

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12TH NOVEMBER 2023

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Reflection

With a conflict bringing untold suffering to civilians in the Holy Land, war continuing in Ukraine, and the increasing existential threats to humanity posed by both climate change and artificial intelligence (AI), the world can at times seem a very dark place.

This Sunday's Gospel comes as a timely reminder that the task of Christian believers is to keep the light of hope and faith alight, precisely in difficult times. We do that primarily through prayer, alone or as a gathered community, through small but meaningful actions of solidarity with those who are suffering, such as fasting or supporting the various organisations which are bringing relief to those most in need, and through our own commitment to justice, peace-making and reconciliation. We also do it by remembering to thank God for our blessings every day. In this month of November, when we remember those in our families and in our community who have died, it is also about reaching out to those who are bereaved. *As someone once said, 'it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness'.*

Fr. Richard



Keep the Light of Hope Alight




The Hospitality Committee will host tea/coffee in the parish centre after **11.00am Mass on the second Sunday of each month**, beginning this Sunday 12th November. The Hospitality Committee would greatly welcome the assistance of new volunteers. Please contact the parish office if you are willing to help out, even occasionally.



There is **NO** Scripture study class this Monday 13th November.

Classes resume Monday 20th November

We welcome the children who are preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion and who will join us for Mass at 6pm this Saturday and at 5pm on Sunday.



COMMEMORATION OF THE SERVANT OF GOD
FRANK DUFF
FOUNDER OF THE LEGION OF MARY
43RD ANNIVERSARY MASS
in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough St., Dublin 1
Saturday 18th November 2023 at 3.00pm
Very Reverend Msgr Dan O'Connor
Principal Celebrant & Homilist
ALL ARE WELCOME
BORN 7th JUNE 1889 –
DIED 7th NOVEMBER 1980

St. Cronan's Church, Brackenstown Parish
Annual Mass to Remember



The annual Mass in remembrance of parishioners who died during the past year, will take place on

Thursday 16th November at 7.30pm

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the parish centre

Share Appeal Sunday takes place this weekend, November 11/12. The Share Appeal Sunday newsletter,

SHARE
APPEAL SUNDAY
November 11/12, 2023

containing Archbishop Farrell's letter, and poster, can be found at <https://dublindiocese.ie/share2023/>. To learn more about how collections, gifts, donations and bequests support the work of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin, contact Patricia Clifford at the Office for Financial Development at 01 8087527

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 & SAT: 10:30AM—11:30AM WEDNESDAY: 6pm - 9pm FRIDAY: 3pm—6pm
All our ceremonies are broadcast online at www.brackenstown-parish.com

Confirmation Connect, the parish programme of preparation for Confirmation for candidates and their parents, continues each Monday and Tuesday in November from 7.00-8.00pm in the church.



The monthly meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will take place on Tuesday 14th November at 8.00pm in the parish centre.

The launch of the new **Dublin Diocesan Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Policy** will take place in the parish centre on Wednesday 15th November at 7.30pm.

The annual **Mass in remembrance of parishioners**, who died during the past year, will take place on Thursday 16th November at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the parish centre. All parishioners are welcome to attend and to remember loved ones who have died.

Altar List of the Dead envelopes are available around the church. When completed, they may be deposited in the box at the back of the church or handed in to the sacristy or parish office. All those whose names are on the Altar List will be prayed for at Mass throughout the month of November and on the First Friday of every month.

A Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Farrell celebrating Funeral Ministry and the consolation and hope we offer as Church to the bereaved, and an accompanying **Pastoral Aid** to assist with discussion locally as to how we can develop this significant pastoral ministry in a time of change, are available at www.dublindiocese.ie under the Building Hope tab.

The **Miscarriage Association of Ireland** are holding their annual **Service of Remembrance** this Sunday 12th November at 3.00pm in St. Teresa's Church, Donore Avenue, Dublin 8. All parents, siblings, grandparents and others affected by the loss of a baby are very welcome to attend, whether the loss was recent or a long time ago.

Journeying to Christ through Advent - A new faith sharing group resource for parishes to use during Advent - will be available from November 14. Training on how to use this resource will take place on November 14 from 7.30-9.00pm via Zoom. **Online registration is now open** for the training on the Adult Faith section of www.missionministry.ie.

The Church of St Francis Xavier (Gardiner Street Parish) would like to invite you to join us for **Talks on the Mystics**. This is a series of seven talks by Fr Brendan Comerford SJ on seven different Christian mystics on Saturday mornings from November 4 to December 16, 10am to 12.15pm, in the John Sullivan Room. No registration needed. Simply come and be inspired by the lives of St Catherine of Siena, Julian of Norwich, St Teresa of Avila, St John of the Cross, St Pierre Favre, St Edith Stein and Pope St John XXIII. Listen to Fr Brendan introducing the Talks on the Mystics: <https://youtu.be/vwMxxuZ0Gck/>.

The annual **Statement of Receipts and Payments for 2022** is now available for parishioners on the tables at the entrances to the church. Please feel free to take a copy.

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding an **Evening for Bereaved Parents** on Wednesday 15th November at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Dublin, D17 Y924. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died or the circumstances of their death. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.



Legion of Mary

Legion of Mary Rosary Statue

The statue of Mary, Our Blessed Mother was blessed by Fr Richard at a Mass in October in honour of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. All are invited to host this statue in your home for a week over the next 12 months. Meditating on the mysteries of Christ's life in the Rosary enables Mary to train and mold us so that Christ's divine power reaches us. It is intended to enable us to be fruitful in the mission of the Church. If you would like to foster a 'genuine school of prayer' in your home, please book the statue from a member of the Legion of Mary.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

William Barry
Siobhan Casey

Anniversaries

Eileen Boles (4A)
Joan Kelly (6A)
Colette Savage
Peg & Joe O'Reilly

Dcsd Members of Rooney Family
Dcsd Members of Kelly Family
Healing Intention

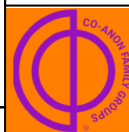
10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon Dcsd Members of Buckley Family
Tues Maisie Ward (A)
Wed Liam Martin (RD)
Thur Fred Curtis (RD)
Fri Bernie Lynch (RD)
Maura Hughes (A)
Rosemary O'Haire (2A)
Sat Special Intention

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it
Please phone Kay 086 2209297
week Sunday 12th to Saturday 18th November

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



Co-Anon Family Groups Ireland

If you or a family member are experiencing the effects of a loved one's addiction, then you are not alone.

"If one parent finds recovery, normal life resumes.

If both parents find recovery, the opportunities are limitless."

Zoom online meeting
Sunday 8 - 9pm

Meeting ID: 8513 5740 236
Password: 257756

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