

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

10TH MARCH 2024

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Laetare (rejoice) Sunday lets us know that we are midway through our Lenten journey, and with the help of our liturgy group, we are busy planning our liturgies for Holy Week and Easter. Our Easter card and timetable of services for Holy Week and Easter will be available for collection at the entrances to the church from this weekend. As you will see, there will be something on in the church each evening during Holy Week, culminating in the Easter Triduum which begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening and runs through to Easter Sunday.

*Our **Just Lent** series continues, and this 4th Sunday of Lent, the theme focuses on racial justice. The Gospel reminds us that*

Jesus came to save, not just some, but all people, while the second reading tells us that every human being is 'God's work of art'. Pope Francis writes in Fratelli Tutti that 'every brother or sister in need, when abandoned or ignored by the society in which I live, becomes an existential foreigner, even though born in the same country. They may be citizens with full rights, yet they are treated like foreigners in their own country. Racism is a virus that quickly mutates and, instead of disappearing, goes into hiding, and lurks in waiting.' 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.

Fr. Richard



**Taize
Prayer
Around the
Cross**

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

Wishing all our
parishioners
a blessed
St. Patrick's Day



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.

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 MEETINGS

- The monthly meeting of our **Parish Pastoral Council** will take place on Monday 11th March at 7.30pm in the parish centre.
- A meeting of the **Partnership Pastoral Council**, which includes representatives from Swords, River Valley, Donabate as well as Brackenstown PPCs, will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm in the parish centre.
- A second **Liturgy meeting** to organise the liturgies for Holy Week and Easter will take place on Thursday 14th March at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre.

A preparation Mass for First Communion takes place this Saturday at 6.00pm and Sunday at 5.00pm

2024 ENVELOPE BOXES The new **Family Offering Boxes and First & Second Collection Boxes** are available for collection from the back of the Church at all Masses this weekend and from the Parish Office any morning during the week. You can donate to the Family Offering via envelope, regular 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.

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 on the 1st or 3rd Saturdays of the month.

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, 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.

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.

Congratulations to **Fr. Donal Roche** who has been appointed by Pope Francis as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Dublin! Ordained in 1986, Fr. Donal is parish priest of the Cabinteely-Johnstown parishes and episcopal vicar for the Bray, Wicklow and Donnybrook deaneries. I know Fr. Donal as someone with enormous pastoral gifts who will greatly assist Archbishop Dermot Farrell in the administration of Ireland's numerically largest diocese. I'm sure we all wish Fr. Donal every blessing as he takes up his new appointment.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead our **annual pilgrimage to Knock** on **Saturday, April 27**. Our partnership of parishes will be organising a coach to travel to Knock, and we are taking bookings already. The Choir of Many Voices from throughout the Archdiocese will be back this year. A series of workshops with interesting and thought-provoking speakers are being planned. As in previous years, parishes should plan to arrive in Knock for 11.45am. If you would like to take part in the choir or have any other queries, email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie.

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.



Legion of Mary

Frank Duff Prayer Meeting

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.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Margaret Martin (Galway)

Mary Cleary

Month's Mind

Breda Boylan

Rita Dempsey

Marie Ryan

Anniversaries

Lorraine French (1A)

Marie Gavin (1A)

Teresa Fulham (1A)

Billy Ryan (2A)

Frank Fitzgerald (3A)

Ben Galligan (4A)

Tom McArdle

Ambrose Dunne

Jack Goulding

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon Mary & Andrew Byrne (A)

Tues Frank Walsh (RD)
John & Amelia Galvin (A)

Wed Brendan Clarke (RD)

Thur Special Intention

Fri Mary & Andrew Byrne (A)

Sat Hugh Patrick O'Reilly (A)

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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

Please phone

Kay - 086 2209297

Sunday 10th March to

Saturday 16th March

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

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:30am - 1:00pm

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