

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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Reflection

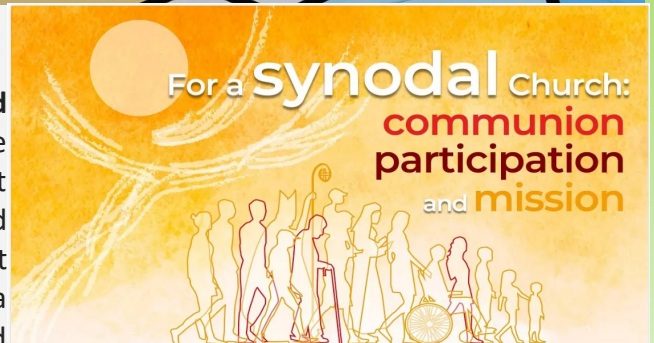
The Synod on Synodality – Communion, Participation and Mission, opens in Rome on October 4th, representing the next stage in the process of listening and discerning what God wants from God's people in the world of today. A Synod is an exceptional gathering of the world's bishops to reflect together with the Pope over a number of days or weeks on a particular theme. This Synod already breaks new ground

because we have all been involved in its preparation and in discerning what issues need to be addressed. This is what is meant by synodality. The remote preparation began two years ago with meetings at parish level in every diocese across the world, facilitated by two animators nominated by each parish. The fruits of each parish consultation were collated at diocesan level, which in turn helped to form the submission on behalf of the Irish Church, which again fed in to the reflection at European level. The fruit of all this consultation and reflection has set the agenda for the forthcoming Synod in Rome, which also marks a first in that, apart from the bishops, a number of lay representatives will participate with full voting rights.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell and the Diocesan Synodal Committee are keen that this moment of opportunity be used to build on the considerable interest shown last year when almost 13,000 people of the Archdiocese participated in the initial stages of the Synodal process. A letter from the Archbishop will be provided which may be read at the Masses on September 30th / October 1st.

A weekly newsletter will be sent to every parish each week and distributed at the weekend Masses. Let us pray that this gathering in Rome and the whole synodal process will bear fruit for the good of the whole Church.

Fr. Richard



Taizé Prayer Around the Cross

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

Next Taizé Prayer: Friday 6th October

www.brackenstown-parish.com

Our Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Reps., Mary-Liz O' Donoghue and Merry Zacharias, will speak at each Mass this weekend to mark Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday.

COFFEE MORNINGS


The Hospitality Team are organising tea/coffee in the parish centre after 10am Mass each Wednesday starting **Wednesday 27th September**


All welcome



A number of parishioners have expressed interest in participating in a parish Care for Creation committee. The meeting will take place on **Tuesday 10th October at 8:30pm.**



 **The Young Adult Choir sing at Mass on the first and second Sundays of each month and are happy to welcome new members. Please come to their next rehearsal which is on Tuesday 26th September at 7.30pm in the church.**

The Adult Choir have also resumed singing at Mass on the third and fourth Sundays of each month. They also are very happy to welcome new members. 

The Bible Timeline-understand the entire Bible!

St. Cronan's Parish will offer *The Bible Timeline* beginning on **Monday 25th September at 7.30 to 9.00 pm.** Participants will meet every week to view a 50-minute video presentation followed by a group discussion and an opportunity to ask questions. For more information or to register, please contact Louise in the Parish office tel. 01 8401188 or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com



SUNDAY MASSES: (Sat Vigil) 6pm; 9am; 11am & 5pm **WEEKDAY MASSES:** MONDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am
ADORATION: MON, TUES, THURS & SAT: 10:30AM—11:30AM **WEDNESDAY:** 6pm - 9pm **FRIDAY:** 3pm—6pm
CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 10:45am to 11:30am in the Sacristy
All our ceremonies are broadcast online at www.brackenstown-parish.com

After school religion classes for children attending Swords Educate Together, Thornleigh Educate Together and Broadmeadows Community National schools, and who are preparing for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation will begin on **Tuesday 3rd October at 3.00pm** in the Parish Centre.



