

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

16TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

23rd JULY 2023

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## Reflection Part 2

*“The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is meant to be a small but precious sign of hope for them and for the whole Church. I renew my invitation to everyone – dioceses, parishes, associations and communities – to celebrate this Day and to make it the occasion of a joyful and renewed encounter between young and old. To you, the young who are preparing to meet in Lisbon or to celebrate World Youth Day in your own countries, I would ask: before you set out on your journey, visit your grandparents or an elderly person who lives alone! Their prayers will protect you and you will carry in your heart the blessing of that encounter. I ask you, the elderly among us, to accompany by your prayers the young people about to celebrate World Youth Day. Those young people are God’s answer to your prayers, the fruits of all that you have sown, the sign that God does not abandon his people, but always rejuvenates them with the creativity of the Holy Spirit.”*

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 23 JULY 2023

Fr. Richard.

## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2023



### PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2023

Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope,  
an example for this humanity bent by indifference,  
make me as willing as You  
to accept the will of God,  
to magnify and praise His Mercy.  
Mary, Mother of fortitude,  
you who knows my heart,  
do not allow me to become discouraged.  
I confidently surrender my life into your hands.  
Heal my wounds.  
May your tenderness accompany me on the way.  
Your presence, Mother of love,  
brings us to experience the joy  
of seeing our families united.  
Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God  
to the grandchildren and youth  
so that, in addition to praying for them,  
we can pray with them.  
Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me:  
sustain my weakness;  
breathe into my heart the consolation  
that I may leave traces of faith among the young,  
bearing witness to the beauty of life,  
knowing that life has a limit  
and that beyond it lies before us our Father’s embrace.  
Amen.

## 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  
25th July  
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



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

We welcome Fr. Sintayhu Gemchu to the parish this weekend. A diocesan priest in Ethiopia, Fr. Sintayhu spent a number of years studying in Dublin and assisting in the parish of Glasnevin. He is currently spending a month visiting Dublin and will assist Fr. Joseph in celebrating Mass here in Brackenstown for a few days while Fr. Richard is away.

## 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**

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)

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!



#### 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)

#### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

##### Recently Deceased

Phelim Kelly  
Anne McQuillan  
Doris McLoughlin  
Aleyamma Tharappel

##### Anniversaries

Cormac Carey (1A)  
Pat Leyden (11A)  
John Hallissey (36A)  
Anne Browne  
Bernie O'Leary  
Dolly & Jem Gregan  
Michelle & Teresa Taylor  
Anne Fitzsimons  
Jack, Rosaleen & Dermot O'Connell  
Darren Stafford (BR)

#### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

- Mon** Christy Martin (A)
- Tues** John Mulloney (RD)
- Wed** Ann McQuillan (RD)
- Thur** Celine O'Reilly (BR)
- Fri** John Mulloney (RD)
- Sat** Aleyamma Tharappel (MM)

#### WYD COMMISSIONING MASS

A special commissioning Mass for the pilgrims attending world youth day from across our parish partnership (of Brackenstown, Rivervalley, Swords and Donabate), will be held **this Saturday 22nd of July at 6.30pm** in Donabate Church. The young people travelling would like to extend a warm invitation to celebrate this youth led mass with them! There will also be a chance to ask for prayer requests while the pilgrims are travelling. Donabate Church has ample parking and is directly opposite the bus stop for the 33B from Swords.

#### 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).

We have accumulated a number of 'lost' personal items (mostly hats, scarves and other clothing items) over the past few months. If uncollected by the Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, they will be donated to one of the local charity shops. Also, a bracelet has been found in the Church Car Park—please contact the parish office.

#### 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"

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).



Legion of Mary

#### LEGION OF MARY WEEKLY MEETINGS

Tuesday (10:30-11:30 am in St Joseph's Room (behind St Cronan's Church, Brackenstown) 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](#). 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.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday  
9:30am - 1:00pm

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