

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

EASTER SUNDAY
17th April 2022 Year C

Alleluia, Jesus is Risen, Alleluia!

Today is a one of great joy as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the new life that is breathed into the Church and into all the generations of the faithful. It is the day that defines us as people of hope, a hope that is real because God walked through death to bring us to new life. As Christians this hope is the foundation of who we are and how we live. This hope is our compass in times of darkness, doubt and fear, that this too shall pass because God does not abandon us. In the readings we have heard in Holy Week, in the ceremonies that we have celebrated, we have heard how God always leads his people to something greater.

It was truly wonderful to be able to celebrate Holy Week and Easter as a family together. While we tried our best over the last two years, the true celebration

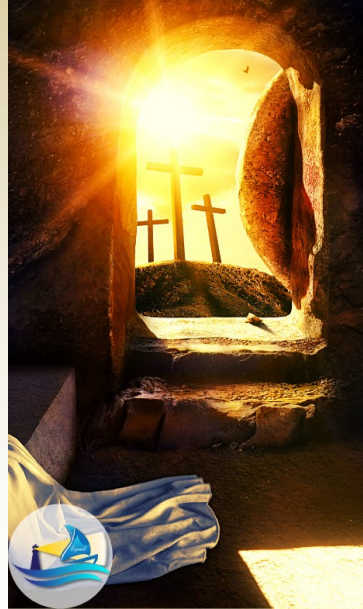
is when people come together to sing and pray. Thank you to all who delivered the Easter Cards, who organised the ceremonies and who led the different times of prayer. The Church is filled with colour and I want to thank the First Holy Communion Classes who gave us the flowers and butterflies for the front window and to Maura for the wonderful flowers. All of these help us to really mark the new life of Easter. However we are conscious of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine who continue to suffer under the invasion of Russia into their country. The images have been harrowing and suffering tragic. We must redouble our efforts to pray and work for peace. On Good Friday in the Colosseum, Pope Francis prayed the Stations of the Cross and invited people from Ukraine and Russia to pray together. We ask through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary that peace will come and come soon.

Over the past two year we have changed and adapted our lives in so many ways. As we begin the Easter Season, Archbishop Farrell is beginning a process of renewal that the Diocesan Task Force identified as needing to happen to build strong faith communities throughout the Dublin Diocese. The Task Force was called "*Building Hope*" and this is the first stage in that construction. All of the 197 Parishes in the Diocese will look at their strengths and weaknesses, the place in which they live and who are the best partner parishes for them to link with. It is a process that all of us are being asked to get involved in and shortly after Easter our *Building Hope Group* in Brackenstown will begin this work.

As the banner above the Tabernacle says "We stand before you Holy Spirit" and it is only with the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we will remain focussed on the hope that will renew and strengthen our Parish and Diocese to meet the needs of our time.

On behalf of Fr. Bibin, Niamh and Deacon Declan we wish you and your families every blessing and joy this Easter. We pray that the hope that we celebrate lifts your lives towards the life that we receive through the resurrection of Jesus.

Fr. Paul



Christ is risen! We are risen!

Each year, we celebrate the great events that give us new life in Christ and, each year, Easter is different because *we are different*. The great adventure of the synodal pathways has already begun to shape our way of being a community of faith and a solid foundation has been laid. Ultimately, it is not all about "church" but instead all about the Good News and how we may better proclaim the "yes" of God in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 1:19).

We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song!

EASTER SUNDAY 17 APRIL: (Sat Vigil) 6pm; 9am; 11am & 5pm - Easter Water will be available after all Masses
EASTER WEEK FROM 18 APRIL: MONDAY 11:00am TUESDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY): (Sat Vigil) 6pm; 9am; 11am & 5pm
DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: 2:00pm Concluding with Mass at 5:00pm

All our Holy Week ceremonies are broadcast online at www.brackenstown-parish.com

DIVINE MERCY

Jesus I Trust In You

SUNDAY 11TH APRIL 2021

Beginning at 2:00pm
Concluding with Mass at 5:00pm

St. Cronan's Church
Brackenstown Parish
www.brackenstown-parish.com



Jesus, I Trust in You!

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

There are still some places left on the bus to Knock on **Saturday April 23rd**. Brackenstown The cost is €20 per head, Please email the Parish Office if you are interested in coming.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who may wish to avail of it.
Please phone Terri - 8403243 week (Easter) Sunday 17th to Saturday 23rd April.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

The Easter Dues Envelopes

are have been delivered to all areas of the parish and are available at the back of the Church. They can be returned in the box at the back of the Church or to the parish office.

Easter Dues can also be donated using the Parish online payments facility. Go to the Parish website.

www.brackenstownparish.com and then click on the "Donate" button at the top of the page. Then select "Easter Dues Donation".

Your support to the parish is very much appreciated.

Wishing you all a very happy & holy Easter.



There will be no Adoration on
Easter Monday 18th April

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

After 10am MASS -
11:30am

Tuesday, Thursday
& Saturday

6pm - 9pm
Wednesday

3pm - 6pm
Friday



Ukraine Donation Centre in Swords Manor

We need your ongoing support to provide food and medical supplies to the most vulnerable people inside Ukraine and in neighbouring countries. Items required include:

**Long perishable foodstuffs
such as tinned & dried foods**

Toiletries, Medical Supplies & Baby Products



10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon @ Theo Dunne (RD)
11am: Pray for: Martina Harley (A & BR)

Tues: Margaret O'Brien (A)

Wed Alicia Murphy (1A)
Pray for: Bernadette Connolly (BR)

Thur: James & Julia Pentony (A)
Mary Christine Pentony (RD)

Fri: James & Kathleen Kiernan (A)
Patrick & Brigid Dempsey (A)

Sat: Rosaleen Cox (MM)

Easter Raffle for Mary's Meals

Please support the **Easter Raffle for Mary's Meals** - there are so many great prizes up for grabs! Simply make a donation via this online link (<https://bit.ly/3ITjjVg>) or in cash and you will be entered into the draw - the more you donate, the more chances you have of winning one of the prizes!

It only costs €18.30 to feed a child at school for a whole school year, with Mary's Meals. Your donation can make a huge difference in the life of a hungry child.

Many thanks for your generous support! God bless you, Aoife (Tel: 085-179 7278)



TO ENTER THE DRAW, PLEASE CONTACT AOIFE MARTIN ON TEL: 085-179 7278 OR BY VISITING <https://bit.ly/3ITjjVg> (online link to the raffle)

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a **Parent Evening** for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 20th April at 7:15pm** in the **Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin**. 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. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.



EASTER GIFTS... Crucifixes, Holy Water Fonts, Bibles, selection of Statues, Candles as well as **Confirmation gifts** and other religious items available from Legion of Mary, in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

Children's books, Messenger, St. Martin Magazine, weekly Catholic papers available from bookrack on back wall of the Church.

LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords



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