ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

33RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 17TH NOVEMBER 2024

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This Sunday is the second last Sunday of the liturgical year, which culminates next Sunday in the celebration of Christ as universal king. The life of the Church is focussed around preparing a way for Christ's kingdom of justice and peace to become a reality among us. Both our first reading and Gospel today refer to a 'time of distress' that is inevitable before that kingdom can be fully established. This past year has seen a lot of distress and upheaval in our world. A humanitarian catastrophe is unfolding in Gaza, as civilians there are

threatened by nightly bombings, hunger and disease; the conflict in the Middle East has expanded in recent months to include Lebanon; and a war of attrition has extended into its third year in Ukraine. Meanwhile, world leaders are gathering in Baku in Azerbaijan for the Climate Change Conference against the backdrop of the recent extreme weather event in Valencia, Spain, and the likely consequences of the US presidential election; while in Ireland we find ourselves plunged into the uncertainty associated with a electing a new government. Amidst such upheaval, where is Christ's kingdom to be found? It is not in giving into despair but rather in being faithful to the Gospel in our daily actions and words, witnessing to hope, and working for peace and justice. Your kingdom come, Lord!

Fr Richard

A preparation Mass for **First Communion** will take place this Saturday 16th November at 6.00pm and Sunday 17th November at 5.00pm

A meeting of the **Pastoral Centre Committee** will take place on Monday 18th November at 6.30pm in the centre

The weekly **Bible Study** will resume this Monday 18th November at 7.30pm in the parish Centre A meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will take place on Tuesday 19th November at 7.30pm in the parish centre

The parish **Liturgy Group** will meet at 7.30pm on Thursday 21st November in the parish centre



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 meeting of the **Care for Creation** committee has been postponed to Tuesday 26th November at 7.30pm in the parish centre.

Our next monthly **Family Mass** will take place at 6.00pm on Saturday 14th December, third Sunday of Advent. During the Mass, we will have the first part of a Nativity Play. The second part will be during our Family Mass on Christmas Eve. Any parents, who would like their child to be involved in the Nativity Play, are invited to talk to Andrea immediately after the Mass this Saturday.

Follow me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

Scripture study continues this coming Monday 18th November 7.30-8.30pm in the Pastoral Centre.

The teachers from Scoil Chrónáin SNS, who are heading to Uganda next summer, would like to thank parishioners for your support of the very successful Bake sale last Sunday. Proceeds will go towards *Change Tomorrow* in Mityana, Uganda. The teachers will be working with local schools, sharing skills, and helping to create brighter futures for students in need.

Copies of the annual **Financial Report for 2023** are now available on the tables at the entrances to the church. The parish clergy and the Finance committee would like to take this opportunity to thank parishioners and visitors for your generous donations over the past year.

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.

An Information session will take place on Monday, November 18, via Zoom to give an overview of the new Diocesan Certificate in **Youth Ministry Leadership.** 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 natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.

Register now at: https://forms.office.com/e/F45cA3Hjm3

Interested in deepening your relationship and exploring your faith as an engaged or married couple, Teams of Our Lady invite you to an **Information meeting** on Saturday 23rd November at **4.30pm** in Avila Spirituality Centre, Bloomfield Ave, off Morehampton Road, DO4 YF66. For more information, phone llaria at 089 243 1725.

LECTIO DIVINA
St Finian's Church
River Valley
Tuesdays
10:30am—11:30am
Starting Tuesday
26th November 2024



DUBLIN AIRPORT CHURCH
An Evening of Christmas Music
Lambay Singers, Jacinta Scully & Guests
SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER
At 5:00PM

Tickets €15 available in the Sacristy or on the door

Gentle Yoga with Caroline at 9:30am—10:45am - Fee €75 for 6 weeks

A 6 week beginner's class starting in St Cronan's Parish Centre (beside Church). Arrive 9:15am, wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat

Chair Yoga with Caroline at 11:15am—12:15am - Pay per class €14

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!

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold a **Parent Support Evening** on Wednesday 20th November at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, D17 Y924. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died or the circumstances of their death. They also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Legion of Mary

Rosary Statue

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 the atmosphere of the household in Nazareth. Rosarium Virginis Mariae on the Most Holy Rosary (October 16, 2002) | John Paul II (vatican.va). For more information, please speak to any member of the Legion of Mary after Mass at weekends.

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 circumstances of family life.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Seamus Agnew Vincent May Babies Daithí & Eamonn Daly

Anniversaries

Bill Barry (1A)
Christine Barnes (8A)
Paddy Barrett (9A)
Mary Anne Hallissey (22A)
Madge Taaffe (23A)
Anne (nee Halligan) Slattery (30A)
Thomas & Bridget Hickey
Maura Hughes
Breege McGuinn
Dymphna McCusker
Maoiliosa & Liam MacCourt
Augustine Aissi
Melencia Mande (80BR)
Paddy McManus (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon Martha Boland (26A)

Dcsd Members of Legion of Mary

Worldwide

Tues Paddy Barrett (9A)

Wed For those who supported the family of the late Liam McDonnell

Thur Bridget Reid (A)

Fri Patrick & Breege McGuinn (A)
Dymphna McCusker (A)

Sat John Kerins (3A)

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it Brid - 086 6006397 - Sunday 3rd to Saturday 16th November Please phone after 6pm

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



Grief Support Group weekly meetings every Wednesday 7pm to 8pm. We hope to

offer a listening ear to anyone who is dealing with or living with grief.

Contact email:

haveasipswords@gmail.com

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> PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 9:30am - 1:00pm

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