

# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

## BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
26TH MARCH 2023 YEAR A

### Reflection

The Gospels in Lent (Year A) for the past two Sundays have been lengthy extracts from John's Gospel: Jesus meeting with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) and the healing of the man born blind (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday). The Gospel for this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent continues the trend with the story of the raising of Lazarus. At one level it reads like a very human story of two women struggling to come to terms with the loss of their brother. The dynamics of grief are all there, including the barely suppressed anger at the unfairness of life: 'Lord, if you had been here...'. At a deeper level, it is perhaps a metaphor for the early Church's stumbling journey to resurrection faith, a key theme in John's Gospel.

Faith in the risen Christ cannot be a passive assent. It demands a response that animates who we are and how we engage with ...everything.

Fr. Richard



**Taizé Prayer Around the Cross**

Each Friday during Lent, beginning next Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, (but excluding St. Patrick's Day) we will celebrate the Taizé Prayer Around the Cross in the Church at 8:15pm.

**WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 2023**  
BEGINS 7:30PM

Service for The Seven Last Words of Jesus


- 'Forgive them, for they know not what they do' Luke 23:34
- 'Woman, behold your son...behold your mother' John 19:26-27
- 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise' Luke 23:43
- 'It is finished' John 19:30
- 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' Mark 15:34
- 'I thirst' John 19:28
- 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit' Luke 23:46

**EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES**

The parish Easter card, timetable of Holy Week ceremonies, and letter of acknowledgement to parishioners for their contributions in 2022, have been sent out to parishioners in the past week. Copies of the Easter card and timetable of Holy Week ceremonies, as well as the *Easter Offering* envelope, are now available at the entrances to the church for parishioners and visitors.




EASTER 2023



The monthly meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre

The annual **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock**, led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell will take place on **Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023**. The coach, organised among the parishes in the Swords/Donabate partnership, is completely full. Parishes are encouraged to bring altar servers to serve the Mass with Archbishop Farrell. They will need to bring their albs with them. When they arrive in Knock, meet in front of the Basilica at 1pm for a rehearsal. The Mass is at 3pm.

A meeting of the parish **Finance Committee** will take place (on zoom) on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**



The **Saint Vincent de Paul Monthly Collection** will be after all Masses **this weekend**

Societv of St. Vincent de Paul

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)

**Brackenstown Parish – St. Cronan's Church**  
**Holy Week & Easter 2023**

Brackenstown forms part of the partnership of Parishes which includes Swords + Drynam, River Valley + Dublin Airport, and Donabate + Balheary

**Palm Sunday 2nd April:** Vigil Mass: 6:00pm  
 Sunday Mass: 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 3rd to 5th April:**  
 Mass 10:00am

**Monday 3rd April:**  
 Rosary and Night Prayer 7:30pm

**Tuesday 4th April:** Reconciliation Service for the Swords Partnership of Parishes 7:30pm

**Wednesday 5th April:**  
 Adoration: 6:00pm,  
 Service of the Seven Last Words: 7:30pm

**Holy Thursday 6th April:** Morning Prayer: 10:00am  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm  
 Watch and Pray: 9:00pm – 10:00pm

**Good Friday 7th April:** Morning Prayer: 10:00am  
 Passion and Veneration of the Cross: 3:00pm  
 Stations of the Cross: 5:00pm – this will take place around the Parish with each Station being prayed on the greens in the estates. A guide and times will be in the newsletter on Palm Sunday and on Facebook.  
 Taizé Prayer Around the Cross: 9:00pm – 10:00pm

**Holy Saturday 8th April:** Morning Prayer: 10:00am  
 Easter Vigil: 9:00pm

**Easter Sunday 9th April:** Mass 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

**Easter Monday 10th - Saturday 15th April:** Mass at 10:00am

**Second Sunday of Easter 16th April:** Vigil 6:00pm,  
 Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm  
 Divine Mercy Devotion 3:00pm concluding with Mass at 5:00pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession):**

