

# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

## BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

31st Sunday Ordinary Time  
30th October 2022 Year C

### Reflection



This year Halloween falls appropriately enough on a bank holiday. Children arriving for school on Friday were already trying out their Halloween costumes! For pupils and teachers it also marks the beginning of the midterm break. Although it is associated with pagan practices, the word Halloween actually means the eve of All Hallows or All Saints which we celebrate on 1<sup>st</sup> November, followed immediately by the commemoration of All Souls on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. In keeping with the shortening days and the dying that we are witnessing in nature, November is

traditionally a month when we remember our deceased loved ones. It is good that we think too of those in our parish or in our own circle of family or friends who have lost a loved one in the past year. It is never too late to acknowledge another person's experience of loss. When we pray for the deceased at Mass, we are bringing them before God, trusting that in God they live eternal light and love. As believers in Christ let us remember those who have died and those who mourn but always in a spirit of gratitude and hope.

Fr. Richard



You will notice that we have installed two new shrine stands at the shrines nearest the sacristy (Sacred Heart and Our Lady). They take a different type of candle, which is more environmentally friendly, as there is practically no waste involved. Once the candle has burned down, it drops through the bottom of the glass container into a pool of water below, where it is extinguished. The company who supply the candles and stands are able to recuperate and reuse the left over candle wax. We invite parishioners to make a donation of 50 cent per candle being lit. We plan in the coming weeks to replace each of the shrine stands.

### Mass Times for next week

BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 31st October  
10:00am

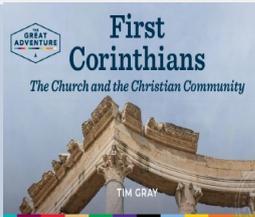
ALL SAINTS DAY

Tuesday 1st November  
10:00am & 7:30pm

ALL SOULS DAY

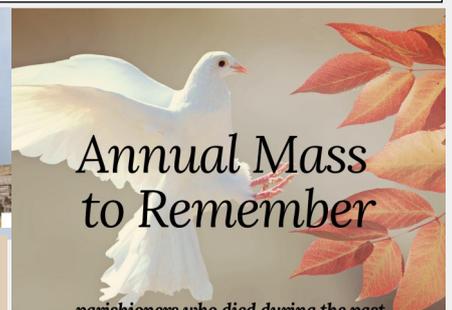
Wednesday 2nd November  
10:00am

There will be no Bible seminar on Monday 31st October because of the bank holiday. The seminars will resume on Monday 7th November at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre.



A meeting of the new Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will take place in the parish centre on Tuesday 1st November at 7.30pm.

We have completed the cleaning of the church carpet and thank parishioners for your cooperation while the work was being carried out.



### Annual Mass to Remember

parishioners who died during the past year will take place on

Wednesday 16th November at 7.30pm

### Clocks Go Back

WINTERTIME BEGINS ON SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER. A GENTLE REMINDER TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED ON SATURDAY 29TH AND ENJOY THE EXTRA HOUR'S REST!



SUNDAY MASSES: (Sat Vigil) 6pm; 9am; 11am & 5pm      WEEKDAY MASSES: MONDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am  
 CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 10:45am to 11:30am in the Pastoral Centre  
 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)

There was a very good attendance at the Information seminar on Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding on Tuesday last with Garry Kehoe. Parish volunteers (ministers of the Word or of the Eucharist, sacristans, choir leaders, etc) are asked to fill out a Volunteer Application form every three years and return it to the parish office. The form is available from the following link:

<https://csps.dublindiocese.ie/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/09/Confidential-Application-Declaration-Form-for-Parish-Staff-Volunteers.pdf>

Parish staff and volunteers, who work directly with children and vulnerable adults (those involved in sacramental preparation for First Communion or Confirmation and those bring Holy Communion to the housebound) are required to be Garda vetted. The Garda Vetting Application form is available from the following link: <https://csps.dublindiocese.ie/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2016/06/Parish-NVB-1-Form-2022.pdf>

Many thanks to all volunteers who have already completed the appropriate form and returned them to the parish office.

