

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

25TH FEBRUARY 2024

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The theme which the Just Lent campaign proposes for our consideration during the second week of Lent is homelessness. The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent, sees Simon Peter suggesting that three tents are set up on the Mount of transfiguration. Tents in the Bible are symbolic of God's permanent presence among us, but today our towns and cities have people sheltering in tents because they are homeless. The reasons why some people are homeless are complex. Nevertheless on a cold winter's night, it is heartbreaking to think of people sleeping rough with only a piece of canvas for a roof. The situation is not helped by others setting fire to a premises which is earmarked to accommodate refugees. Meanwhile in Gaza we are aware of over a million displaced people packed into the city of Rafa sleeping in tents, with absolutely no facilities, and now threatened with having to move again. As followers of Jesus we are challenged to find practical ways to express our compassion for those who are in need.

This coming Wednesday, we are delighted to host I am Mark, a dramatic presentation of Mark's Gospel, performed by Stefan Smart. This is a unique opportunity to experience this performance, which brings to life the Gospel according to Mark, the earliest and shortest of the four Gospel accounts of the life of Jesus, the Christ. Admission is free, but you need to book online on our website or call into the parish office, where there are a limited number of tickets. There will be a collection on the night to help defray expenses.

*Fr. Richard*



**LOVING GOD, IN THIS SEASON OF LENT,  
YOU CALL US TO ACT JUSTLY,  
LOVE TENDERLY  
AND WALK HUMBLLY WITH EACH OTHER,  
SO THAT WE CAN BUILD  
YOUR KINGDOM OF JUSTICE AND PEACE,  
YOUR KINGDOM OF LOVE AND TRUTH,  
YOUR KINGDOM OF HOLINESS AND GRACE  
IN OUR WORLD TODAY. AMEN**

**I AM MARK**  
A Daring New Staging of the Gospel of Mark

Performed by Stefan Smart  
Directed by Lisa Gilmour

**FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY**  
At Church of St Cronan Brackenstown

**WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY At 7:30pm**

One Man  
One Chair  
One Incredible True Story

"Sometimes it takes a living voice, like this one, to make you hear the Bible for the first time."  
Archbishop Rowan Williams

For more information go to [www.iam-mark.com](http://www.iam-mark.com)

Entry by TICKET ONLY available ONLINE and from the parish offices of Swords, River Valley, Donabate and Brackenstown parishes  
Tickets free of charge  
A retiring collection will be taken up at the end of the evening



23rd February

1st March

8th March

15th March

22nd March

29th March

On each Friday of Lent, we will celebrate  
**Taizé Prayer Around the Cross**  
in St. Cronan's Church at 7:30pm  
**ALL WELCOME**  
[www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

**Ministers of the Word**  
For those who read at 11:00am Mass on Sundays, a meeting with some training will take place **after Mass next Sunday 25th February in Parish Centre**  
Other Mass times will be arranged over the coming weeks

**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)

The final session of the **parish programme of preparation for Confirmation** for candidates and their parents, Confirmation Connect, will take place on **Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th February from 7.00-8.00pm in the church.**

The **performance of I am Mark** will take place in the church on **Wednesday 28th February at 7.30pm.** The performance lasts two hours with an interval, and there will be a little time for audience response at the end. Book online on our website or at the parish office.

The **celebration of First Reconciliation** for the children from **St. Cronan's JNS** will take place on **Thursday 29th February at 7.00pm** (Ms. Gabbett and Ms. Telling-Malone's classes) and at 8.00pm (Ms. Mather, Mr. Brophy and Mr. McHugh's classes).

An evening of **Taize Prayer** will take place in the church at **7.30pm on Friday 1st March** and will take place on each Friday in Lent.

A **preparation Mass for Confirmation** will take place next weekend at **6.00pm on Saturday 2nd March and 5.00pm on Sunday 3rd March.**

## 2024 ENVELOPE BOXES

The new Family Offering Boxes and First & Second Collection Boxes will be available for collection from the back of the Church at all Masses next weekend and from the Parish Office every morning this coming week. You can donate to the Family Offering via envelope, standing order, annual contribution, online on the parish website or by using the tap & go machine to the right as you enter through the main door. These contributions are the lifeblood for the running of the parish, and we are truly grateful to all who by their contributions help us to pay the bills. The tap & go machine to the right as you enter through the main door can also be used to donate for shrine candles.

Perhaps you are not contributing to the Family Offering as you are new to the parish, or you did previously help but have since lapsed in contributing? Members of the parish finance committee will be present at all Masses next weekend and will be available to take your details if you would like to request a standing order or a box of envelopes. Please do consider supporting the Family Offering if you are not already doing so.

