

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

15TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

16th JULY 2023

YEAR A

## Reflection

*'In the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth, between young and old, God points us towards the future that he is opening up before us. Indeed, Mary's visit and Elizabeth's greeting open our eyes to the dawn of salvation: in their embrace, God's mercy quietly breaks into human history amid abundant joy. I encourage everyone to reflect on that meeting, to picture, like a snapshot, that embrace between the young Mother of God and the elderly mother of Saint John the Baptist, and to frame it in their minds and hearts as a radiant icon. Next, I would invite you to make a concrete gesture that would include grandparents and the elderly. Let us not abandon them. Their presence in families and communities is a precious one, for it reminds us that we share the same heritage and are part of a people committed to preserving its roots. From the elderly we received the gift of belonging to God's holy people. The Church, as well as society, needs them, for they entrust to the present the past that is needed to build the future. Let us honour them, neither depriving ourselves of their company nor depriving them of ours.'*



*'MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 23 JULY 2023*

*Fr. Richard.*

We welcome **Fr. Sintayhu Gemchu** to the parish next weekend. A diocesan priest in Ethiopia, Fr. Sintayhu spent a number of years studying in Dublin and assisting in the parish of Glasnevin. He is currently spending a month visiting Dublin and will assist Fr. Joseph in celebrating Mass here in Brackenstown for a few days while Fr. Richard is away.

## 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**

**Thursdays**

**25th July**

**1st August**

**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

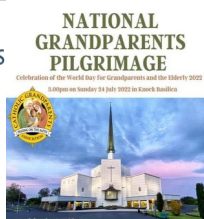


World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2023

### The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will take place

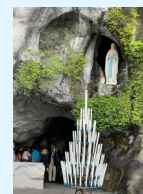
next Sunday July 23, the Sunday nearest the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of Our Lady. Grandparents are encouraged to accompany their grandchildren to Sunday Mass.

For those participating in the **National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock** on 23rd July, a bus will leave St Cronan's Church at 8:15am and Fingal County Council Offices at 8:30am. Contact Nora on 8404247.



### DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Sincere thanks to the parishioners of St. Cronan's Church for your generosity. €1630.00 has been donated to date which will help sick pilgrims travel with the pilgrimage in September. If anyone would still like to contribute, you can do so at the Legion of Mary table in main porch.



## Summer Dues

2023

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

THANK YOU  
FOR SUPPORTING  
YOUR PRIESTS

Archdiocese of Dublin

**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](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

A **Commissioning Mass**, for those travelling from the diocese to Lisbon to participate in the **World Youth Day**, will be celebrated by Archbishop Dermot Farrell in St Paul's Church, Arran Quay on Monday 17th July at 7:30pm. Out of a total of 53 young people travelling from the Archdiocese, 3 are from Brackenstown and a total of 6 from the Swords/Donabate partnership.

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased**

Phelim Kelly  
Daniel Maloney  
Mick O'Hare  
Marie Gavney  
Geraldine Norton  
Dexter Rosales

**Anniversaries**

Leo Bracken (10A)  
Geraldine McNamara  
Douglas & Saoirse Crosbie  
Patricia Russell, Gerry Bates & Dcsd  
Members of Russell & McKenna  
Families  
Mary & Martin Coen  
Mary Cassidy  
Niall Monks (BR)

**WYD COMMISSIONING MASS**

A special commissioning Mass for the pilgrims attending world youth day from across our parish partnership (of Brackenstown, Rivervalley, Swords and Donabate), will be held **next week on Saturday 22nd of July at 6.30pm** in Donabate Church. The young people travelling would like to extend a warm invitation to celebrate this youth led mass with them! There will also be a chance to ask for prayer requests while the pilgrims are travelling. Donabate Church has ample parking and is directly opposite the bus stop for the 33B from Swords.



**10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK**

**Mon** Tommy Howard (RD)  
**Tues** John Cantwell (BR)  
**Wed** Dympna McEneaney (1A)  
**Thur** Marie Gavney (RD)  
**Fri** Kevin Kelly (RD)  
**Sat** Marie Gavney (RD)

**Fingal Host Information Roadshow** is an information evening for anyone who is hosting or interested in hosting displaced people from Ukraine in Irish Homes. Organised by Helping Irish Hosts, the Information Roadshow will take place in The Riasc Centre, Feltrim Road, Swords, K67 PX85 from 7.00-9.00pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. This is a free event and tickets to reserve your place can be got on [eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie)



The **Parish Pastoral Council** is inviting volunteers to become part of a *church cleaning group*, who would on a rota basis assist with keeping our beautiful church clean. If interested, please give your name and contact details to the parish secretary. A general clean-up of the church and its precincts will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August from 12 noon. All volunteers welcome!



**Catechesis Course**

Starting this September the Office of Mission and Ministry will be offering a **Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis**. This is a modular course over seven Saturdays in St Paul's, Arran Quay.  
**Part One of the course explores Foundations in Catechesis** with four modules:  
Module One: The Vocation of the Catechist – Called to Share Faith; Module Two: Catechesis and the RCIA  
Module Three: Catechesis, Method and Content; Module Four: Catechesis, Prayer and Liturgy  
**Part Two of the course explores Catechesis in Practice** with three modules  
Module Five: Accompanying Families for Baptism; Module Six: Accompanying Families for Holy Communion  
Module Seven: Accompanying Families for Confirmation. On completion of the course participants will receive the Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis. Assessment will be done through journaling. To register or for more information please contact [patricia.carroll@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:patricia.carroll@dublindiocese.ie).

We have accumulated a number of 'lost' personal items (mostly hats, scarves and other clothing items) over the past few months. If uncollected by the Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, they will be donated to one of the local charity shops. Also, a bracelet has been found in the Church Car Park—please contact the parish office.

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). 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 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 so early application is advised. For more information, visit [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie) or contact Eileen Houlahan, Director, Pathways Programme at 01 8087594 or [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie).



**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it  
**Bridget - 085 2812985**  
**Sunday 16th to Saturday 22nd July**  
**Please phone from 6-8pm.**  
*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"*



*Legion of Mary*

**LEGION OF MARY WEEKLY MEETINGS**

Tuesday (10:30-11:30 am in St Joseph's Room (behind St Cronan's Church, Brackenstown) 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).

**PRAYING THE ROSARY**

The Legion of Mary are an untiring advocate of the rosary championing a better understanding of it, a stronger commitment to praying it and a deeper appreciation of its power. As part of our outreach, 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.

**FRANK DUFF'S ESSAYS**

A wide selection of essays on themes such as *Mary Shall Reign, Walking with Mary etc* is available online at [Deus et Patria \(Legion of Mary\) Events \(legionofmary-deusetpatria.com\)](http://Deus et Patria (Legion of Mary) Events (legionofmary-deusetpatria.com)). Some are doctrinal, some are simple meditations on scripture, some are apologetic, some are primarily practical and pastoral. All who love the Church and yearn for its growth and extension will be grateful for these thrilling pages.

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

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