ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

FEAST OF ST PATRICK

17TH MARCH 2024

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Mass on Sunday 17th March (St. Patrick's Day) will be as normal for Sunday:
Saturday (Vigil) at 6.00pm; Sunday at
9.00am, 11.00am and 5.00pm.

As we celebrate our patron saint this Sunday, we take pride in our national holiday and the fact that being Irish has a significance way beyond these shores and the size of our small nation. Continuing our **Just Lent** series, this 5th Sunday of Lent focuses on migrants and refugees. War, conflict, persecution and economic necessity has made migration a reality of modern life. Just this week attention has been drawn to the plight of asylum seekers in our own city forced to live on the street in makeshift tents and in appalling conditions, with no access to toilet or cleaning facilities. In 21st century Ireland, it is a source of shame. The experience of being a migrant far from home and loved ones was familiar to St. Patrick. Indeed it is the story of generations of Irish people, particularly since the famine, who have made

the trip to England, the USA or even further afield in search of a better life. The visit of Irish politicians to various parts of the world this week to celebrate St. Patrick's Day is simply a tribute to the contribution Irish people have made to the countries where they made their home. We too are indebted to the people from different parts of the globe, who in recent years have made Ireland their home and without whom our health service and nursing home sector would collapse. May our own history nurture a deep sense of empathy for all who have been forced to leave home and family and found their way to our shores.

Loving God, in this season of Lent, you call us to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with each other, so that we can build your kingdom of justice and peace, your kingdom of love and truth, your kingdom of holiness and grace in our world today. Amen.

St. Patrick, pray for us! La Feile Padraig everyone!

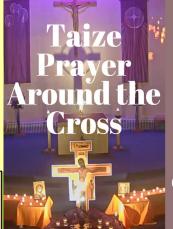
Fr. Richard



The Easter card, timetable of Holy Week Services and Easter Offering envelope are available for collection from the back of the Church at all Masses.

Easter Offerings form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese.

Many thanks to the volunteer **Church cleaning group,** which met on Saturday to do some light church cleaning. If you have an hour to spare and are willing to give a hand, please join us at 12 noon in the church **next** Saturday 23rd March.



15th March 22nd March 29th March

On each Friday of Lent, we will celebrate
Taizé Prayer Around the Cross in St. Cronan's Church at 7:30pm
ALL WELCOME

www.brackenstown-parish.com

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

Brackenstown Parish - St. Cronan's Church

Holv Week & Easter 2024

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

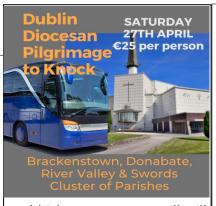
Divine Mercy Devotion 3:00pm concluding with Mass at 5:00pm

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.



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 Choir of Many Voices from throughout Archdiocese will be back this year. As in previous years, parishes should plan to arrive in Knock for 11.00am. If you would like to take part in the choir, email

knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

Our parish partnership is also planning a Pilgrimage Lourdes in September. The dates are **Sunday 15th** 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 is €40 per night.

SUNDAY MASS **INTENTIONS**

Anniversaries

George Barnes (1A) Niall Boles (BR) Patrick Kenny Joseph & Teresa Kenny Carmel O'Keeffe Dcsd Members of McTernan Family Mary Keegan

Fr. Anselm & Oliver Kelleghan James & Julia Kelleghan & Dcsd Family Members Mai Logan Jim Keith

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon Frank Walsh (RD) John & Esther Halpin & Betty Ivory (RD)

Tues Doreen McKittrick (1A) Jimmy Kirwan (6A)

Eileen Clancy (A) Michael O'Donnell (MM))

Frank Walsh (RD)

John & Kathleen Kelly & Dcsd Family Members of Kelly & Halton Families

Sat Teresa & Michael Hogan (A)

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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

Please phone Bridget - 085 2812985 Sunday 17th to Saturday 23rd March from 6pm-8pm.

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

> CO PARISH PRIEST Fr. Richard Sheehv 087 2412459 richardesheehy@gmail.com

PARISH CHAPLAIN Fr. Joseph Hao P.C. 01 8401188 brackenstownparish@gmail.com

PERMANENT DEACON Declan Colgan 01 8401188 brackenstownparish@gmail.com

PARISH SECRETARY Louise Donnelly Mon to Fri. 9:30am - 1:00pm 01 8401188 brackenstownparish@gmail.com

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

Registered Charity Number 20016166

Partnership Working Together

River Valley holds a weekly guided prayer every Thursday in Lent at 7.30pm. The focus will change from week to week in keeping with the Liturgical season.

Swords St Colmcille's Parish Book Club for Lent will read "Finding God in a Leaf" by Fr Brian Grogan. It will take place over 5 weeks, on Tuesday afternoons in the Parochial House, Seatown Road.

Brackenstown will hold a Taizé prayer service on each of the Fridays in Lent.

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 20th March at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.



Frank Duff Prayer Meeting

Legion of Mary Frank Duff was inspired with a profound insight into the mystery of the Church, the Body of Christ and of the place of Mary in this mystery. We welcome this prayer meeting every month to pray for the children in our parish preparing for the

sacraments and for their families that they may grow in love for Christ in the Eucharist. We also pray for vocations to the priesthood in the archdiocese.

You too are invited to pray for your intentions through the intercession of Frank Duff on Tuesday, 12th March 8:00pm-9:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre. The Rosary, a reading and reflection on Sunday's Gospel and a little background information about Frank Duff will be included.