

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK

9th May 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B

It is with great joy that we welcome people back to Mass from Monday 10th May. We are very grateful for all the messages of support and kindness over the past few months while we have been online, knowing that we were joined together in prayer and will continue to be until things are fully restored.

Archbishop Farrell in welcoming the Government announcement about the reopening has also been clear that we have to be extra vigilant with our safety procedures. We are the only group that has been allowed to have people gathering inside and the reason for this is the good practice that we had in place the last time we were open.

Many of you will have been vaccinated and as I have seen in talking with you, greater peace of mind and confidence comes with this. There is also a growing feeling that we are in the last days of the pandemic. While there are great signs of hope we are far from the end of this and we have to be extra careful, particularly in coming to Church.

Please follow these guidelines as we gather together again:

- You must wear a facemask covering your nose and mouth
- Sanitise your hands when entering and leaving the Church
- Follow the advice of the steward in directing you to a seat and once seated please do not move around the church.
- The church is divided into two pods each holding up to 45 people. There is no crossing from one pod to the other.
- For the time being congregational singing is not permitted.
- Holy Communion will be brought to you in your seat and this is the only time you can remove your face mask.
- At the end of Mass please remain in your seat until the steward asks you to leave.
- Please do not gather in groups outside the Church.
- If you wish to attend Mass in your car in the Carpark, please let the door steward know and a Eucharistic Minister will come to you at Communion time.
- If you wish to join us for Mass on the webcam you can come to the Church for Holy Communion after the Mass.
- Sacraments:
 - Baptism: dates for Baptism in June have gone up on the website and while most are now booked, there are a couple still available. At the Baptism it is only the parents, godparents, siblings of the baby and grandparents who have been vaccinated who can attend.
 - First Holy Communion and Confirmation: this will happen later in the year. Dates will not be set until Archbishop Farrell give the go ahead and we will endeavour to give families one months notice.
 - Funerals: can have 50 mourners
 - Weddings: can have 50 present (this includes the bride, groom and two witnesses)
 - Confession: this continues from 10:45am until 11:30am in the Pastoral Centre on Saturday morning.
 - Arrangements for First Confession will be looked at over the next couple of weeks.
 - Adoration: we will look at the provision of Adoration in June.

It is great that we are back to being able to pray in person together but we have to work together to keep each other safe and to bring this pandemic to an end. Pope Francis has asked us to pray the rosary each day this month and as we do so to remember in a particular way the peoples of India and South America where the pandemic is at frightening levels. Let our prayer and solidarity give us hope that the light of Jesus shines through this darkness and the darkness cannot overpower it.

Fr. Paul

New Mass Schedule:

From 10th May 90 people will be allowed to attend worship.

Weekday Masses will be at 10:00am
(Monday to Saturday)

The weekend Masses will change to the following:
(from 15th May)

Saturday Vigil will be at 6:00pm

Sunday Morning will be at 9:00am and 11:00am

Sunday Evening will be at 5.00pm

PRAYING WITH OUR LADY

12th May Lady of Lourdes

19th May Lady of Medjugorje

26th May Rosary Procession

Begins each Wednesday evening at 7:30pm

The Rosary will be prayed during the
Reflection and ending with Night Prayer

ECUMENICAL BIBLE WEEK 2021

To Register visit – www.bibleweek.ie

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”

Ecumenical Bible Week 2021 is an exciting and successful venture which is now in its eight year and will run from **Pentecost Sunday (23rd May) to Trinity Sunday (30th May) 2021**. Bible Week 2021 will be online – where there'll be debate, talks, music and (we hope) lots of participation. Ecumenical Bible Week (EBW) is led by the Archdiocese of Dublin and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough in collaboration with many other Christian traditions ranging from the Evangelical Alliance to Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and support from the National Bible Society and Scripture Union. The overall theme this year is “Unlocking Faith Today: Responding to New Realities”. This year EBW will have an opening and closing prayer event organised by Holy Trinity Rathmines on Monday 24th and St Finian's Lutheran Church on Sunday 30th respectively.



Swami Purnananda will give a talk on aspects of Hindu tradition to members of Brackenstown Parish, on **Tuesday, 18th May from 7 pm**. Meeting will be via **ZOOM**. Please register with the Parish Office.

Many thanks to all parishioners and non-parishioners who continue to support the parish over the last year. The total contributions for January and February of this year are as follows: **MARCH**: Family Offering: €5,723.50; Standing Orders: €3,519.00; First Collection: €2,677.72 & Second Collection: €1,677.28.

ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND ARE OFFERED FOR:

Hilda Slevin (A)

Dr. Joe Cox (A)

John Ryan & Anne Reilly (A)

Frances Donlon (1A)

Altar List of the Dead

PRAY FOR:

Rosaleen Hardiman (RD)

Fergus Timmons (RD)

Olive Brennan (1A)

Paddy & Elizabeth Cassidy (A)

Margaret Gintinane (A)

Jimmy Cooke (8A)

Michael Slevin (3A)

Josephine Slevin (8A)



Welcome to our new Lourdes website:

saintbernadette.info

Included are the following:

The Lourdes Apparitions

The importance of the Holy Rosary for our times

The song of Bernadette Movie

Prayer cards on request and much, much more

I can be contacted on my email address

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10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Thanksgiving Mass
Pray for: Eileen Boles (Bday Rem)

Tues: Special Intention

Wed: Special Intention

Thur: Colette Doyle (RD)

Fri: James & Mary Agnew (A)

Sat: Special Intention

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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.

Statues of St. Joseph, 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



LAST CALL Trócaire Box Return

You can now return your Trócaire Box to the Church after Mass or 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 makes a huge difference.



Bethany Bereavement Support Group,

St. Colmcille's Parish, Swords, extends our sincere sympathy to anyone who has 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 - Terri - 8403243 - week Sunday 9th May to Saturday 15th May.** We offer our sympathy to anyone who has been bereaved during these very difficult months. Do not grieve alone or unaided. It's good to talk. "Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted".



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