

# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

11th April 2021

Second Sunday of Easter Year B

## The great gift of Easter is HOPE!



### PEACE BE WITH YOU

#### Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High Aileen Smyth

On Good Friday as we began the reading of the Passion, the Lord called Aileen home after a long and courageous battle with cancer. It was a very appropriate timing as the Liturgical Calendar was very important to Aileen and the celebration of Holy Week and Easter were the highlights of her year with the choir and preparing the Church over the years. Aileen made a huge contribution to this Parish in developing the quality and variety of liturgical music and working on how we express the different seasons in the decoration of the Church.

Music in the Church wasn't just about the choir, it was about the whole congregation singing not just the hymns but all the parts of the Mass. One of her proudest moments was when Dr. John O'Keeffe, the Director of Sacred Music at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, came to play the organ and hear the setting of the Mass of St. Mel, which he composed. He was taken aback to hear the whole congregation singing all the parts including the Creed! and has referenced the experience when people say to him, that you can't get a congregation to sing a whole Mass! But that was Aileen's gift, to have a plan and bring people along with her.

One of the things that Aileen did each year which was very much appreciated by families was to prepare the Book of Remembrance for November. Families would send in pictures of their loved one with a piece about their lives. In reading about the person, Aileen would include appropriate pictures of clipart. When families came to look at the book, they were touched by the care that she had taken with their memories.

Aileen was an inspiration to many from the children she taught in Virgin Mary Girls School, to the Choir and other musicians in the Parish and through her work in the Irish Church Music Association. She will be missed as a friend and neighbour and most of all by her family, Harry, her husband, Gavin and Muireann, her son and daughter, Sinead and Paul, her daughter-in-law and son-in-law and of course by her beautiful grandchildren Nina and Conor and her grand-dog, Meadow.

Aileen we thank you for your talent, generosity, encouragement, laughter, prosecco, attention to detail and your living witness to faith.

*Ar dhéis Dé go raibh a hanam dhílis*

**Masses during the week Monday to Saturday 10:00am Sunday Masses: Vigil 6:30pm (Sat.) 9:00am and 11:00am.  
Confession Saturday 10:45am to 11:30am Rosary and Night Prayer Monday to Friday 8:30pm. (All Online Only)**



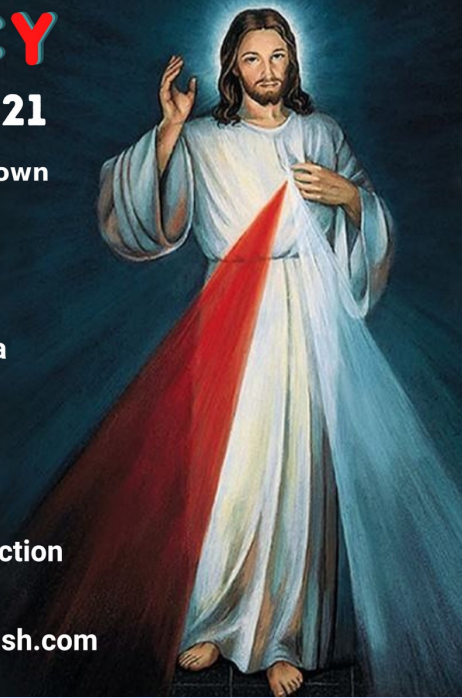
# DIVINE MERCY

## SUNDAY 11TH APRIL 2021

from St. Cronan's Church, Brackenstown  
www.brackenstown-parish.com

2:50pm Blessing of Image  
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament &  
Readings from the Diary of St. Faustina  
3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
3:30pm Rosary  
3:50pm Veneration of the Image  
4:00pm Stations of the Cross  
followed by Prayer and Solemn Benediction

online only @ [www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)



The Petition Box for Devine Mercy Devotions will be on a table at the Divine Mercy Shrine at the back of the Church. These petitions will be brought forward during our devotions next Sunday.

### ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND ARE OFFERED FOR:

Enda Rogers (B'day Rem)  
Ann, James, Teresa  
and Anthony Marmion(A)  
Mary Maples (A)  
Patrick (Paddy) Harrington (5A)  
Grace Dalmini (1A)  
Altar List of the Dead

Pray for:

Aileen Smyth (RD)  
Bernie Costelloe (RD)  
Jack Leonard (RD)  
Jim Kavanagh (RD)  
Nancy Fagan (RD)  
Catherine McNally (B'Day)  
Jim Maguire (A)  
John & Amelia Galvin (A)  
Vincent, Charlotte & Fintan Delamere (A)  
Jack, Mary Ellen, Pat & Dick Delamere (A)  
Dick Slattery (A)  
Nora Wilson (1A)  
Christina (Chrissie) Coffey (1A)  
Decd. members of Pawley  
and Shiels Families  
John Behan (A)  
John Jennings (A)

**Easter Dues Envelopes** are available at the back of the Church and can be returned by placing in one of the White Boxes at the back of the Church.

Easter Dues can now also be donated using the Parish online payments facility. Simply go to the Parish website. [www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com) and then click on the "Donate" button at the top of the page. Then select "Easter Dues Donation".



### Trócaire Box Return

You can now return your Trócaire Box to the Church after Mass or leave it into the Parish Office which is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:30am until 1:00pm. Please do not leave the boxes in the Church outside of these times. We will accept them up to the end of the month and will also take last years if you still have them. Your support make a huge difference to another.



Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer  
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.

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group**, St. Colmcille's Parish, Swords, extends our sincere sympathy to anyone who have been bereaved during the past difficult year. We offer our free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who might wish to avail of it. **Please phone Sr. Mary 8404323 - week Sunday 11th April to Saturday 17th April.** Do not grieve alone or unaided. It's good to talk.

*"Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted".*

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](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com)

'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords



### Holy Week Prayer Packs

We had a great response to the Holy Week Prayer Packs. We thank those who put them together and who filled the bottles of Easter Water.

The Easter Water is available in the Holy Water Barrel beside Our Lady's Shrine but you must bring your own bottle.

Please **DO NOT** bring back the booklet or any part of the Holy Week pack. Those that have been brought back we put in the green bin due to public health guidelines.

### Inter-Faith Talks Series

On Tuesday 20th April at 7:00pm we will have the next in our series of Inter-Faith talks with an introduction to the Sikh Faith by Dr Jasbir Singh Puri. The presentation will be on Zoom so if you want to join us then email the Parish Office [brackenstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com)



### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Special Intention  
**Tues:** John Donnelly (RD)  
**Wed:** Delia O'Donoghue (RD)  
**Thur:** Hugh Jackson (RD)  
Ann, Tom &  
Philomena O'Leary (A),  
**Fri:** Lyndsey Byrne (A)  
Eileen Farren (A)  
Mary Ryan (RD)  
**Sat:** Special Intention

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