**Tuesday 4th April:** Reconciliation Service 7:30pm

**Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th April:**  
 immediately following 10:00am Mass

**Good Friday 7th April:** 10:30am-11:30am, 4:00pm-5:00pm

**Holy Saturday 8th April:** 10:30am to 11:30am.

All our liturgies are also available online at  
[www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

*We wish you and your family a blessed  
 and reflective Holy Week  
 and the joy of the Resurrection at Easter.  
 We welcome all who join us for the celebration  
 of the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies  
 in person or via webcam.  
 Together let us be renewed in the mystery  
 of God's love for us*

Your Parish Team  
 Fr. Richard, Fr. Joseph & Deacon Declan



**Bethany Bereavement Support Group**  
 offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it  
**Please phone Brid - 086 6006397**  
**week Sunday 26th March to Saturday 1st April. Please phone after 6pm**  
*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"*

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased**

Orla Watson  
 Gary Maguire  
 Doreen McKittrick

**Anniversaries**

Bernadette & Jim McConville  
 Anna Walsh  
 Marie McCauley  
 Anne Duffey  
 Jimmy Dyny  
 John Meany  
 Lorraine Tallon  
 Eileen Reilly  
 Brendan O'Reilly  
 John Byrne  
 Jim Kavanagh

**10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK**

**Mon** Special Intention  
**Tue** Special Intention  
**Wed** Michael Murphy (A)  
**Thu** Sean Rossiter (RD)  
**Fri** Eithna Moore (RD)  
**Sat** Anne, James, Teresa & Anthony Marmion (A)

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

**Registered Charity Number**  
**20016166**

**Building Hope through Servant Leadership**

This Introduction to Servant Leadership is a five session course being offered in two venues in the diocese: Kimmage Manor and Brackenstown (Swords). It is designed especially for members of Parish Pastoral Councils and those in a parish ministry, but everyone is welcome. Each session is a mixture of input, discussion, group work etc. as we explore together what Servant Leadership is and why we should be engaged in it. The 5 evenings will help people to reflect on how this relates to our Baptism, the dynamics of Group work, praying together, mission and outreach (especially around care of our common home) and a renewed understanding of co-responsibility. The growth and practice of Servant Leadership is an important key to the success of our diocesan Building Hope initiative. Places are limited and each person wanting to take part in the course needs to complete a registration form which is available on the Adult Faith section of [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie) (or by scanning the QR code on the poster).



**The Bible Timeline - Understand the Entire Bible**

The Bible Timeline on Mondays has had

to be suspended for the next few weeks. We will notify parishioners when it is to resume again.

If you do not currently contribute to the **Family Offering** and/or **First and Second Collections** at Mass using the weekly envelopes, and would like to receive a box of envelopes, contact the parish office any weekday morning.

**KNOCK PILGRIMAGE CHOIR**

Would you like to participate in a Choir of Many Voices for our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, April 29? Our pilgrimage choir will provide a unique opportunity for people from every corner of our Archdiocese to participate in our pilgrimage Mass, which will be celebrated by Archbishop Dermot Farrell. The choir will be under the direction of Ciaran Coll, who is well known for a wide variety of music ministry in our Diocese and beyond. If you would like to be part of the choir, please email [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie) with your name, your parish, the position you sing in and your phone number or email address. Alternatively, you can phone 086 369 1217 with this information. Rehearsals will be organised and we will provide updates over the coming weeks.

**Praying the Rosary**

The Rosary is one of the most widely recognized prayers in Catholicism. It has meditative depth, rhythmic beauty and spiritual power. You may listen to a podcast on why we pray the Rosary at Rosary Stories – Fr. Marius O'Reilly - Radio Maria Ireland. 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. 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.

**Resources to grow in joy, hope and confidence this Lent**

A wide variety of religious goods for First Communion and Confirmation including Rosary Beads, Candles, Children's Books, Statues and Holy Water Fonts are available in Church Porch after weekend Masses. Catholic Papers & Magazines are available in the bookrack at the back of the Church.

**Annual Young Adult Conference at DCU All Halls**  
 Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th August 2023 Save the Date! Talks-Fellowship-Faith  
 More info at [www.legionofmary-deusetpatria.com](http://www.legionofmary-deusetpatria.com)

