Connect

The Zoom information session for parishes on **Confirmation Connect** will be repeated on Wednesday September 13, at 7:30pm. For more information email natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie or <https://forms.office.com/e/2LunznvExv>



Applications are now open for the next intake of participants for **Pathways**. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Upp. Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9, on Thursday, September 28 (7pm – 9.30pm). Places are limited so early application is advised. Pathways is a two-year, one-evening-a-week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means. Places are limited. For more information please visit www.missionministry.ie or contact Eileen Houlahan, Director, Pathways Programme at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie.



Summer Offering Envelopes are available at the church entrances. Summer Offerings form part of the annual remuneration of the parish and of the diocese.

Thank You for Supporting Your Priests

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it
Terri - 8403243

Sunday 6th - Saturday 12th August
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

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Monday - Friday
9:30am - 1:00pm

Registered Charity Number
20016166

LEGION OF MARY WEEKLY MEETINGS

Tuesday (10:30-11:30 am in St Joseph's Room (at Priests house at Crosscare sign) and Wednesday (7:30-9:00 pm in St Cronan's Parish Centre, Brackenstown). New members welcome. Junior Legion meets Friday (5:00-6:00pm in St Cronan's Parish Centre, Brackenstown). Meetings also on Monday (7:00pm in Swords) and Thursday (7:00pm in River Valley).



Legion of Mary

UNDER MARY'S MANTLE YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE, 19TH & 20TH AUGUST

All Hallows College, DCU. 10:00 am - 8:00 pm (Saturday) & 10:00 am - 5:00 pm (Sunday). Join us for talks, workshops, Mass, guided holy hours and great socializing. Free parking on site.
2 Day ticket €60. Saturday only €40. Sunday only €30. Overnight rates available.
10% discount for students. Tickets available from <https://www.eventbrite.ie>