

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

21st February 2021 ✠ First Sunday of Lent ✠ Year B

Parish Newsletter



**Living Lent in
Brackenstown Parish**
online
www.brackenstown-parish.com

PRAYER

We invite you to join us for prayer



Rosary and
Night Prayer
Mon - Fri
8:30pm



Taizé Prayer
Friday
7:30pm

Stations of the
Cross
Monday after
Mass



Good Friday
around the Estates
of the Parish from
6:00pm

Retreat and Novenas

Times of Prayer and Reflection



Wednesday
Evening
Reflections with
Guest Speaker and
Prayer
7:30pm



Novena of Grace
St. Francis
Xavier 4th - 12th
March



Novena of St. Joseph
11th - 19th March

Support and Solidarity

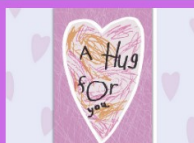
Reaching out and building up



Daily reflections and other
resources throughout Lent on our
facebook page



Supporting the
work of Trócaire
through the
Lenten Box



Reachout to
neighbours and
friends

www.brackenstown-parish.com



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, 5th March 2021

Where: CRONAN'S CHURCH,
BRACKENSTOWN PARISH
(www.brackenstown-parish.com)

Time: 12 NOON (on line)

'Build on a strong foundation'

Written by Christian
women of Vanuatu



Through the worship service we hear the voices of the Vanuatu women, located in the South Pacific Ocean who invite us to focus on the Bible story in Matthew 7:24-27. Jesus tells a story about the kingdom of heaven using the image of a house and the land on which the house is built. Choosing the land on which to build a house in this area is an important decision for people in Vanuatu. The combination of considering the terrain and the climate is crucial as the area is prone to earthquakes, cyclones, volcanic eruptions and rising sea levels. On 6th April 2020, Vanuatu was hit by Cyclone Harold, which had made its way across the Pacific destroying many islands in its wake.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign 2021

This year Trocaire's Lenten Campaign will focus on exploring the Impact of Conflict on Families in South Sudan. This Lent, we learn more about the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship and solidarity.



Trócaire Mass for First Sunday Lent 11:00am on RTE 1

To begin Lent, the 2021 Trócaire Lenten Campaign will be launched on the RTE Mass on Sunday 21st February at 11:00am. The celebrant will be Fr. Paul Thornton with the Music Group and Ministers of the Word from Brackenstown Parish. We invite you to join us for the Mass and to light your candle for Awut and Ajak from South Sudan who are on the front of this years Trócaire Box.

Trócaire Boxes are available in the Church and can be returned there at the end of Lent. You can also make a donation online at www.trocaire.org

COVID19 RESTRICTIONS

All Masses are online only: Mon to Sat 10:00am; Sunday 6:30pm (Sat. vigil) 9am and 11am

Rosary and Night Prayer online 8:30pm Mon to Fri (from 4th January) Taizé Prayer Friday 7:30pm (from 11th Jan)

Confessions Saturdays 10:45am to 11:30 in Pastoral Centre. Church closes at 6:00pm.

My name is Siobhan Blackwell and I am currently undertaking an MBA at Trinity Business School. As part of this programme, I am fortunate to be working with Siel Bleu on a Social Enterprise Project. They provide a very important service in the form of exercise programmes to the older age community in Ireland. Of course, with COVID they are currently offering these classes online and they have done a remarkable job pivoting during these very challenging times.

My team and I have put together a short survey to better understand the current demand for exercise classes amongst the older age community in Ireland. Online exercise classes provide older people with an opportunity to improve their wellbeing and social interactions in a safe environment.

We would be *extremely* grateful for the opportunity to share this anonymous survey with your parish members. I look forward to hearing your feedback or answering any questions you may have.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JKBQ8VF>

cross care

On behalf of CROSSCARE, I would like to express our sincere thanks to the parishioners of St. Cronan's Church, Brackenstown for their recent donations to our Annual Appeal on the weekend of 19/20 September 2020. The amount raised was €2,349.71.

Due to Level 5 Restrictions, the Parish Office is dealing with all enquiries by email and online. Mass cards can be collected in the Sacristy after morning Masses at 10:30am but please email the names beforehand.



Church Art Calendars & Catholic Papers & Magazines are available in the new bookrack at the back of the Church.

Candles of Hope, with **Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection from the Coronavirus** are available by emailing

brackenstownparish@gmail.com

'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords



ALL WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE OFFERED FOR INTENTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN BOOKED

**Frank Moreland & Joe Logue (A)
Mena Walsh (A)
Mary Ryan (A)
Chrity (A), Jimmy & Teresa McNally**

PRAY FOR

Altar List of the Dead
Mandy Lawless (RD)
Lena Lowndes (RD)
Martin Kinsella (RD)
Ann Foster (RD)
Paddy McManus (A)
Margaret Morandeira (13 A)
Lorraine Tallon (Bday Rem)
Brigid Kelly (16 A)
Patricia, John Snr & John Jnr Keane (A)
John Kelly (Bday Rem)
May Shinnors (16A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Judith Hamill (A)
Anne Hopkins (MM)
Tues: David Carroll (12A)
Wed: Patrick & Mary Kate Gallagher (A)
Thur: Dawn Shorthall (RD)
Fri: Mary Nihill (RD)
Sat: Special Intention

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Our Hope Renewed

LENT 2021

*It is time to renew our hope!
For we are a Community of faith, hope and love.
This Lent, let us take the opportunity to connect
with God and with each other. We may be confused
with all that is going on in our lives but
God says 'I am with you, I love you'*

LET'S LIVE LENT: BRINGING THE LENTEN GOSPELS TO LIFE

Join us for Pastoral Conversations - **Tuesdays @ 8pm**

February 23rd - Would you listen to Him?

March 2nd - Songs of the Sanctuary

March 9th - Into the Light

March 16th - Seeds of Hope

Presented by a team from the Office for Evangelisation & the Liturgy Resource Centre. To book email lisia.cashen@dublindiocese.ie

WHATSUP FOR LENT

Receive a daily message on your phone to aid your reflection and journey during lent. If you like to register contact Christina Malone 0857162 152

FAITHFEST ONLINE

Faithfest is back!! Join us for an evening of games, music, workshop, chats and prayer. Faithfest will take place **5 March from 6:30 – 8:30 online for 13-18 year olds.** For more information email: faithfest@dublindiocese.ie

Check out www.brackenstown-parish.com/lent for more ideas on living Lent

If you are cocooning or confined to your home, The Swords Branch of the Order of Malta would be happy to help you by doing your shopping or collecting your medication. Please contact 0861255235 for more details



**ORDER OF MALTA
IRELAND**



Brackenstown Bible Study Group

We invite you to join us in our Lenten Scripture study. We will be reading St Paul's letters to the Galatians and the Ephesians. The study will commence on Monday 15th February. Our study of Galatians will take place over four weeks, followed by a three week study of Ephesians. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the study will be home based. There will be an optional Zoom, on-line group discussion/questions and answers facility available from 7.30 to 8.30 pm each Monday night. The current difficult situation may be an opportunity for you to deepen your relationship with Christ through becoming more familiar with the Word of God. Both letters are relatively short, with only six chapters in each, so either would be ideal for the newcomer to Scripture Study. There is no charge to take part so why not give it a go? For more details please email Paddy at pobyrne50@gmail.com.

