

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

6th June 2021 Year B
CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY



TREE OF KNOWLEDGE



We will have our 'Tree of Knowledge' in the Church over the next few weeks. If you know of anyone who is sitting an exam, you can use the paper and tape to add their name to the tree. All those sitting exams will be remembered in our prayers at this time.

BUILDING HOPE TOGETHER DUBLIN DIOCESAN TASK FORCE

Shortly after Easter, Archbishop Farrell set up a Task Force to look at the needs of the Diocese and to work to support Parishes, Diocesan Agencies and Chaplaincies, to undertake a radical renewal. This is to help us to look to the future with hope and creativity. The members of the Task Force come from various backgrounds in pastoral ministry, education, adult faith formation, social justice, strategic and policy planning. They come from various parts of the Diocese and there is a balance between lay and clerical, and male and female.

There are four stages to the work of the Task Force:

- To gather the thoughts and ideas of people
- To assess the themes and comments that come through
- To report to the Archbishop
- To offer a pastoral approach which is inclusive and appropriate to our time.

Stage one is underway with the consultation of Parish Pastoral Councils, Parish Finance Committees, Parish Secretaries, Parish Pastoral Workers, Priests, Healthcare Chaplains and various other groups. An important part of this stage will be the general consultation to which you are invited to respond. In the second week of June a link to the 'General Consultation Document' will be sent out on Parish websites, Facebook pages and the Diocesan Website. We will let you know when this becomes available.

Here are some suggestions to how you might engage with the consultation:

- As an individual you are invited to engage.
- As a family you are invited to have a conversation with a mix of generations in your family and ask one of them to fill in the consultation form.
- As a group of friends or those involved in a particular ministry to have a conversation about what is being asked and for one of the group to fill in the form.
- As a parishioner to invite friends and neighbours to engage with the consultation, reaching out to those who may not hear about it through the Church.

From the time the consultation begins there will be a two weeks opportunity to engage with the form and return it. All responses to the consultation are anonymous. As the forms are received we will endeavour to keep people informed of how it is progressing.

The Task Force has to present an interim progress report to Archbishop Farrell by the end of June and offer pastoral response, based on the gathered wisdom by the end of August. This is a big task and one that will incorporate the work done by various committees and groups over the years. As well as completing the consultation form, please pray for the work as it progresses that the Holy Spirit will guide the Task Force in supporting Parishes and others as we look to the future with creativity and hope.

Fr. Paul (a member of the Task Force)

Baptism – First Holy Communion – Confirmation

This week the government reviewed the advice on the celebrations of the Sacraments of Initiation. The advice now reads: From 5th July *first communions, confirmations and baptisms may take place. Related family gatherings should strictly adhere to prevailing public health advice on household mixing, including visitors to your home and indoor and outdoor dining. Any decision to schedule such ceremonies should take account of the disease situation in the local community.*

In reflecting on what this means Archbishop Farrell said: "In line with the gradual reopening of society, from 5th July onwards, Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Baptisms, may take place while complying with Covid-19 guidance but ideally, where possible, should be rescheduled for the Autumn when it will be safer to do so...It is understandable that children and their families have been looking forward to celebrating these sacraments and postponement is upsetting, but the priority is to protect the child, their family and the wider community."

The Parish Team, taking this advice and the results of the survey monkey are adopting the following:

From 5th July the **Baptisms** that were scheduled for June will be offered new dates in July. On the 20th June a second batch of dates will be offered to those on the waiting list, which will happen in August to mid-September. A third batch will be offered in early August for late September and October.

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place from Monday 17th August. There will be two ceremonies each day at 12:00noon and 3:15pm (to allow school traffic to move). A draw will take place online on 17th July to allocate the dates and times.

The Service of Light will take place at 7:00pm and 8:00pm on 15th, 17th and 18th June by Zoom. An email will go out to parents letting them know when their Service of Light will take place.

First Holy Communion will hopefully begin on Saturday 11th September. There will be two ceremonies at 12:00noon and 2:30pm. The preferred day for First Holy Communion from the survey was a Saturday so we have organised that all the First Holy Communion will take place on a Saturday. A draw will take place online on the 11th of August to allocate times and dates.

Please note all of this is subject to the public health advice at the time of the planned ceremonies. The limitation on numbers will continue probably for the rest of the year. You will be advised of numbers when we are in touch with you about your date. Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be done a class at a time and will be more than likely limited: Confirmation: the candidate, sponsor and 2 parents/guardians. First Holy Communion: the child and 2 parents/guardians.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Special Intentions
Tues: Special Intentions
 Pray for Colette Doyle (RD)
Wed: Margaret & Fred Booker (A)
Thur: Orla O'Brien O'Sullivan (2A)
Fri: Special Intention
 Pray for John Corcoran (1A)
Sat: Special Intention

ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND ARE OFFERED FOR:

Anniversaries

Eddie O'Callaghan (1A)
 Greg Barry (1A)
 Eileen Devane (2A)
 Daniel & Grace Duffy
 Thomas Lowndes
 Teresa Hammond (nee Lowndes)
 Eileen, Pat & Michael Howard
 Barney McNally
 Bartle Taaffe
 Mary, Paddy, Dominic & John Fleming
 Pauline Gallagher
 Joe O'Loughlin
 Johnny O'Reilly
 Jack Rogers
 Martin & Bridget Kilduff

Recently Deceased

Johno Mande (40 Day Rem)
 Michael Dolan



In January of this year, Pope Francis announced a new celebration in the Church year- World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. It will be held each year on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the Feast of SS Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary. Pope Francis said 'grandparents are the link between the different generation, to pass on to the young the experience of life'

AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY YEAR
 19 March 2021 - 26 June 2022



www.catholicbishops.ie

Statues of St. Joseph, Candles of Hope with **Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection from the Coronavirus** are available by emailing: brackenstownparish@gmail.com Catholic Papers & Magazines are available in the new bookrack at the back of the Church.

'LIKE' Legion of Mary
 Brackenstown Swords



Bethany Bereavement Support Group offers a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who might wish to avail of it. Please phone Bridget - 085 2812985 from **Sunday, Kay - 086 2209297 - week Sunday 6th June to Saturday 12th June.** Please phone after 6pm. We offer our sympathy to anyone who has been bereaved during these very difficult months. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted".



Tarsus Scripture School Summer School

Believing and belonging: Biblical Perspectives on the Community of Faith.

15 pre-recorded lectures;
 2 webinars (Welcome Webinar on 1 June;
 and Q+A on 22 June);

Resources Available from June 1

Registration open from May 26 Cost €40

Register at www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie

Biblical Models of the People of God. (Jessie Rogers)
Experience of church in Mark's Gospel, the book of Revelation and the First Letter of Peter. (Sean Goan)
The Pauline assemblies: Rows, Reconciliation, Renewal. (Kieran J. O'Mahony)

INTER-FAITH TALKS SERIES

On Tuesday 15TH JUNE at

7:00pm we will have the

next in our series of Inter-

Faith talks with an introduction to the

Buddhist Tradition. The presentation will be

on Zoom so if you want to join us then,

please email the Parish Office at:

brackenstownparish@gmail.com



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