We would also like to thank you all for your contributions to the first and second collections at Mass. The first collection is for the support of the priests and the second collection is usually for Share or on occasion it is for another particular purpose. Thanks as well to all those who use the white envelopes for the first and second collections. These envelopes allow the parish to include your contributions for the annual CHY tax reclaim. There are substantial potential benefits for the Parish if the donor using these envelopes is an income taxpayer. You can also contribute to the first and second collections online on the parish website or by using the tap & go machine to the left as you enter through the main door.

Thanks again to all who support the various collections, your contributions are greatly appreciated.

*The Parish Finance Committee*

## SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

### Recently Deceased

Rita Dempsey

### Anniversaries

Terry Culbert (3A)

Deirdre Walsh

Patrick, Mary K & Bob Gallagher

Myra McNulty

Maisie Fitzpatrick

Margaret Morandeira

Christy McNally

Paddy McManus

## 10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	John & Peggy Desmond (R)
Tues	Healing Intention
Wed	David Kelly (RD)
Thur	Liam McDonnell (RD) Dcsd Members Kiely Family
Fri	Tony O'Neill (3A)
Sat	Leo Levins (RD)

### Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it  
**Support phone Terri - 8403243**  
**Sun 25th February to Sat 2nd March**  
*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"*

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
will be celebrated on  
**Friday 1st March 2024**

**Theme: "I Beg You... Bear with one another in Love"**  
The service is prepared by the Palestinian WDP Committee

**Where?**  
ST. FINIAN'S CHURCH  
RIVER VALLEY

**Time?**  
7.30 P.M.

All are welcome!

**CO-ANON FAMILY GROUPS**  
Co-Anon family groups are for friends and family members affected by the disease of addiction.  
**If you are experiencing the effects of a loved one who is using any mind-altering substance, then you are not alone.**  
**Come and join us, as we too live with or have lived with the problem of addiction and understand as perhaps few others do.**  
Find a meeting near you:  
[www.co-anon.org.uk](http://www.co-anon.org.uk)  
Contact us:  
[info@co-anon.org.uk](mailto:info@co-anon.org.uk)

### 'WELCOME TO THE WORLD' – EP

Fr. Derek Farrell has just released his new music EP **'Welcome To The World'**, the title track, along with the two other tracks, **'No Need To Be Afraid'**, and **'Come Follow'**.



Available Now to stream/download, (€5) online at:  
[derekjudefarrell.bandcamp.com](http://derekjudefarrell.bandcamp.com).

Also available to order on CD, (€5 + postage) by email to: [derekjudefarrell@gmail.com](mailto:derekjudefarrell@gmail.com)

Proceeds from this EP will go to:

TRÓCAIRE – OUR LADY'S HOSPICE & CARE SERVICES – and CROSSCARE

## BUDDHIST TEMPLE VISIT

A group from the parish are hoping to visit the Buddhist Temple in Temple Bar on Saturday 09th March. If you are interested please be at the gates of Trinity College on or before 1.45 p.m. on that day.

ORGANISED BY MARY SCANLON

**Please note that baptisms will not take place during the season of Lent, but will resume on Easter Sunday**



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

Registered Charity Number  
20016166

## Partnership Working Together

**River Valley** plans a weekly prayer/reflection on the first Thursday of each month from February to June.

The focus will change from week to week in keeping with the Liturgical season.

**Swords St Colmcille's Parish Book Club** for Lent will read **"Finding God in a Leaf"** by Fr Brian Grogan, with an introduction on **Tuesday 13th February @ 2.00pm.** It will take place over 5 weeks, on Tuesday afternoons in the Parochial House, Seatown Road. There will be an additional session on **Tuesday 12th March at 7.00pm** for anyone who would like to read and discuss the book but can't attend the afternoon sessions.

**Brackenstown** will hold a Taizé prayer service on each of the Fridays in Lent, beginning on Friday 16th February at 7.30pm.

**I am Mark**, is a Lenten initiative of the partnership of parishes and is a dramatic presentation of St. Mark's Gospel by Stefan Smart, will take place in our church on **Wednesday 28th February at 7:30pm.** Tickets can be booked online on our website <https://www.brackenstown-parish.com/iammark>



Legion of Mary

### Legion of Mary Rosary Statue

The statue of Mary, Our Blessed Mother was blessed by Fr Richard at a Mass in October in honour of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. All are invited to host this statue in your home for a week over the next 12 months. Meditating on the mysteries of Christ's life in the Rosary enables Mary to train and mold us so that Christ's divine power reaches us. It is intended to enable us to be fruitful in the mission of the Church. All the baptised have a vocation to stretch themselves to pray for the children preparing for the sacraments and for their families that they may grow in love for Christ in the Eucharist. Baptised Catholics also must pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the archdiocese. If you would like to foster a 'genuine school of prayer' in your home during Lent, please book the statue from a member of the Legion of Mary.