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who may wish to avail of it



Please phone Brid - 086 6006397  
**Sunday 30th October to Saturday 5th November. Please phone after 6pm.**  
*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"*

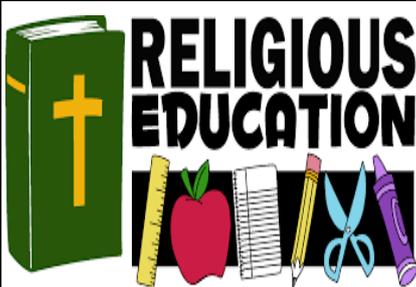
### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Recently Deceased

Noel Ryan  
 Frances Browne  
 Mark Farrell  
 Kay Malone  
 Noel Moore (MM)

#### Anniversaries

Gerry Thornton (3A)  
 Sr. Ellen O'Donoghue (5A)  
 Maryanne Hallissey (20A)  
 Norah, Michael Snr.  
 & Michael Jnr. Ward  
 Greta & John Millington  
 & Dcsd Family Members  
 Special Intention



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religion classes for children attending Thornleigh Educate Together School will begin in the coming weeks in the Pastoral Centre. Please register your child with the Parish Office if they attend Thornleigh Educate Together School and wish to be part of these classes.



As part of our move as a parish towards greener energy, we will be installing solar panels on the roof of the church, beginning next Friday 28th October. Once installed, the solar panels should generate a significant portion of the church's electricity requirement.



The Hospitality Committee are organising tea/coffee in the parish centre after 10.00am Mass each Wednesday. All are welcome



Envelopes have been left at the back of the church for the November Altar List. If you wish to have a deceased loved one(s) remembered at Mass, just write their names on the slip of paper inside each envelope, put the slip back in the envelope, together with a donation if you wish, and place the envelope in the safe or in the collection basket at Mass. Those whose names are on the Altar List will be remembered at each Mass during the month of November and on the First Friday of each month throughout the coming year.

Esras Films, an independent TV production company are producing a religious documentary series for RTÉ (our national broadcaster) on the topic of multi-national, multicultural religious marriage. In many parts of Ireland, 1 in 4 marriages had at least one nationality other than Irish – there are many potential combinations of nationalities, cultures, ethnicities and faiths. Esras Films are especially interested in those couples who choose a religious wedding ceremony. There are obviously challenges when partners come from different religious traditions, but the choice of a religious ceremony shows a mutual respect among people of faith. The aim of the series is to celebrate the rich and diverse religious life in contemporary Ireland. And marriage in particular represents a very positive and joyful union! Esras Films would like to share those stories with viewers. So they are on the lookout for multi-cultural couples preparing for Christian marriage in the weeks and months ahead. Peter Kelly of Esras Films has asked us to let parishioners know about this project. If you and your fiancé(e) are from two different nationalities or two different Christian traditions or faith backgrounds and are happy to be interviewed for the programme series, you might contact Peter directly at Tel. 087 23 007 24.

#### What do You Read?

The Irish Catholic & Catholic Voice newspapers, Sacred Heart Messenger, St. Martin Magazine, Children's books, colouring books and other booklets are available from bookrack on back wall of Church. Also, Children's Bibles and other items are available after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses in the main porch.

#### THE ROSARY

The rosary helps us to focus on the main events in the life of Jesus. It is a wonderful prayer. The "Rosary Statue" was blessed at the recent 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.

### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon	Eileen, Pat & Michael Howard (A)
Tues	Dcsd Members of O'Reilly & Cullen Families
7.30pm	Special Intention for 60th Wedding Anniversary
Wed	Healing Intention
Thur	Carmel & Maureen Cronly (A)
Fri	Paddy, Elizabeth & Michael Shields (A)
Sat	Dcsd Members of Legion of Mary

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

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