

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

17TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

30TH JULY 2023

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## Reflection

We are familiar with the expression, 'Be careful what you ask for'. We often expend much energy and time in the pursuit of what we think will bring us happiness, whether it's a relationship, success, popularity or material comfort. In this Sunday's first reading, King Solomon is praised because he does not ask God to grant him any of these things. Instead, humbled by the authority which is thrust upon him, as he prepares to succeed his father, David on the throne, he asks for a discerning heart so that he can be a wise and just ruler. As our political leaders prepare a new budget in the coming months, with many competing demands, we should pray that they will be guided to make wise choices as to where to allocate resources, conscious of the need to anticipate future as well as current needs. We pray also that heads of governments around the world may have the courage to make more radical commitments towards ending poverty, addressing the migration crisis and tackling climate change.

Fr. Richard



**KING SOLOMON**

## Taize 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 4th August

[www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

## BAPTISMS



We congratulate the families of those children who will be welcomed into the community of faith through the sacrament of Baptism this Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July

**NEXT PARENT PREPARATION MEETING**  
On Thursday 3rd August at 8pm

Baptisms are held on 2nd & 4th Saturday & Sunday of each month at 12 noon

Up to three babies may be baptised at each ceremony

## WORLD YOUTH DAY

We wish every blessing for the young people from the parish partnership of Brackenstown, River Valley, Swords and Donabate, who are heading off in the coming days to participate at the World Youth Day with Pope Francis in Lisbon.

## FAITH 'N' FUN

Bible Stories, Crafts & lots more fun things to do!

**FREE - to all aged 6 - 11 years**

in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre  
Brackenstown Road, Swords



Play,  
Learn  
and  
Grow...  
Together! **Tuesdays**  
**1st August**  
**8th August**  
**2pm - 4pm**

Organised by Legion of Mary  
Registration Forms available in  
Main Porch of St. Cronan's Church  
Parish Office Phone No: 01 8401188

## Summer Dues

2023

**Summer Offering Envelopes are available at the church entrances. Summer Offerings form part of the annual remuneration of the parish and of the diocese.**

**Thank You for Supporting Your Priests**



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

## Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass times for the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady are the following:

**Monday 14th August**  
Vigil Mass 7.30pm

**Tuesday 15th August**  
Mass 10.00am

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BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

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](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

## A call for old copies of The Messenger!

Can you help us in our digitisation project?



We're seeking copies of The Sacred Heart Messenger between 1888-1985 so we can complete the digitisation of our entire back catalogue.

There may be Sacred Heart Messengers going back many years languishing in bookcases, attics, libraries or archives across the country. We're just looking for Messengers between the dates above, as we have plenty of copies from 1985 on. Call us on +353 1 775 8530 or +353 87 230 9219. Or post them directly to our office Messenger Publications, SHM Digitisation Project, 37 Leeson Place, Dublin D02 E5V0.

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St. Cronan's Church  
Parish Pastoral Council

## Invites Volunteers to become part of a Church Cleaning Group

who would on a rota basis assist with keeping our beautiful church clean.

A general clean-up of the church and its precincts will take place on Saturday 26th August from 12 noon.

If interested, please give your name and contact details to the parish secretary.

Contact the Parish Office

Many thanks to those who have volunteered already  
More are welcome!



## SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

### Recently Deceased

Eddie Pender  
William Stacey  
Margaret O'Neill  
Michael Pentony

### Month's Mind

Michael Giffney

### Anniversaries

Stephen O'Gorman (50BR)  
John Pender (4A)  
George Daly (5A)  
Pat Leyden (11A)  
John Hallissey (36A)  
Richard & Seamus Colgan  
Mick, Annie & Roy Savage

## 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

- Mon** Phyllis Byrne (3A)  
**Tues** Phelim Kelly (RD)  
Eddie Pender (RD)  
John Pender (4A)  
**Wed** Marian Movement for Priests  
**Thur** Marie Gavney (RD)  
**Fri** Dcsd Members of Brady & Davidson Families  
Baby Sophie Lyons & Kenneth Regan (A)  
**Sat** Margaret O'Neill (RD)

2023 POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES IN THEOLOGY & PHILOSOPHY

APPLICATIONS OPEN UNTIL  
14TH AUGUST

VISIT [SPPUJIE/POSTGRADUATE](http://SPPUJIE/POSTGRADUATE) FOR MORE DETAILS.

