

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th SUNDAY of EASTER
7th MAY 2023 YEAR A

Reflection

A key focus of the diocesan Building Hope initiative is to equip and empower parishioners to take on more leadership roles in parish life and ministry: gathering and leading parishioners in prayer in the absence of an ordained minister, offering opportunities for faith development, or leading a Communion service for residents in some of our nursing homes, as well as serving as members of baptism or funeral ministry teams. None of this can happen without training. To this end a diocesan team are currently delivering an excellent five session course on **Servant Leadership**. Led by Peter Siney, a parishioner and former Parish Pastoral Worker here, and Patricia Carroll, director of the diocesan office of Mission and Ministry the course is open to everyone but may be of particular interest to members of Parish Pastoral Councils and those in a parish ministry. This week they led an excellent session on the skill of listening and on taking a leadership role in a parish group. Even if you have missed the first two sessions, it is not too late to come to the remaining three sessions which continue on 11th, 18th and 25th May from 7.30pm-9pm. Participants are welcome to arrive from 7pm for tea and coffee. In order to support the development of lay leadership and ministry in parishes, the diocese needs to train more catechists and fund their ministry. This is why an annual diocesan Collection for **Lay Ministry** takes place at all Masses this weekend and replaces the usual Share collection. Please support this collection generously, which underpins the development of lay leadership and ministry.

Fr. Richard

Lay Ministry Collection

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 6TH & 7TH MAY 2023



Thank you for your support

• Time, talent and treasure • Servant leadership • Active participation

Archdiocese of Dublin

The monthly SVP collection will not be taking place this weekend but next weekend 13/14 May



In anticipation of **Ecumenical Bible Week**, which begins on 27th May, a **Pilgrim Icon of the Holy Family** is being brought to different Christian parishes around the diocese. Our parish is privileged to host the icon during the coming week. The icon

will be placed in the sanctuary and be a focus at Mass during the week. It will also be brought around to schools and nursing homes. Any family that would like to receive the icon in their home for an evening, and perhaps gather a couple of neighbours for a moment of prayer, is welcome to contact the parish office. We will deliver the icon to the Lutheran church in Adelaide Road on Monday 15th May. Photos of different places, groups, etc., that the icon has visited can be posted to our social media with [#bibleweek.ie](https://www.bibleweek.ie), [#EBW2023](https://www.facebook.com/EBW2023), [#PilgrimIcon](https://www.facebook.com/PilgrimIcon) so we can follow its journey.



The children from St. Cronan's JNS will celebrate the Sacrament of First Communion next Saturday Friday 13th May at 10.00am and at 12noon.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the boys and girls in Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe Swords & Thornleigh ETNS who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation this week!



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

Building Hope through SERVANT LEADERSHIP

An introduction to the practice of
Servant Leadership
especially for people in parish ministry and on PPCs
led by Peter Siney & Patricia Carroll from the Office of Mission & Ministry.

- Exploring 5 key themes over 5 sessions
1. Baptism Matters
 2. Groupwork
 3. Prayer Skills
 4. Care of Creation
 5. Co-responsibility

Kimmage Manor
TUESDAYS

April 25th,
May 2nd, 9th,
16th & 23rd
7.30pm - 9pm

Brackenstown
Swords
THURSDAYS

April 27th,
May 4th, 11th,
18th & 25th
7.30pm - 9pm

www.missionministry.ie

A five session course on **Servant Leadership**, to assist us with developing the diocesan Building Hope process, is currently being presented in our pastoral centre by Peter Siney and Patricia Carroll from the office of Mission and Ministry. It is open to everyone but may be of particular interest to members of Parish Pastoral Councils and those in a parish ministry. The sessions continue on 11th, 18th and 25th May and will help people reflect on how Servant Leadership relates to our Baptism, working with others, praying together, mission and outreach (especially around care of our common home) and a renewed understanding of co-responsibility. Each session will run from 7.30pm-9pm. Participants are welcome to arrive from 7pm for tea and coffee.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Anthony Gargan
Denis Kennedy

Months Mind

Margaret Murphy
Patrick Montgomery

Anniversaries

Robert (Bob) McQuillan (1A)
Dr. Joe Cox
Willie McKittrick (33A)
Seamus (24A) &
Tom Mongan
Mary O Connor (BR)



We congratulate the families of those who will receive the **Sacrament of Baptism** this Sunday 7th May at 12 noon, next Saturday 13th May at 1.30pm and Sunday 14th May at 12 noon.

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

- Mon** Special Healing Intention
- Tues** John & Esther Halpin (A)
Betty Ivory (A)
- Wed** Eileen Boles (BR)
- Thur** Gary Maguire (RD)
- Fri** Thanksgiving Mass for all who supported the family of the late Larry O'Donohoe
Frances Donlon (3A)
Special Healing Intention
- Sat** Special Healing Intention

EASTER OFFERINGS

Many thanks to parishioners for your generous *Easter Offerings* contributions, which form part of the annual remuneration for the priests of the parish and of the diocese. *Easter Offering* envelopes are available on the tables at the entrances to the church.

Many thanks to parishioners who have dropped in their Trocaire Lenten boxes over the past few weeks. Any remaining Trocaire boxes may still be left at the sacristy or parish office over the weekend.



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, please contact the parish office any weekday morning.



Legion of Mary

Frank Duff Prayer Meeting

You are invited to pray for your intentions through the intercession of Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary on Tuesday, 9th May 8:00pm-9:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre. The Rosary, a reading from Sunday's Gospel and a little background information about Frank Duff will be included.

Prayer Resources

The Legion of Mary attaches great importance to portraying our Catholic faith in a way that pleases the senses and mind aesthetically. They have a wide selection of beautiful religious goods on sale for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. 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.

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. 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.

Mass to Commemorate the 79th Anniversary of Venerable Edel Quinn

Saturday 20th May at 11am

St Saviour's Church, Dominick St, D1
The rosary will be recited before mass



Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it

Please phone

Bridget - 085 2812985
Sun 7th May—Sat 13th
Please phone from 6-8pm.

"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted"

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
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