

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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Reflection

Last weekend witnessed two

terrible and sudden tragedies in two north African countries: first the earthquake in the Atlas mountains in Morocco, and barely a day later the awful destruction caused by the failure of two dams in Libya as a result of torrential downpours. Both events have caused enormous infrastructural damage and resulted in the deaths of several thousand people and the displacement of thousands of others. The sheer scale of what has happened, and our physical distance from both countries, risks numbing us to the reality of human suffering involved for each individual or family affected. Yet, these tragedies call forth our compassion and prayer as people of faith for all those involved. They also remind us how vulnerable we are to events outside our control, and how often it is the poorest communities who suffer most. As Christians journey through this Season of Creation, we are reminded too of the urgency of doing what we can to address the challenge of climate change.



Fr. Richard

In recognition of the Season of Creation (1st Sept-4th October), Jane Mellett who coordinates the Laudato Si campaign for Trocaire, will speak at the 6.00pm Mass next Saturday 16th and at the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses on Sunday 17th September. A number of parishioners have expressed interest in participating in a parish Care for Creation committee. We will be organising our first meeting in the coming weeks.



This weekend, Crosscare, the diocesan Social Care Agency will hold its Annual Appeal for Homeless Prevention Services. This will replace the Share collection at all Masses. As well as providing residential homeless services, Crosscare is working with hundreds of families and individuals who are at risk of losing their existing accommodation. Please support the Crosscare collection at Mass, or you can donate online at www.crosscare.ie.

Next Sunday is diocesan Safeguarding Sunday. Our Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Reps, Mary-Liz Donohoe and Merry Zacharias, will speak at Masses next weekend.

The Adult Choir have resumed singing at Mass on the third and fourth Sundays of each month. They are very happy to welcome new members. Come along to the next rehearsal which is on Tuesday 19th September 8.00pm—9:30pm in the church.



The Bible Timeline-understand the entire Bible!

Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that you can understand the Bible, and *The Bible Timeline*, a twenty-four-part Bible study, makes it easy.

Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives you the keys to understanding the story woven throughout Scripture. You will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the story of our faith.

St. Cronan's Parish will offer *The Bible Timeline* beginning on Monday 25th September at 7.30 to 9.00 pm. Participants will meet every week to view a 50-minute video presentation followed by a group discussion and an opportunity to ask questions. For more information or to register, please contact Louise in the Parish office tel. 01 8401188 or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com



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

UPCOMING MEETINGS IN PARISH CENTRE

- * Meetings for Parents of children who wish to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** in the coming year will take place on **Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th September at 7.00 and 8.00pm** in the Parish Centre.
- * A meeting of the **Parish Finance Committee** will take place on Zoom at 9.00pm on **Monday 18th September.**

The Annual General Meeting for all groups which use the Pastoral Centre for their meetings/activities will take place on **Thursday 21st September at 7.30pm.** A representative of each group which plans to host activities in the centre in the coming year must attend the AGM, at which Licence Agreements will be signed.



Tap and Go Machine

Many thanks to parishioners for your continued generous contributions to the weekly Mass collections and to the Family Offering through weekly envelope or regular standing order. Parishioners and visitors who don't carry cash may contribute to the Mass collections by using the Tap and Go machine at the entrance to the church. We have recently installed a second Tap and Go machine, which facilities parishioners and visitors who wish to make a contactless donation for candles or towards the parish maintenance costs.

Christian Meditation in Brackenstown Parish Centre every Monday at 11:00am. Meditation is a spiritual discipline, a discipline of Presence. It is about awakening to one's true self. It is about silence, the silent Presence of God. Research has shown that Meditation benefits us at a physical, mental, cognitive and emotional level. It reduces blood pressure, helps us cope with stress and aids insomnia to mention but a few. The fruits/ benefits of Meditation: Peace, love, joy, patience, understanding, kindness, goodness, freedom and self-control. Galations:5:22. Contact Marian Burke for more info 0879703640

BASE AUTUMN CLASS LIST	
Monday	CREATIVE WRITING GROUP 10am-12pm (with Facilitator) CROCHET/KNITTING 7:30pm-9:30pm SIGN LANGUAGE (ISL) 7:30pm-8:30pm
Tuesday	YOGA 6pm-7pm
Wednesday	ART - ADVANCED 9:30am-11:30pm YOGA 10am-11am CROCHET/KNITTING 11:45am-1:45pm
Thursday	FLOWER ARRANGING 10:30am-12:30pm
Friday	ART - BEGINNERS 10am-12pm

All Classes are 10 Week Terms (€100)
Over 65's - €65 - excluding Sign Language
To Enquire please phone 01 890 2593 or email jenny.baseswords@gmail.com

A Sip of Support Meeting Group in B.A.S.E. Brackenstown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin K67 PH96
A Grief Support Group Starting 6 September 2023
Weekly Meetings every Wednesday 7-8pm
We hope to offer a listening ear to anyone who is dealing with or living with Grief

*If you cannot fly then run, if you cannot run then walk;
If you cannot walk then crawl,
but whatever you do, do your best to keep moving forward*



Email: haveasipswords@gmail.com



Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 20th September at 7:15pm** in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924. 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.



The Pathways programme,

run by the Archdiocese of Dublin, begins this year in DCU St Patrick's Campus, Upper Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9, on Thursday, September 28 (7pm - 9.30pm).

There are just a few places left in this year's Pathways programme and applications are closing shortly. Pathways is a two-year, one-evening-a-week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year, which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means.



Legion of Mary Weekly Meetings

Tuesday (10:30 am in St Joseph's Room at Priest's house with Crosscare sign) and Wednesday (7:30 pm in St Cronan's Parish Centre, Brackenstown). New members welcome. Junior Legion meets Friday (5:00-6:00 pm in St Cronan's Parish Centre, Brackenstown). Meetings also on Monday (7:00 pm in Swords) and Thursday (7:00 pm in River Valley).

Upcoming Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Sunday 24th September Legion of Mary Pilgrimage. If you wish to travel on pilgrimage please contact Joseph (087 2600352) or Bróna (086 2104151) or leave your name and contact details with a member of the Legion of Mary at Church Repository before /after Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. Cost €30 (includes tea and scones). Bus will leave St Cronan's Church at 7:45am.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Liam Martin
Josie Flynn
Brendan Newman

Anniversaries

Ann Cawley
Monica Hughes (1A)
Mick Byrne (10A)
Margaret O'Neill (nee Malone) (10A)
Tony O'Reilly (20A)
Brendan Farrell (21A)
Mary & Phyllis McQuillan
Kathleen Dunne
John Joe, Eileen & Sean Lynch
Anna Nessmann
Christina Gleeson
Patrick Byrne (85BR)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon Frank Slocket (RD)
Pray for: Mary McCarthy (90BR)
Tues Michael Pentony (RD)
Wed Brena Jennings (RD)
Thur Mary Lane (RD)
Fri Sr Margaret Hilliard & Sr Ellen O'Donoghue (A)
Sat For those who sympathised with the family of the late Noel O'Toole (RIP)
Pray for: Peter & Anne Smith (A)

St. Francis Coffee morning and paper crafts
Teresa McQuillan
20 Pine Grove Park
starting at 10:15 a.m.
All are welcome



Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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

Please phone Brid - 086 6006397
Sun 17th to Sat 23rd September
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

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