

# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

31st May 2020

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Year A

## Parish Newsletter

### TROCAIRE BOXES

**YOUR TROCAIRE BOX  
CAN MAKE A  
BIG DIFFERENCE**  
MORE THAN EVER, THE WORLD'S  
MOST VULNERABLE NEED YOUR HELP



This Sunday, Pentecost Sunday we will have a Trocaire Box Drop-Off outside the doors of St. Cronan's Church between 12 noon and 1pm for anyone wishing to leave back your box and go.

### New Altar Furniture

The final part of the project to replace the Altar, Ambo and Chair was installed during the week. One of the things that we were asked to have as part of the replacement was to think about how the Sanctuary is used as a focus for prayer outside of Mass times. In the past, especially in the winter, the Sanctuary area was in darkness. This week we installed soft spotlights to highlight the Altar, Ambo, Cross and Tabernacle. As you can see from the picture they draw out the beauty of each of these. It will enhance the prayerful atmosphere of the Church and help those who come here to rest in the presence of God.



### Some food for thought... Considerations for the celebration of Mass in public

The 20<sup>th</sup> of July has been set as the date for the return of public worship. We are waiting on a document to be produced by the Irish Bishops Conference which has been prepared with the National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHE). What we are expecting to see in it is the following:

Social distancing of 2meters (6ft) must be followed. This will mean marking the places where individuals can sit and creating "family benches" where members of the same household can sit together. However this gives us a maximum limit of 130 in our Church!

So how do we manage this situation?

- 1: We will need volunteers to act as stewards at all Masses. This is where I am appealing to the under 60's to take on this task.
- 2: There will be a limit of numbers which means that we have to organize who attends what Mass.

So how do we do this in a way that is fair?

In Germany you have to book which Mass you want to attend and when it is full you choose another Mass time. That's one option. We could just stop people entering and when we hit the maximum number, send people home to connect by webcam. Until there can be unlimited gatherings, put on an evening Mass on three evenings during the week as a Sunday Mass (ie: use the readings and prayers of the Sunday) so that everyone has an opportunity to go to a 'Sunday Mass'.

These arrangements will be by local decision so we have to start thinking about them and realizing that as in everything else we are in this together.

- 3: After every Mass, the benches have to be wiped down. Again we will need volunteers assigned to each Mass. If we can't put together the volunteers as stewards and cleaners then we can't have Mass.
- 4: People will have to wear facemasks at Mass. It will be your own responsibility to bring a facemask and you won't be able to come in without one.

The Parish Pastoral Council are working on the layout of the Church and we will be asking people to take on the role of co-ordinating the volunteers. These are the first things that we as a Parish have to think about and as we get the guidelines from the Bishops Conference we have a clearer picture.

#### ALL WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE OFFERED FOR INTENTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN BOOKED

Angie O'Keeffe (7A)  
Dessie Molloy (2A)  
Ellen McLoughlin (A)  
John Pentony & Alice Howel (A)

#### PRAY FOR

Rita Quinn (RD)

#### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Pauline & Thomas Nulty (A)  
**Tues:** Richard Brady (A)  
**Wed:** Patrick & Ella Kearns (A)  
Pray for: Bartle Taaffe (1A)  
**Thur:** Padraig Flaherty (26A)  
**Fri:** Jim Dunne (RD)  
**Sat:** Bridie McCarron (RD)



We wish Fr. Pat Canon Shields every blessing as he celebrates the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination. May the Lord continue to bless Fr. Pat in his ministry in St. Colmcille's Church, Swords where he is still very involved and much loved in the parish.



## Read St Luke's Gospel over 5 Weeks



**Brackenstown Bible Study Group invite you to join us in reading St. Luke's Gospel**

Brackenstown Bible Study Group invite you to join us in reading St Luke's Gospel. This coming week we will be reading chapters 3-9. There is an optional Zoom on-line group discussion/questions and answers facility available from **7.30 sharp to 8.20pm** on each Monday night. The current difficult situation may be an opportunity for you to deepen your relationship with Christ through becoming more familiar with the Word of God. There is no charge to join in so why not give it a go? All are welcome For more details please email Paddy at [pobyne50@gmail.com](mailto:pobyne50@gmail.com).

## Do you need to talk to a counsellor?

Fingal Counselling Service is open to accept new clients and new referrals. Given the current restrictions on face to face contact, all assessment and counselling appointments will be completed via telephone until the restrictions are lifted. **Call 01 8902596**

Leave your name and contact number and one of our counsellors will return your call the answer service is checked daily. Alternatively you can email us at: [info@counsellingatfingal.com](mailto:info@counsellingatfingal.com)



## Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



## Candle of Hope

These beautiful candles have the prayer of Protection from the Coronavirus by St. Francis on the back. They cost €6 and can be bought by contacting a member of Legion of Mary or through the Parish Office.

## Catholic Papers & Magazines

Are available as usual in the new bookrack at the back of the Church. All other items can be obtained by contacting a member of Legion of Mary or emailing the Parish Office.

'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords



## New Sanctuary Furniture

So far €€22,873 has been donated to our fundraising appeal, this includes a donation to cover the cost of the Ambo from the Bible Study Group and a gift from the Marie Reparatrice Sisters to cover the cost of the Sanctuary Lamp. If you wish to make a donation there are envelopes at the display at the Main Door.

The Board of Management of Holy Family S.N.S., River Valley Swords invites applications for the position of Part-time Fixed Term School Caretaker (approx. 20-24 hours per week). Please send a letter of application and Curriculum Vitae including copies of relevant certificates and details of at least 2 referees to the Chairperson, Holy Family S.N.S., River Valley, Swords, Co. Dublin or apply via email to [applications@hollyfamiliesns.ie](mailto:applications@hollyfamiliesns.ie). Please mark the envelope or email 'Caretaker Application 2020'.



## Easter Dues

Many thanks to everyone who has returned their Easter Dues Envelopes. These are still available at the back of the Church if you would like to contribute. Easter Dues can now also be donated using the Parish online payments facility. Simply go to the Parish website. [www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com) and then click on the "Donate" button at the top of the page. Then select "Easter Dues/Offerings" and enter the amount of your donation. You will need to have both your credit card/debit card and your mobile phone to hand. Your mobile phone is needed because a confirmation pin number will be texted to it. Please also consider using the online payment facility to set up a regular contribution to the Family Offering, First and Second Collections.

For more detailed instructions or further information regarding the purpose of different collections please refer to the Parish website. Click on "Our Parish" at the top of the page and then click on "Finances".

Thank you for your support, it is very much appreciated.

*Paddy O'Byrne, Parish Finance Committee*



## READINGS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

**1st Reading:** Acts 2:1-11  
**PSALM:** Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34  
**2nd Reading:** Rom 12:3b-7, 12-13  
**Gospel:** Jn 20:19-23

*Praying with  
God's Word*

View our Parish Webcam via the Parish Website [www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

CONTACT



**brackenstownparish**

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm. 01 8401661 – 087 7404729

[pauljthornton@gmail.com](mailto:pauljthornton@gmail.com)

Fr. Bibin Jacob C.S.T., C.C. 01 8408926 – 089 4238775

[brackenstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com)



**@cronanparish**



**01 8401188**

Niamh Morris, Pastoral Worker 085 7708759

[niamh.morris@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:niamh.morris@dublindiocese.ie)

Louise Donnelly, Secretary Mon to Fri. 9.30am – 1.00pm

01 8401188 – [brackenstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com)