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Holly O'Brien Condon
Ann Kavanagh
Fred Curtis
Edward Monaghan

Anniversaries

Noel Lynch (3A)
Bridget Green
Nellie Lowndes
Annie Fitzpatrick Savage



Altar Servers A number of children have recently expressed interest in serving Mass. Merry Zacharias, a member of the parish PPC, has volunteered to coordinate this important ministry in the church. Please let the parish office know before 1st October if your child would like to become an altar server. Training will begin in early October.

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon Margaret O'Neill (RD)

Tues Desmond Kerr (RD)
Brena Jennings (BR)

Wed Jim & May McKay (A)

Thur Vincent Cox (14A)
Birthday Remembrance

Fri Brena Jennings (RD)

Sat Special Intention

HUGG - online support group for young people (18 – 25) bereaved by suicide. There are also face-to face groups meeting in Smithfield, as well as other online groups (more information on these available on www.HUGG.ie).

Suicide prevention training can be booked via the following link: [Dublin North City and County Suicide Prevention Training/](#)

The Suicide Bereavement Liaison Office (SBLO) which is based in Pieta and covers Dublin North City and County, provides both practical and emotional support to those bereaved by suicide, including family members, colleagues or friends. More information about the SBLO service is available on the Pieta website: www.pieta.ie - [Suicide Bereavement Liaison Service website](#) .

A Sip of Support Meeting Group in B.A.S.E.

A Grief Support Group Starting

6 September 2023

Weekly Meetings every Wednesday 7-8pm



Email:

haveaispswords@gmail.com



ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

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Tap and Go Machine

Many thanks to parishioners for your continued generous contributions to the weekly Mass collections and to the Family Offering through weekly envelope or regular standing order. Parishioners and visitors who don't carry cash may contribute to the Mass collections by using the Tap and Go machine at the entrance to the church. We have recently installed a second Tap and Go machine, which facilitates parishioners and visitors who wish to make a contactless donation for candles or towards the parish maintenance costs.

Christian Meditation in Brackenstown Parish Centre every Monday at 11:00am

Meditation is a spiritual discipline, a discipline of Presence. It is about awakening to one's true self. It is about silence, the silent Presence of God. Research has shown that Meditation benefits us at a physical, mental, cognitive and emotional level. It reduces blood pressure, helps us cope with stress and aids insomnia to mention but a few. The fruits/ benefits of Meditation: Peace, love, joy, patience, understanding, kindness, goodness, freedom and self-control. Galatians:5:22. Contact Marian Burke for more info 0879703640

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it
Bridget - 085 2812985
Sunday 24th to Saturday 30th September
Please phone from 6pm-8pm.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

To prepare for the opening of the Synod in Rome on Synodality, an ecumenical **Taize Prayer service** will take place on Saturday 30th September at 7.00pm in Christ Church Cathedral. All are welcome.

The Pathways programme,

run by the Archdiocese of Dublin, begins this year in DCU St Patrick's Campus, Upper Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9, on Thursday, September 28 (7pm – 9.30pm).



There are just a few places left in this year's Pathways programme and applications are closing shortly.

Pathways is a two-year, one-evening-a-week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year, which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means.

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Registered Charity Number
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Legion of Mary Weekly Meetings

Tuesday (10:30 am in St Joseph's Room at Priest's house with Crosscare sign) and Wednesday (7:30 pm in St Cronan's Parish Centre, Brackenstown). New members welcome. Junior Legion meets Friday (5:00-6:00 pm in St Cronan's Parish Centre, Brackenstown). Meetings also on Monday (7:00 pm in Swords) and Thursday (7:00 pm in River Valley).

LAST minute Bookings! Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sunday

If you wish to travel on this pilgrimage please text Joseph (087 2600352) or Bróna (086 2104151) or leave your name and contact details with a member of the Legion of Mary at Church Repository before /after Mass TODAY Saturday. Cost €30 (includes tea and scones). Bus will leave St Cronan's Church on Sunday morning at 7:45am.