

Parish Newsletter

Ash Wednesday



Other Ideas

On Wednesday 17th February we begin the Season of Lent. It is our tradition to be signed on forehead with blessed Ashes as a sign of our trust in God's compassion. However this year we cannot apply the ashes to people's foreheads due to Covid19. So we are going to make blessed Ashes available in small bags. You will need to add holy water to them and use the prayer attached to bless those in your support bubble/household. Please do not pass onto to others outside your bubble/household. The Blessed Ashes will be available from after the 10:00am Mass all day until the Church closes at 8:15pm. Please do not gather after the 10:00am but come later as we have to avoid crowds outside the Church.

If you take Ashes for another household you must wipe the bag with an anti bacterial wipe before you hand it to them. Trócaire Boxes will also be available.

The wearing of Ashes is an outward sign of the beginning of our journey through Lent. But you don't have to come to the Church! If you have some holy water at home you can mix some ashes from your fireplace or some soil from your garden or plant pot and make the sign of the cross on your forehead



Ash Wednesday Prayer Card

Lord,
as we are marked with these ashes,
may we turn away from sin
and grow in faithfulness to your
gospel.
Amen

Accord Appeal

The **ANNUAL COLLECTION** of **ACCORD Dublin**, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, is made at all Masses next weekend **13/14 February**. The Collection for ACCORD replaces the usual Share Collection. We realise that it will be much more difficult for parishes to support us this year – although the demand for services is greater than ever.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

- ❖ Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups
- ❖ Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships currently online or by phone. Helpline 01 9059555.
- ❖ A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

Parishioners can donate in the following ways:

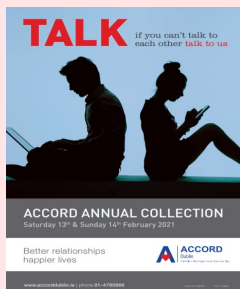
Online at www.accorddublin.ie where you will find a **DONATE** button.

By post to Accord Dublin, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3.

By bank transfer to ACCORD Dublin Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG, Bank of Ireland, 88 Lower Camden Street, Dublin 2.

IBAN: IE27 BOFI 9001 1357 0742 03; BIC:BOFIE2D.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever, please give generously on 13 & 14



Happy Retirement!



Deirdre Hourican, a dedicated and valued member of St. Cronan's Junior National School retired on Monday, the 1st of February.

Originally from Clontarf, Deirdre completed her Teacher Training in St Patrick's college Drumcondra in 1983 and commenced teaching in St. Cronan's that November.

Deirdre loved teaching and was a dedicated and innovative member of staff. She had a wonderful work ethic and contributed greatly to the improvement and development of many areas of

the curriculum and day to day running of the school. She will be remembered especially for her expertise and extensive work in the areas of Maths education and EAL teaching (English as an additional Language).

Deirdre's priority however was with the children in her care and every child was precious! She adored teaching and helping them learn. No child was left behind, she put as much planning and thought into those children who were having difficulty as those who were very bright and needed extra challenge. Deirdre was a passionate participant at all staff events. A talented basketball player for the St. Cronan's School basketball team in the 80's and 90's. Many a game was won because of her! She also participated as a wonderful dancer in St. Cronan's Schools 'Strictly' Dance Competition.

Deirdre, a keen walker, has completed the Camino De Santiago De Compostela several times, climbed Machu Picchu, hiked through the alps, to name but a few. She has travelled extensively throughout the world, living and working in Australia and England. She hopes to continue travelling in her retirement and develop her keen interest in art and languages.

We, the staff of St Cronan's, would like to wish her many blessings and happiness as she begins this new chapter in her life. She will be sorely missed as a colleague and as a friend!

COVID19 RESTRICTIONS

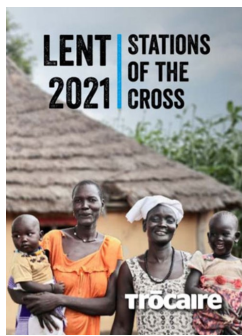
All Masses are online only: Mon to Sat 10:00am; Sunday 6:30pm(Sat. vigil) 9am and 11am

Rosary and Night Prayer online 8:30pm Mon to Fri (from 4th January) Taizé Prayer Friday 7:30pm (from 11th Jan)

Confessions Saturdays 10:45am to 11:30 in Pastoral Centre. Church closes at 6:00pm.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign 2021

This year Trocaire's Lenten Campaign will focus on exploring the Impact of Conflict on Families in South Sudan. This Lent, we learn more about the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship and solidarity.