APPLY NOW



CONTACT OUR ADMISSIONS TEAM WITH ANY QUERIES:  
PGADMISSIONS@SPCMJIE T: +353 (0)1 708 3391

## B.E. - BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

B.E. is a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner, through Death, Separation or Divorce. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Seeking help is a sign of strength and self-knowledge not weakness. This is a healing ministry, which helps to resolve the grief that goes with the end of a marriage or relationship. A team, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share their experiences with you.

**Next Coping with Life Alone Programme** will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in Carmelite Community Centre, 56 Aungier St, Dublin 2. D02 T258 **Next residential Programme** will take place from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village D24 KA40. For further information please phone Dublin Team 086 0877379 or email [bedublin@gmail.com](mailto:bedublin@gmail.com)

## Catechesis Course

Starting this September the Office of Mission and Ministry will be offering a **Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis**. This is a modular course over seven Saturdays in St Paul's, Arran Quay.

**Part One of the course explores Foundations in Catechesis** with four modules:

Module One: The Vocation of the Catechist - Called to Share Faith; Module Two: Catechesis and the RCIA

Module Three: Catechesis, Method and Content; Module Four: Catechesis, Prayer and Liturgy

**Part Two of the course explores Catechesis in Practice** with three modules

Module Five: Accompanying Families for Baptism; Module Six: Accompanying Families for Holy Communion

Module Seven: Accompanying Families for Confirmation. On completion of the course participants will receive the Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis. Assessment will be done through journaling. To register or for more information please contact [patricia.carroll@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:patricia.carroll@dublindiocese.ie).

Applications are now open for the next intake of participants for **Pathways**. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Upp. Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9, on Thursday, September 28 (7pm - 9.30pm). 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 cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means. Places are limited so early application is advised. For more information, visit [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie) or contact Eileen Houlahan, Director, Pathways Programme at 01 8087594 or [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie).

**Pathways**  
Exploring Faith and Ministry



Legion of Mary

## LEGION OF MARY WEEKLY MEETINGS

Tuesday (10:30-11:30 am in St Joseph's Room (at Priests house at Crosscare sign) and Wednesday (7:30-9:00 pm in St Cronan's Parish Centre, Brackenstown). New members welcome. Junior Legion meets Friday (5:00-6:00pm in St Cronan's Parish Centre, Brackenstown). Meetings also on Monday (7:00pm in Swords) and Thursday (7:00pm in River Valley).

## UNDER MARY'S MANTLE YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE, 19<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

All Hallows College, DCU. 10:00 am - 8:00 pm (Saturday) & 10:00 am - 5:00 pm (Sunday). Join us for talks, workshops, Mass, guided holy hours and great socializing. Free parking on site. 2 Day ticket €60.

Saturday only €40. Sunday only €30. Overnight rates available. 10% discount for students.

Tickets available from <https://www.eventbrite.ie>

## PRAYING THE ROSARY

The Legion of Mary are an untiring advocate of the rosary championing a better understanding of it, a stronger commitment to praying it and a deeper appreciation of its power. Listen to a 2.42 min clip by Bishop Robert Barron on [Why Pray the Rosary? - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...). As part of our outreach, the "Rosary Statue" was blessed for use in the homes of the parish at the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to have the statue in your home for a little time, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in the main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.

## Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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

Kay - 086 2209297

Sun 23rd July to Sat 29th July  
"Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted"

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