

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time
27th February 2022 Year C



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An Invitation

You are invited to a Synodal gathering on Saturday 12th March at 11am, in the Parish Centre. The word "synodal" means journeying together and this gathering will be an opportunity to share and listen to each other's experience of Church, in an organised, gentle and prayerful environment.

Why are you being invited?

Pope Francis has asked all of us to take part in sharing and listening to each other and to the Spirit. In this way we are beginning to lay foundations for our future together. The invitation is to all the baptised. Eventually, all the responses will be collected in time for the 2023 Synod in Rome.

What will happen at the gatherings?

Parish Animators have been trained to lead the gathering in a reflective, prayerful atmosphere. Questions will be presented and people will gather in small groups to share on each question and listen to each other. Each small group will have a leader who will help everyone to have the opportunity to share and will collect the feedback from the group.

Questions

When you think of your experience of Church, what brings JOY?
When you think of your experience of Church, what brings SORROW?
When you think of your experience of Church, what brings HOPE?
When you think of your experience of Church, what brings ANXIETY?

Please remember we are being asked to listen with understanding, to respect each other's experiences, and to try to walk in the other person's shoes.

What will happen to the feedback?

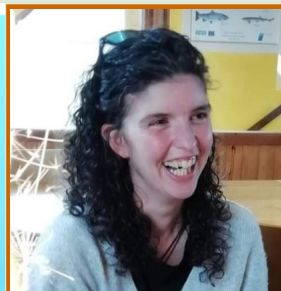
The Animators, will sort the feedback into similar themes. This will form the basis for a Report to the Diocese. The feedback will be used by the Parish Team and Parish Pastoral Council to help in pastoral planning.

When & Where

**SATURDAY 12TH MARCH
AT 11:00AM
BRACKENSTOWN PARISH
PASTORAL CENTRE**

How can you prepare for this?

Please go to the Dublin Diocesan website www.dublindiocese.ie/synod where you will find information and videos to help you. **Safeguarding and confidentiality guidelines will be in place. Gatherings will be Covid compliant.**



ENTERING RELIGIOUS LIFE

On Ash Wednesday, Sara will enter the Novitiate of the Redemptoristine Sisters in Rome.

We wish her every blessing on her journey and continue to remember her in our prayers.

ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be three Masses here with the distribution of Ashes 7:30am; 10:00am and 7:30pm.

The Ashes will be placed on your forehead by the Priest or assistant. However there will also be Ashes available in bags to take home if you are not comfortable yet with someone else putting the Ashes on your forehead. Each bag has enough for a family so please if you are taking them, take ONE per household. As the Ashes are blessed you just have to add a little water to them.

If you are a Minister of the Eucharist or Minister of the Word and are willing to help give out the Ashes, please email the Parish Office with your preferred Mass time. Volunteers from the Parish will not be going into the schools this year.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

In remembrance of all who died during the Covid-19 Pandemic and for those who worked on the frontline and all who went to such great lengths to care for each other in our society will take place on Friday the 18th March as part of our Taizé Evening Prayer at 7:30pm. You will be invited to light a candle from 6:30pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY

Will be prayed at different points in the Parish on Good Friday Evening. If you would like to nominate your road/estate to be one of the Stations and will get three readers for the prayers, please email the Parish Office.



Congratulations to Declan Colgan & Declan Barry who both got their BA in Theology. Both Declan's were ordained Deacon's for the Dublin Diocese in August 2020.

Novena of Grace

Through the Intercession of St. Francis Xavier, the Novena of Grace will be prayed at all Masses in the area from the 4th to the 12th March.

Trócaire Boxes are available at the doors of the Church. You can return them during Holy Week and we will forward the collection to Trócaire for you.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

There will be two Masses celebrating our National Patron. Vigil Mass (16th) at 7:30pm (bilingual) and 10am on the 17th. Please bring your shamrock to be blessed.



