

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

PALM SUNDAY - 2ND APRIL 2023 YEAR A

Reflection

We are about to enter the most solemn week in the Church's year, Holy Week, which invites us as pilgrim people to journey with Jesus through the last days of his earthly life. Even as people of faith, how often do we stop and ask ourselves who is Jesus Christ? Who is he for me? In what way does his life and death have meaning...for me? What difference does faith in Christ make in my daily life? How do I understand resurrection? Where do I encounter the risen Christ? It is worth taking time to ponder some of these questions as we journey through Holy Week and experience the different moods and themes of the various liturgies. We begin with the jubilation marking Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We move very quickly to the intimacy of the last Supper and the darkness of Gethsemane on Holy Thursday, the ugliness of the mock trial and crucifixion on Good Friday, the silence of Holy Saturday, and the extraordinary experience and proclamation of resurrection on Easter Sunday. Because of what is happening in the world, or indeed in our own lives, these liturgies will speak to us in a very different way than last year or any other year. You are invited to attend as many of the liturgies as you can, and to bring someone with you. Like last year, our Good Friday outdoor stations of the cross will visit fourteen different areas of the parish. Please join us at the station which is nearest to where you live and perhaps even accompany the cross to the next station, or follow the stations live on the web. The fourteen areas are listed below in the order which the route will follow. Allow approx. 15 minutes between each station. May our journeying together build up our faith community



Fr. Richard

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

Copies of the parish 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. The Holy Week ceremonies are listed here below:

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

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

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WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 2023
Service for The Seven Last Words of Jesus

7:30PM

“Forgive them, for they know not what they do”
Luke 23:34
Reflection by Maryanna O’Leary

“Woman, behold your son—
behold your mother”
John 19:26-27
Reflection by Peter Siney

“Truly, I say to you,
today you will be
with me in paradise”
Reflection by Luke 23:43
Rev. Johnny Holland
(Baptist Church, Swords)

“It is finished”
John 19:30
Reflection by Fr. Richard Sweeney

“Father, into your hands
I commend my spirit”
Luke 23:46
Reflection by Jean Stacey

“My God, my God,
why have you
forsaken me?”
Mark 15:34
Reflection by Una Malloy

“Thirst”
John 19:28
Reflection by Fr. Joseph Han

HOLY THURSDAY 6TH APRIL

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
7:30PM

FOLLOWED BY WATCH & PRAY
9:00PM - 10:00PM



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The annual **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock**, led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell will take place on Saturday, 29th April 2023. The coach, organised among the parishes in the Swords/Donabate partnership, is full.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

- Recently Deceased**
- George Barnes
 - Charlie Carroll
 - Karl Dempsey
 - Pauline Fitzpatrick
 - Patrick Hickey
 - Gary Maguire
 - Maeve Scanlon
 - Ian Williams
- Anniversaries**
- Aileen Devine
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- Aileen Smyth (2A)
 - Martin Hamilton (3A)
 - Brendan Cunningham (31A)
 - Fr. Anselm & Oliver Kelleghan
 - James & Julia Kelleghan & Dcsd Family Members
 - Jim Keith & Mai Logan
 - Jim Maguire
 - Joe Enright
 - Patrick Crosbie
 - Catherine McNally (BR)

The Brackenstown branch of the Joseph's Young Priests Society are very grateful for the generous support of Brackenstown Parish during the Church gate collection on the weekend of 18th / 19th March. A total of €910 was collected. Thank you.

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. If anyone has a query regarding the acknowledgment they received, please contact the parish office during the week.

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.

PORTMARNOCK PARISH are running two Pilgrimages

To find out more details, please contact Pat O'Connor 087 261 0405.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: 9th- 17th November 2023
Cost €1,855 with single room supplement

Lourdes Spiritual Holiday: 15th -19th June 2023
Cost €670 with single room supplement

Good Friday

Morning Prayer 10:00 am

Passion & Veneration of the Cross 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross around the Parish 5:00 pm

Taizé Prayer around the Cross 9:00 pm - 10:00pm

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness: "by his wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24



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EASTER CRAFT FAIR

Seeking local crafters and vendors €20 per table and chair (provided)

DM TO APPLY FOR A TABLE

BASE RESOURCE CENTER
BRACKENSTOWN CHURCH
GROUNDS SWORDS

OR CALL 01-8902593
9AM - 12:30PM

SUNDAY 2ND APRIL
9AM - 4:30PM



10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

- Mon** Pat, Frank, Florrie, Jim, Chris & James Cantwell (A)
Pray for: Special Intention
- Tues** James & Mary Agnew (A)
Jack & Agnes McGinnis (A)
Dcsd Members Higgins Family
- Wed** Marian Movement for Priests
Pray for: Jim Long (BR)
- Thur** **HOLY THURSDAY**
- Fri** **GOOD FRIDAY**
- Sat** **HOLY SATURDAY**

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 - Sunday 2nd April to Saturday 8th

Please phone from 6-8pm
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

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 (or by scanning the QR code on the poster).

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 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.

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, 4th April 8:00pm-9:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre. The Rosary, a reading from Sunday's Gospel and little background information about Frank Duff will be included. Perhaps you might like to pop in after the Reconciliation Service? All will be most welcome.

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.



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