

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

3RD MARCH 2024

YEAR B

The highlight of our year so far was the performance in our church on Wednesday night of *I am Mark*, Stefan Smart's presentation of the Gospel of Mark. It was a powerful presentation of the earliest and shortest of the four canonical Gospels, bringing to life both the person of Jesus Christ and the sense of urgency that Mark brings to his writing, the urgency to proclaim the Good News.

It was clear, both in Stefan's performance and in his response to the comments and questions that came from the floor afterwards that Stefan shares Mark's passion to share the Good News as often and as widely as possible. That is how he experiences God's call in his life today.



There was huge appreciation from those of us who were privileged to witness *I am Mark*, as well as from those who followed it on the webcam, some of them from the UK, but perhaps one question which it leaves us with is whether we experience the Gospel as Good News in our own life, and are we willing to share it?

Are we ready to say, I am Mark?

Fr. Richard

- A **preparation Mass for Confirmation** will take place at **6.00pm Mass this Saturday** and at **5.00pm this Sunday**.
- Children in **Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe** will celebrate the **sacrament of First Reconciliation** on **Monday 4th March** and the children from **Swords and Thornleigh Educate schools** on **Tuesday 5th March at 7.30pm** in the church.
- A **preparation Mass for Confirmation** will take place at **6.00pm this Saturday 2nd March** and **5.00pm this Sunday 3rd March**.

**Taizé
Prayer
Around the
Cross**



1st March
8th 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

Ministers of the Word

Those who read at the
6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and at the **9.00am
and 5.00pm Mass** on Sundays are invited to a
refresher meeting this Sunday, 3rd March
at 9:45 in Glasmore Abbey
in the parish centre, beginning with tea/coffee.

*New Ministers of the Word are
especially welcome!*

We welcome Fr. Joseph back after his trip home and hope that he had a good time visiting his parents and celebrating Chinese New Year!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- A Service of Thanksgiving to mark **140 years of Fingallian's GAA club** will take place at the club this **Sunday 3rd March**.
- A **preparation Mass for First Communion** will take place next **Saturday 9th March at 6.00pm** and **Sunday 3rd March at 5.00pm**.
- The volunteer **church cleaning group** will meet next Saturday 9th March at 12noon. If you have an hour to spare and are willing to give a hand, please join us at 12 noon in the church!

2024 ENVELOPE BOXES

The new Family Offering Boxes and First & Second Collection Boxes will be available for collection from the back of the Church at all Masses and from the Parish Office every morning this coming week. You can donate to the Family Offering via envelope, standing order, annual contribution, online on the parish website or by using the tap & go machine to the right as you enter through the main door. These contributions are the lifeblood for the running of the parish, and we are truly grateful to all who by their contributions help us to pay the bills. The Tap & Go machine to the right as you enter through the main door can also be used to donate for shrine candles.

Perhaps you are not contributing to the Family Offering as you are new to the parish, or you did previously help but have since lapsed in contributing? Please do consider supporting the Family Offering if you are not already doing so.

We would also like to thank you all for your contributions to the first and second collections at Mass. The first collection is for the support of the priests and the second collection is usually for Share or on occasion it is for another particular purpose. Thanks as well to all those who use the white envelopes for the first and second collections. These envelopes allow the parish to include your contributions for the annual CHY tax reclaim. There are substantial potential benefits for the Parish if the donor using these envelopes is an income taxpayer. You can also contribute to the first and second collections online on the parish website or by using the tap & go machine to the left as you enter through the main door.

Thanks again to all who support the various collections, your contributions are greatly appreciated.

The Parish Finance Committee

Partnership Working Together

River Valley plans a weekly prayer/reflection on the first Thursday of each month from February to June.

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, with an introduction on **Tuesday 13th February @ 2.00pm**. It will take place over 5 weeks, on Tuesday afternoons in the Parochial House, Seatown Road. There will be an additional session on **Tuesday 12th March at 7.00pm** for anyone who would like to read and discuss the book but can't attend the afternoon sessions.

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

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Elaine McDermott
John Sheedy
Fr Desmond J Reid
Marguerite Watkins
Matt Cowley

Month's Mind

Cora Beveridge

Anniversaries

Reginald Cheevers (1A)
Aileen Devine (1A)
Damien Byrne (10A)
Enda Rogers (20A)
Kevin Harford (50A)
Michael Emery
Alice Farrell
Margaret O'Brien
Robert Donovan
John Cuddihy
Delia O'Donohoe
James Kissane
William & Mary Lawrence
Dcsd Members Higgins Family
Dcsd Members Kiely Family

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Theo Dunne (A)
Tues	Harry & Joan Mills (A)
Wed	Marian Movement of Priests Special Intention
Thur	Special Intention
Fri	Frank Walsh (RD)
Sat	Rosaline Cox (A) James & Mary Agnew (A)

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
Sun 3rd to Sat 9th March
Please phone after 6pm.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"



BUDDHIST TEMPLE VISIT

A group from the parish are hoping to visit the Buddhist Temple in Temple Bar on **Saturday 9th March**. If you are interested, please be at the gates of Trinity College on or before **1:45pm on that day**. Organised by Mary Scanlon

COMMUNITY CONNECT

are organising a National Donation Day event called **Drive & Drop** which takes place on **Sunday the 10th March between 11:00AM—1:00PM in the carpark of St. Finian's Church, River Valley**. We are kindly asking people to support mothers and babies in need, by adding a few extra items to their shopping baskets. Some of the main items that we are collecting are nappies, baby wipes, shampoos, babygros and vests, baby hooded towels, blankets and bottles.

To Celebrate **International Women's Day** on Friday March 8th 2024 in Swords Castle from 5.45pm to 7.30pm.

Entertainment, refreshments, women speakers, Shine a Light walk in Swords Town Park. Register at [Shine A Light for Women | Fingal County Council](#) or join us on the evening.

There is a Living Well Self-Management programme starting on Thursday 7th March in Applewood Community centre, from 10:30am-1pm for 6 weeks. **Living Well** is a free group programme for adults living with any long-term or chronic condition delivered by trained leaders. You will develop self-management **skills and confidence** and meet other people who live with long-term health conditions and learn from each other's experiences. Please contact 01-897 6171 or LivingWellDNCC@hse.ie



Legion of Mary

Religious Goods & Literature Suitable gifts for families preparing for the Sacraments

First Holy Communion gifts, Confirmation gifts, children's books including **Blessed Carlo Acutis 5 steps to being a saint**, Novena of Grace Leaflets, The Order of Mass Congregational Cards, St Patrick's Day items, Candles, Statues, Bibles etc. all available in main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses. Having them in the home sanctifies the circumstances of family life.

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