PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES 32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 10TH NOVEMBER 2024 YEAR B

This week I celebrated a Memorial Mass in the Fire station at Dublin airport. It was an interesting experience to celebrate Mass airside and with an enormous new fire tender as the backdrop, as we remembered deceased members of the Airport Police and Fire Service. On another day I celebrated a similar Mass in one of the nursing homes in our parish. On Friday next we will celebrate our own Memorial Mass for parishioners who died during the past year. It is always a moving ceremony as we recall by name members of

ST. GRONAN'S CHURCH Annual Mass of Remembrance 15 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7:30PM

our faith community who have passed from this life and we pray with and for their families. Though we mourn their passing, we remind ourselves that Jesus has also walked this journey of life and death and has opened the door for us to eternal life. Remembrance Day, which also falls this week, invites us to remember those who have fallen in war or in peace keeping operations. During this past year, the images of war and the terrible suffering it brings, especially to non combatants, whether in Gaza, Lebanon, Israel, Ukraine or other conflict areas, has been brought home to us nightly on our TV screens, and we have a heightened awareness and respect for the vital role played by our defence forces as part of the UN peacekeeping mission in south Lebanon. As people baptised into the life, death and resurrection of Christ Jesus, we are nevertheless people of faith and of hope, and it was never more important to live out of that hope than at the present time. At the memorial Mass in the nursing home this week, our prayers were punctuated by the happy gurgles of a five month old baby. Our faith calls us to look for, recognise and celebrate the signs of hope and of God's reconciling love around us, and to become a sign of hope ourselves.

Some teachers from Scoil Chrónáin SNS, who are heading to Uganda next summer, are holding an outdoor collection and a **Bake sale** in the parish centre directly after 11.00am Mass this Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November. The teachers will be working with local schools, sharing skills, and helping to create brighter futures for students in need. Most funding will go towards *Change Tomorrow* in Mityana, Uganda. The remaining amount will be used to aid the purchase of sports equipment, reading material and stationary for local village and government schools.

Continuing the Uganda theme, there will be a **sale of crafts** at the same time in the parish centre, and all funds raised will help families in Kampala to cover school fees.



As this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, please join us for tea/coffee in the parish centre provided by the Hospitality committee directly after 11.00am Mass

Share Appeal Sunday takes place this weekend November 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the **2024 Share Newsletter** including **Archbishop Farrell's letter** for Share Appeal Sunday can be found on the tables at the church entrances.





A Hallelujah Christmas Concert will take place in the church on Thursday 5th December at 7.30pm. There will be something for everyone in this concert which will help put us in the Christmas spirit. Already some 80+ tickets have been sold online. Tickets may be purchased at the parish office any weekday morning or online: www.HallelujahChristmas.com.

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

A preparation Mass for <b>First Communion</b> will take place on Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm and Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> November at 5.00pm.	SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS Recently Deceased Anthony Clarke
A meeting of the <b>Care for Creation</b> committee has been postponed to Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the parish centre.	Oliver Plunkett Anniversaries
A meeting of the <b>Partnership Pastoral Council</b> will take place on Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in River Valley.	Bill Barry (1A) Austin O'Malley (4A) Joan Kelly (9A)
Our first monthly <b>Family Mass</b> will take place at 6.00pm this Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November. Any families willing to be involved in organising the monthly Mass are invited to talk to Andrea or Eoin immediately after the Mass this Saturday. A rehearsal for <b>Altar Servers</b> will take place immediately after the Family Mass.	Margaret (Peggy) Dunne (17A) Mary Ann Hallissey (22A) Mary Maples (BR) Michael Dunleavy Thomas & Seamus Mongan
Follow me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John There will be <u>no</u> Scripture study class this coming Monday 11th November. Next class Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November, 7.30-8.30pm in the Pastoral Centre.	Eileen & Margaret Stokes and Dcsd Family Members Florrie O'Keeffe
to the Mass, especially those who may have lost a loved one during the past year.	<b>10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK</b> Mon Healing Intention   Tues Dcsd Members of Buckley   Family Family   Wed Eileen Boles (5A)   Maisie Ward (A) Family
<b>Sacramental Classes</b> for children attending Swords and Thornleigh Educate Together and Broadmeadows Community National schools resume this Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November from 3:00-4:00pm in the parish centre.	Thur Healing Intention
Altar List of the Dead envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the church. Those whose names are on the altar list of the Dead are remembered at daily Mass throughout the month of November and on the first Friday of every month throughout the year.	Bethany Bereavement Support Group offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it
An Information session will take place on Monday, November 18, via Zoom to give an overview of the new Diocesan Certificate in <b>Youth Ministry</b> <b>Leadership.</b> The session will explore the structures of the course, content, who might be interested and registration. The session will be repeated on Tuesday, November 26. All queries can be sent to <u>natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie</u> .	Brid - 086 6006397 - Sunday 3rd to Saturday 16th November Please phone after 6pm "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"
Register now at: <u>https://forms.office.com/e/F45cA3Hjm3</u> We respectfully remind parents that when accompanying their children to school in the mornings or collecting them after school, they are asked <u>not</u> to drive into the car park. This is for the safety of all, but especially for children attending either the schools or the play schools, and it is the reason why the barrier remains in the lowered position at times of school start and finish. Many thanks to everyone for your cooperation with these arrangements!	A Sip of Support Meeting Group located # 8.4.54 A Sip of Support Meeting Group located # 8.4.54 Redentione Index to offer a listening ear to anyone who is dealing with or living with grief. Contact email: haveasipswords@gmail.com
Pray for the Souls in Purgatory A day of prayer for the souls in purgatory at Emmanuel House, Clonfert on Sunday 10th November. Bus departs St Cronan's Church at 8:15am. Contact Nora at 8404247 or 0863292329	CO PARISH PRIEST Fr. Richard Sheehy 087 2412459 richardesheehy@gmail.com PARISH CHAPLAIN
<b>Frank Duff Anniversary Mass</b> Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> November, St Mary's Pro Cathedral, Dublin at 3:00pm	Fr. Joseph Hao P.C. 01 8401188 brackenstownparish@gmail.com
<b>Rosary Statue</b> We invite you to host the Rosary statue for a week in your home this year. It was recently blessed in our Church on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. When prayed well, the Rosary allows us to see the face of Christ in others and recreates something of	PERMANENT DEACON Declan Colgan 01 8401188 brackenstownparish@gmail.com
the atmosphere of the household in Nazareth. <u>Rosarium Virginis Mariae on the Most</u> <u>Holy Rosary (October 16, 2002)   John Paul II (vatican.va)</u> . For more information, please speak to any member of the Legion of Mary after Mass at weekends.	PARISH SECRETARY Louise Donnelly Mon to Fri. 9:30am – 1:00pm 01 8401188 brackenstownparish@gmail.com
Religious Goods & Literature - Suitable gifts for families Children's books, The Order of Mass Congregational Cards, Candles, Statues, Bibles etc. all available in main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses, Having them in the home sanctifies the	PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 9:30am - 1:00pm
& Sunday morning Masses. Having them in the home sanctifies the <i>Legion of Mary</i> circumstances of family life.	Registered Charity Number 20016166