

# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

## BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th July 2021 Year B  
WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



## Welcome Archbishop Okolo

Welcome to Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Papal Nuncio to Ireland. It is great to have you here on this special occasion as we celebrate the first World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. It was a great honour for us to be asked by the Catholic Grandparents Association to host this Mass and to promote their work in supporting the unique role that grandparents and older parishioners have in passing on their faith by their wisdom, example and encouragement. We hope that out of this day we will set up a Grandparents Group in this area to support grandparents and give them an opportunity to pray and reflect together.

## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

This weekend we celebrate the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly at all our Masses. We will pray for, celebrate and give thanks for all that our grandparents and older members of our families and parish community do for us in so many different ways. We include below the Grandparents Prayer composed by Pope Benedict, inspired by the work of the Catholic Grandparents Association.

The Catholic Grandparents Association is an amazing worldwide group who celebrate the way in which grandparents pass on their faith to younger generations. Their mission is to help Grandparents pass on the faith and keep prayer in the heart of family life. They do this through providing advice and support to grandparents, prayer initiatives and pilgrimages. If you would like to be involved in setting up a branch in the Parish, please contact the Parish Office.



### PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Lord Jesus,  
you were born of the Virgin Mary,  
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.  
Look with love on grandparents the world over.  
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment  
for families, for the Church and for all of society.  
Support them! As they grow older,  
may they continue to be for their families  
strong pillars of Gospel faith,  
guardians of noble domestic ideals,  
living treasures of sound religious traditions.  
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,  
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits  
of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,  
help families and society  
to value the presence and roles of grandparents.  
May they never be ignored or excluded,  
but always encounter respect and love.  
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed  
in all the years of life which you give them.  
Mary, Mother of all the living,  
keep grandparents constantly in your care,  
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,  
and by your prayers, grant that all families  
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,  
where you await all humanity for the great embrace  
of life without end. Amen!



Benedictus 11<sup>us</sup> in



### PAIDIR AR SON SEAN-TUISMITHEOIRÍ

A Thiarna Íosa,  
Rugadh Thú ó'n mhaighdean Mhuire,  
iníon Naomh Íochaim agus Áine.  
Féach go grámhar ar shean-tuismitheoirí ar fud an domhain.  
Déan iad a chosaint. Is foinse saibhris iad do theallaigh,  
do'n Eaglais agus do'n tsochaí fré chéile.  
Tabhair tacaíocht dóibh. De réir mar a théann siad in aois go leana siad thar  
cheann a muintire a bheith láidir i gcreideamh an tSoiscéil,  
caomhnaitheoirí beo de thradisiúin theagasc Chríost.  
Déan díobh múinteoirí críonnachta agus crógachta agus go mbronna siad  
torthaí aibí a gcuid taithí daonna agus spioradálta ar an nglúin atá le theacht.

A Thiarna Íosa,  
Cabhair le clanna agus an tsochaí  
urraim a bheith acu do ról sean-tuismitheoirí.  
Nára dhéantar failli orthu agus nára fhágtar amach iad,  
ach go bhfaighe siad i gconaí meas agus grá.  
Cabhair leo maireachtáil go síochánta sa gcaoi go n-aireoidh siad go bhfuil  
fáilte rompu ar feadh 'chúile bhliain de'n saol a mbronnann Tú orthu.  
A Mhuire, Máthair gach dúil bheo,  
coinnigh sean-tuismitheoirí go seasmhach faoi do choimirce,  
bí leo ar a n-oilithreach ar thalamh,  
agus tré d'idirghuí, deonaigh go mbeidh 'chúile theallach ath-aontaithe arís  
sa mbaile ar neamh,  
áit a bhfanann tú leis an chine daonna ar fad le barróg na beatha a thabhairt  
dóibh le saol na saol.

Ámen.



Benedictus 11<sup>us</sup> in

## PATHWAYS 2021

Thursday Evening Course for Adults

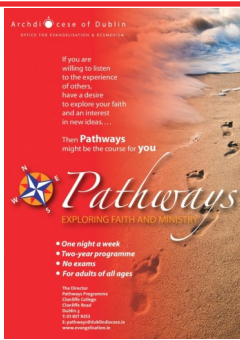
Venue: DCU St. Patrick's Campus,  
(MDCCE), Drumcondra, Dublin, 9

Exploring Faith as an Adult

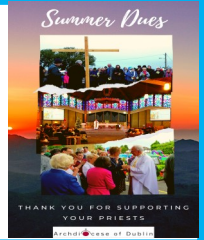
The *Pathways Programme* is geared towards those who wish to explore issues and questions of: faith; ministry; the Church today and the nature of belief, in an environment appropriate to Adult Learning and Adult Faith Development.