Trócaire Mass for First Sunday Lent 11:00am on RTE 1

To begin Lent, the 2021 Trócaire Lenten Campaign will be launched on the RTE Mass on Sunday 21st February at 11:00am. The celebrant will be Fr. Paul Thornton with the Music Group and Ministers of the Word from Brackenstown Parish. We invite you to join us for the Mass and to light your candle for Awut and Ajak from South Sudan who are on the front of this years Trócaire Box.

Trócaire Boxes are available in the Church and can be returned there at the end of Lent. You can also make a donation online at www.trocaire.org

If you are cocooning or confined to your home, The Swords Branch of the Order of Malta would be happy to help you by doing your shopping or collecting your medication. Please contact 0861255235 for more details



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Due to Level 5 Restrictions, the Parish Office is dealing with all enquiries by email and online. Mass cards can be collected in the Sacristy after morning Masses at 10:30am but please email the names beforehand.



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

Candles of Hope, with Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection from the Coronavirus are

available by emailing

brackenstownparish@gmail.com

'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords



Our Hope Renewed

LENT 2021

*It is time to renew our hope!
For we are a Community of faith, hope and love.
This Lent, let us take the opportunity to connect with God and with each other. We may be confused with all that is going on in our lives but God says 'I am with you, I love you'*

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS OF LENT

Beginning on February 24th, you are invited each Wednesday at 7.30pm to an **Evening of Reflection** broadcast from Brackenstown Church. There will a guest speaker who will reflect on some aspect of Lent, as well as gentle music and prayer. This will also be broadcast on Facebook so you can watch back at a later time. Full details next week

LET'S LIVE LENT: BRINGING THE LENTEN GOSPELS TO LIFE

Join us for Pastoral Conversations - **Tuesdays @ 8pm**

February 23rd - Would you listen to Him?

March 2nd - Songs of the Sanctuary

March 9th - Into the Light

March 16th - Seeds of Hope

Presented by a team from the Office for Evangelisation & the Liturgy Resource Centre. To book email lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie

WHATSUP FOR LENT

Receive a daily message on your phone to aid your reflection and journey during lent. If you like to register contact Christina Malone 0857162 152

FAITHFEST ONLINE

Faithfest is back!! Join us for an evening of games, music, workshop, chats and prayer. Faithfest will take place **5 March from 6:30 - 8:30 online for 13-18 year olds**. For more information email: faithfest@dublindiocese.ie

Check out www.brackenstown-parish.com/lenf for more ideas on living Lent

Brackenstown Bible Study Group

We invite you to join us in our Lenten Scripture study. We will be reading St Paul's letters to the Galatians and the Ephesians. The study will commence on Monday 15th February. Our study of Galatians will take place over four weeks, followed by a three week study of Ephesians. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic 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 8.30 pm each Monday night. The current difficult situation may be an opportunity for you to deepen your relationship with Christ through becoming more familiar with the Word of God. Both letters are relatively short, with only six chapters in each, so either would be ideal for the newcomer to Scripture Study. There is no charge to take part so why not give it a go? For more details please email Paddy at pobyrne50@gmail.com.



ALL WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE OFFERED FOR INTENTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN BOOKED

**Dolores & Billy Edwards (A)
Grace Doherty (Rem)
Alan Geary (A)
Katrina & Peter Harford (A)**

PRAY FOR

Altar List of the Dead
Hugh Jackson (RD)
Mary Molloy (RD)
Frank Moreland (A)
Joe Logue (A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Madge Hickey & Dcsd Family Members and Gabriel Murphy & Dcsd Family Members
Mon: Special intention for surgery
Tues: Maureen Sweeney (RD)
Wed: Tony O'Donnell (Bday Rem)
Thur: Dawn Shorthall (RD)
Fri: Daniel Maughan (A) & Nathan Maughan (Rem)
Sat: Jacinta Moore (MM), Lorraine Tallon (B'Day Rem)

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