

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

Parish Newsletter

9th February 2020
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020

On Thursday 13th February &
Friday 14th February
the boys and girls from
St. Cronan's SNS will celebrate
their Confirmation

The Car Park will be CLOSED
from 8:45am until 2:45pm

On Thursday 13th and Friday 14th
Mass will be at 9:00am

Those going to the morning Mass at 9:00am will be allowed in and are asked to please leave straight after Mass. Please remember the children in your prayers.

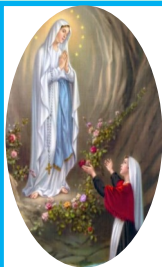
INVITATION TO AN INFORMATION EVENING ASK MAJELLA PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES

Featuring a talk about "Ask Majella" followed by a presentation about our Lady of Guadalupe
Speakers: Kate Meenagh (Lead Advisor) & Dr. Rita O'Connor

TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY AT 7:30PM—9:30PM

Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords

Contact: Aoife Collins 085 7825 065



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES GROTTO ROSARY

Tuesday 11th February

Volunteers required to recite the rosary every hour on the half hour, commencing 9:30am—9:30pm. Please sign the roster at the back of the Church or contact a member of Legion of Mary.



ACCORD
DUBLIN
Catholic Marriage Care Service

The **ANNUAL COLLECTION** of **ACCORD Dublin**, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of **15 & 16 February 2020**.

The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

- Marriage Preparation courses
- Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships.
- A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support. Please give generously on 15 & 16 February.

2020 Envelope Boxes

The new boxes of Family Offering Parish Envelopes will be available to be collected at the back of the Church after all Masses on the weekend of 22nd/23rd of February. Your support for the Family Offering is greatly appreciated. The Parish depends on the voluntary contributions of parishioners for the running and development of the Parish.

The new envelope boxes for the **First and Second collections** at Mass will also be available to be collected at the back of the church after all Masses on the weekend of 22nd/23rd February. There are substantial potential benefits for the Parish if the donor uses these envelopes for the collections at Mass and is an income taxpayer. Last year the Parish received a CHY income tax refund of over €43,698. Our previous highest tax refund had been €34,214 in 2010.

You can request a box of envelopes or a standing order form for the Family Offering to support the running of the Parish by contacting the Parish office Tel 8401188, or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com. There are also forms available on the tables at the back of the church. Completed forms can be placed in the white post boxes in the Church or returned to the Parish office. The Parish depends on the voluntary contributions of parishioners for the running and development of the Parish. Thank you to all who support the Parish so generously.

Paddy O'Byrne, Finance Committee

The Family Mass Group looks after the **12.30pm Mass on Sunday**. **New adult volunteers are needed. If you would like to help, please contact the Parish Office.**



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm:	Michael O'Mahoney (A)
9:00am:	Altar List of the Dead and Intentions of Parish
11:00am:	John Bond (A)
12:30pm:	Gretta, John & John Jnr. Millington (A)
5:30pm:	John & Anne McGuinness (A)

PRAY FOR

John Bond (2A)
Patrick Byrne (5A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon:	Intentions of all those who supported the family of the late John Cantwell (RD) in their recent loss Pray for: Bridget Green (A)
Tues:	John, Florence, Jim, Pat, Frank & Chris Cantwell (R)
Wed:	Special Intention
Thur:	Patrick, Mary, Simon, Teresa & Johnny Marmion (A)
Fri:	Bridie, Philip, John & Josie Hackett (A)
Sat:	Special Intention

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Often in our culture, the Church's teachings on marriage and family life are presented in a negative tone. Yet the basics of family life and love are what so many in our world dream of and seek to realise.

ACCORD exists to support people, old and young, realise this dream. It does not work with a rulebook, but helps people find within themselves the ability to discern, to look at their own attitudes and relationships, and to see them in a different way, in the light of the message of Jesus Christ.

- In primary and secondary schools, ACCORD helps students acquire an understanding of human relationships and sexuality.
- Couples preparing for marriage have the opportunity to reflect on their relationship, their future lives together.
- ACCORD's counselling service is there to help couples explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties they may be experiencing.

Over 35,000 people came to ACCORD during 2019; 33,000 students, 1300 couples preparing for the sacrament of marriage, and 1200 couples who were experiencing some challenge in their relationships.

The story of ACCORD Dublin is a success story. Its services continue to be in demand, and feedback from people who have experienced the services indicate that it is both a worthwhile and beneficial experience.

It is for this reason that I ask you to support the work of ACCORD at this annual collection. Life is not always easy; we need to know that there is help along the way.

I pray for God's blessing on you and your families.

*+ Diarmuid Martin
Archbishop of Dublin*

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 19th February at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

New Sanctuary Furniture

So far €11,605.00 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.

Dates for your Diary in 2020

Confirmation	13th & 14th February	St. Cronan's
Confirmation	5th March	GSBB
Lent Retreat	17th—21st March	
Confirmation	25th April	ETNS
First Holy Communion	9th May (10:00 & 12:00)	St. Cronan's
First Holy Communion	16th May (10:00)	GSBB
First Holy Communion	16th May (12:00)	ETNS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Mon: 10.30 am – 11.30 am
Wed: 6.00 pm – 11.00 pm
Fri: 10.30 am – 5.45pm
Sat: 10.30am – 11.30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on the last Sunday of every month from 4pm—5pm. Can you stay 1 hour with me? We encourage new people to come & join us.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation souvenirs, necklets, cards, rosary beads, etc. as well as other religious items & books, available main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

PRAYING THE ROSARY

Honour the Mother of God this year with the Rosary. Let us help you get started by having the Rosary Statue in your home. Just leave your contact details with a member of the Legion of Mary in the main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass and suitable arrangements will be made for you.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR OUR LADY?



Legion of Mary needs new members to help Our Lady bring Jesus to more people. Meetings are held in the new location—"Crosscare" room at priest's house, on Tuesdays at 10:30am, Wednesdays at 7:30pm and 4:45pm on Fridays for Junior members in Parish Pastoral Centre. Why not come along and see what you can do!



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund. December Standing Order: €3,719 Family Offering €690.84

1st Collection €1294.33 (Tax €329.61)
Share Collection €1022.68 (Tax €220.61)



**2nd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
1st Reading: Is 58:7-10
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 2:1-5
Gospel: Mt 5:13-16

MAKE THIS LENT MORE MEANINGFUL!
Ash Wednesday 26th February
Carmelite Sisters Monastery, Seapark, Malahide
From 10am—4:30pm
To Book: Contact Sally 087 6226620
Cost €35 Bring Packed Lunch

Beginning Experience- Coping With Life Alone Programme
Men and women, separated or widowed? Are you coping?. Beginning Experience could help you. We are a voluntary peer support group, led by trained facilitators dedicated to helping people through their grief and sorrow. We, like you have all suffered a loss and through Beginning Experience we are truly living again. We are running a One-Day Coping with Life Alone Programme on **Saturday March 7th** @ Carmelite Centre, Whitefriar Street, Dublin 2. This programme is designed for anyone in the initial stages following a loss through separation, divorce or death. It will allow you to work through your initial grief in a safe, confidential and supportive atmosphere with others who have suffered similar losses.
For more information please contact: bedublin@gmail.com or 086 0877379 or beginningexperiencegbandi.org.

View our Parish Webcam via the Parish Website www.brackenstown-parish.com

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