ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

EASTER SUNDAY

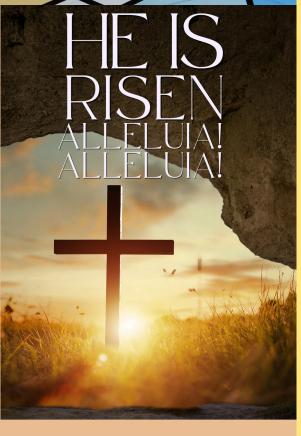
31 MARCH 2024

REFLECTION Today we proclaim with Christians around the world that Jesus Christ is risen. We have journeyed together through Lent and, in the past few days, celebrated in our liturgies the momentous events surrounding Christ's passion and death, recalling his Last Supper with his disciples, his agony and arrest in Gethsemane, his trial and crucifixion.

We have lived this particular Holy Week against the backdrop of so much suffering in the world caused by conflict, terror, hatred, hunger and greed, not to mention the effects of climate change. We are also conscious of how tragedy can strike our own families or communities because of accidents or illness.

Easter is not a denial of Good Friday. It transforms its meaning, because it reminds us that, in Christ, love and hope triumph over suffering and evil. Through our Lenten journey, we have tried to draw closer to Christ through prayer, fasting and solidarity with others. Easter invites us to celebrate our renewed life as individuals and as a community of faith, conscious that, more than ever, the world needs the witness of our hope, our faithfulness, our compassion and our commitment.

Christ is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!



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Fr. Richard



THE PARISH CLERGY AND PASTORAL COUNCIL WISH ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS A VERY HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER!



BRACKENSTOWN PARISH—ST CRONAN'S CHURCH HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2024

Copies of the parish Easter card and timetable of Holy Week ceremonies, as well as the *Easter Offering* envelope, are now available at the entrances to the church for parishioners and visitors. Easter Offerings form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese. The Holy Week ceremonies are listed here below:

Brackenstown forms part of the partnership of Parishes which includes Swords + Drynam, River Valley + Dublin Airport, and Donabate + Balheary

Palm Sunday 24th March: Vigil Mass: 6:00pm Sunday Mass: 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm Blessing of palms outside the church before each Mass

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 25th to 27th March Mass 10:00am

Monday 25th March:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00-9:00pm

Tuesday 26th March:

Reconciliation Service for the Swords Partnership of Parishes 7.30pm

Wednesday 27th March:

Service of the Seven Last Words: 7:30pm

Holy Thursday 28th March: Morning Prayer: 10:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm Watch and Pray: 8.45pm – 9.30pm Good Friday 29th March: Morning Prayer: 10:00am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00pm

Outdoor Way of the Cross 5.00pm. The stations will take place at various locations around the parish. A guide to the exact locations and estimated times will be in the newsletter on Palm Sunday and on Facebook.

Taizé Prayer around the Cross: 7.30pm

Holy Saturday 30th March: Morning Prayer: 10:00am

Easter Vigil: 9:00pm

Easter Sunday 31st March: Mass 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

Easter Monday 1st April - Saturday 6th April: Mass at 10:00am

Second Sunday of Easter 7th April: Vigil 6:00pm,

Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

Divine Mercy Devotion 3:00pm concluding with Mass at 5:00pm

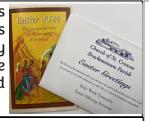
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession):

Monday 25th - Wed 27th March: following 10:00am Mass

Good Friday 29th March: 10:30am-11.30am, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Holy Saturday 30th March: 10:30am to 11:30am.

The parish Easter card and Easter Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Many thanks to parishioners and visitors who have already returned Easter Offerings, which form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese.



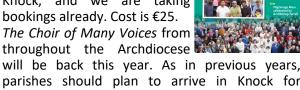


Many thanks to our new volunteer cleaning group, who did a great job in cleaning the church and sacristy area in preparation for Holy Week and Easter! Thanks also to Maura for the floral decorations and to our sacristans, who have had a very busy week preparing the church for the various liturgies. Thanks too to our altar servers, ministers of the Word and Eucharist and music ministry for enhancing the liturgies, and to the Liturgy group which planned Holy Week.

Our parish partnership is also planning Pilgrimage to Lourdes in September. The dates are Sunday 15th to Thursday **19th September**, and the cost of the pilgrimage for four nights and five days (inclusive of flights, accommodation and full board) is €735 per person sharing. Single supplement locksgo is €40 per night. Booking forward forms available from the Parish Office. this weekend!

We congratulate the families of the children who will be welcomed into the community of faith through the sacrament of Baptism on Easter Sunday at the 11am Mass

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead our annual pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, April 27. Our partnership of parishes is organising a coach to travel to Knock, and we are taking bookings already. Cost is €25. The Chair of Many Voices from



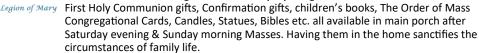


parishes should plan to arrive in Knock for 11.00am. If you would like to take part in the choir, email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie



Parishioners are welcome to return their **Trocaire boxes** to the sacristy during the next couple of weeks. Many thanks to all who have supported Trocaire's Lenten campaign in aid of the people of Malawi. There are still Lenten packs available in the church for those who would like an opportunity to contribute.

Suitable gifts for families preparing for the Sacraments



Junior Legion of Mary

Invites all children who have made their First Holy Communion and Confirmation to a Junior Meeting every Friday at 5:00-6:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre. Experienced leaders will deliver a stimulating programme on active apostleship. Contact any member in Church Porch after weekend Masses. Skills in Leadership, One-to-One Evangelisation & Lessons from a tech savvy teen hero soon to be a Saint are all to play for.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Peter Kelly (London) Mary Cleary

Anniversaries

Anne Dynes (1A)
Aileen Smyth (3A)
Brendan Cunningham (32A)
James Cleary (35A)
Genowefa Alina
Orzechowska Stanislaw
Mulewski
Niamh Oglesby
Eamonn Madden
Nina & Joe McGlynn
May O'Connor
Teresa & Michael Hagan
Patrick Green (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon |Special Intention

Tues Tony McKenna (A)
Jim Tobin (RD)

Wed Priests of the Parish

Thur Special Intention

Thanksgiving Mass for the those who supported the family of the late Patricia Keogh (RIP)

Fri Dcsd Members of Hanlon & McDaid Families

Sat Marian Movement of Priests

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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

Please phone Brid - 086 6006397

Mon 1st to Sat 6th April Please phone after 6pm

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

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

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