CUIDIÚ DUBLIN COUNTY
NORTH ARE A LOCAL BRANCH
OF A NATIONAL PARENT
SUPPORT CHARITY

Our local branch are delighted to announce the return of the weekly Humpty Dumpty adult (parent or carer) and child social. Cuidiú events are now cashless and links to all weekly and seasonal events can be found on their Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/CuidiuDublinCountyNorth/>

Every Thursday morning at 10 am
St Cronan's Parish Pastoral
Centre Brackenstown Parish
Suitable for children up to
preschool age (0-4yrs)
and babes in arms most welcome
Admission is €3 for members &
€5 for non-members

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER TO ATTEND
ANY CUIDIÚ EVENTS, ALL ARE WELCOME



World Day of Prayer 2022



St. Columba's Church
Swords
will be hosting a
World Day of Prayer
Service
on Friday 4th of March
at 7.30pm
All welcome!

ENGLAND, WALES & NORTHERN IRELAND

'I know the plans I have for you'

**The Parish Centre will be closed on
Ash Wednesday as there will be a
retreat taking place.**

Liam Lawton Concert - Skerries

As part of our 80th anniversary celebrations a concert with Liam Lawton will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Skerries, Co. Dublin on Sunday 13th March 2022. Liam will be accompanied by Skerries Sea Sharps Choir and special guest Leah Barniville will also feature. Tickets @ €25 are available from Skerries Parish Office (Open - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-1pm), 01-810 6771 or info@stpatricksskerries.ie and from the Book Shop, Strand Street (next door to the church). Doors open at 7.30 pm for 8 pm start.

The Masses that will be
available in the area
**Monday to Friday for Lent
from Ash Wednesday to
Spy Wednesday are:**
**8:00am (St. Colmcille's)
10:00am (St. Cronan's; St.
Colmcille's & St. Finian's) &
1:00pm in the Airport.**

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2022

Tuesday, 8th March at 7pm
**This is a free event and will be
delivered online.**

*"How women of faith are
responding to the ecological crisis"*
You are invited to attend The
St. Patrick's College Maynooth
Annual Trócaire Lecture online.

**Registration for this free
online event is required.**
Please register using this link:
[https://trocaire-org.zoom.us/
webinar/register/WN_R59M-
zzRS5in4awZc6WsdQ](https://trocaire-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_R59M-zzRS5in4awZc6WsdQ)



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Divine Mercy Novena will be
prayed from Good Friday to
Divine Mercy Sunday each day
in St. Colmcille's Church. The
Divine Mercy devotions and
Mass will be celebrated in St.
Cronan's beginning at 3:00pm
on the Sunday after Easter.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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

Sr. Mary - 8404323
Sunday 27th February to
Saturday 5th March
Please phone Sr. Mary
from 6-9.30pm

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

Religious Goods

Rosary Beads, Candles, Children's
Books, Statues, Holy Water Fonts and
other religious goods available in
Parish Centre after Saturday evening
and Sunday morning Masses. Also by
emailing
brackenstownparish@gmail.com
Catholic Papers & Magazines are
available in the new bookrack at the
back of the Church.



LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Special Intention
Tues: Dermot Browne & Tanya Flynn
Pray for: (nee Brown) (A)
Kevin Harford (A)
Tony O'Neill (A)
Wed
7:30am: Marian Movement for Priests
10am: **Pray for:** Special Intention
7:30pm:
Thur: Richard & Eva Kearns (A)
Fri: Pat Murray (1A)
Sat: Betty Dunleavy (4A)

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Peggy Doyle
Tom Harrison
Brendan Gelston

Month's Mind

Fiona Haughton
Bridget (Betty) Craddock

Anniversaries

Terry Culbert (1A)
Terry Fitzpatrick (40A)
& Terry Fitzpatrick Jnr
Joe Logue
Frank Moreland
Eugene Fitzsimons
Margaret O'Brien
Deirdre Walsh
Dolly Keane
Dermot Browne &
Tanya Flynn (nee Browne)
Gerard Keenan
Josephine Carty

Birthday Remembrance

Flora Moran

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