*Pathways* is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings. Run by the Archdiocese of Dublin in DCU St. Patrick's Campus (MDCCE), Drumcondra Road. Late September to May (7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.). Application now open for September 2021. Early application advised. Contact: *Pathways* Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594

or [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie). Web: [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie)



Many thanks to all who delivered our Summer Dues Envelopes and to everyone who has already contributed to this special collection for the Priests of the Diocese. If you wish to make a contribution, please leave your envelope in one of the new boxes at in the Church.



## 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Matthew Kelly (47A)

**Tues:** Ellie McKenna (RD)

**Wed:** Veronica Cantwell (RD)  
Pray for: Ann Mogul (RD)

**Thur:** Richard & Seamus Colgan (A)

**Fri:** Fr. Tom Cooney (Rem)

**Sat:** Shane Behan (MM)

## PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

Archbishop Farrell is asking for people and priests to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life on a regular basis. He has appointed Fr. Séamus McEntee as the new Director of Vocations to the Priesthood with Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy as the new Assistant Vocations Director. Fr. Séamus has assisted on the vocations team for the past seven years and is working alongside Fr. Bill in this exciting role of assisting men discern their call to priesthood as well as vocations promotion. Let us pray that God will continue to call enthusiastic men to the priesthood for our Archdiocese. If you know of anyone who thinks they might have a vocation to be a priest or is interested in finding out more about being a priest for the Archdiocese of Dublin, please ask them to contact either Fr. Séamus or Fr. Bill on the Vocations Team at: [vocations@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:vocations@dublindiocese.ie) or check out: [Vocations | Archdiocese of Dublin \(dublindiocese.ie\)](http://Vocations | Archdiocese of Dublin (dublindiocese.ie)). As you are well aware, the need is great, so let's answer God's call and "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest".

## FAMILY OFFERING & CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Many thanks to all parishioners and non-parishioners who continue to support the parish financially. The total contributions for May and June 2021 are as follows:

**MAY:** Family Offering: €5,589.55  
Standing Orders: €3,151.00  
First Collection: €4,792.73  
Second Collection: €3,221.49

**JUNE:** Family Offering: €3,695.69  
Standing Orders: €3,278.00  
First Collection: €3,538.01  
Second Collection: €2,076.09

## ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND ARE OFFERED FOR:

### Anniversaries

Bernie O'Leary (A)  
Eileen, Pat & Michael Howard (A)  
Harry Hanratty (A)  
Anne Pauline Cox (A)  
Margaret (Peggy) Jackson (A)  
Roy Savage (A)  
Peter & Jane Fitzpatrick (A)  
Pat Leyden (9A)  
John Hallissey (34A)

### Recently Deceased

May Comerford (RD)  
Gareth Clinton (RD)  
Ann Mogul (RD)  
Stella Leahy Burnside (RD)

## Msza w języku Polskim

Msza św. w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę 8 sierpnia o godzinie 15:00. Spowiedź odbędzie się o 14:30 w Centrum Parafialnym.



# LOUGH DERG



## THE LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre. A guided walk experience will be offered on Sunday 25th and Saturday 31st July, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. Further dates for these guided walks will follow for late August and early September. For bookings and further information: Email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) Telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518. Website: [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** offers a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who might wish to avail of it. Please phone Denise - 086 0610463 - week Sunday 25th July to Saturday 31st July. Please phone after 6pm.

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

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

'LIKE' Legion of Mary  
Brackenstown Swords



## PARISH PRIEST & ADMINISTRATOR

FR. PAUL THORNTON  
01 8401661 - 087 7404729  
[PAULJTHORNTON@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PAULJTHORNTON@GMAIL.COM)

## PARISH CURATE

FR. BIBIN JACOB C.S.T., C.C.  
01 8408926 - 089 4238775  
[BRACKENSTOWNPARISH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BRACKENSTOWNPARISH@GMAIL.COM)

## PARISH PASTORAL WORKER

NIAMH MORRIS  
085 7708759  
[NIAMH.MORRIS@DUBLINDIOCESE.IE](mailto:NIAMH.MORRIS@DUBLINDIOCESE.IE)

## PERMANENT DEACON

DECLAN COLGAN  
01 8401188  
[BRACKENSTOWNPARISH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BRACKENSTOWNPARISH@GMAIL.COM)

## PARISH SECRETARY

LOUISE DONNELLY  
TUES TO THURS 10:30AM - 1:00PM  
01 8401188  
[BRACKENSTOWNPARISH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BRACKENSTOWNPARISH@GMAIL.COM)  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 20016166



[WWW.BRACKENSTOWN-PARISH.COM](http://WWW.BRACKENSTOWN-PARISH.COM)



@BRACKENSTOWNCHURCH



@CRONANPARISH



[WWW.MCNMEDIA.TV](http://WWW.MCNMEDIA.TV)