

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th September 2021 Year B
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Diocesan Safeguarding Day 2021 Letter from Archbishop Farrell

Sunday, 26 September, is Diocesan Safeguarding Day. This year our focus is on safeguarding in a time of pandemic.

Our Safeguarding Day poster, which is available to download on www.csp.dublindiocese.ie draws attention to some of the ways we have tried to protect each other during this time: by observing social distancing guidelines; by wearing face masks; by caring for the poor as we see two people putting together hampers for distribution to poor families at Christmas. When we refer to safeguarding we think of the steps we take to protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse. Our recent experiences of Covid-19 remind us that this is not something new or alien. The terminology may be different, but the activity of protecting the young and the vulnerable has always been central to who we are as a Christian community.

While the term 'vulnerable adult' has a particular meaning within our policies and guidelines, we have all learned a little bit more about what it means to be vulnerable during this time. We have been vulnerable to illness, to the loneliness that goes with social isolation, and to poverty as traditional sources of income dry up. We have experienced this at diocesan level through the very painful experience of letting go of some of our much loved and valued colleagues. We have had to make do with less. However, that opens up fresh challenges and opportunities as we learn to share with each other, across parishes and across dioceses, our time and our expertise in the work of safeguarding.

There have been some changes over the past year. Safeguarding training has been delivered via Zoom, though it is hoped that people will be able to attend training in person again sometime in 2022. The National Vetting Bureau have limited the number of roles for which vetting can be obtained. We, along with others who work with children and vulnerable persons, have appealed against what we consider an overly restrictive interpretation of the legislation. While we await the outcome of a review of the vetting legislation, we must not allow this to weaken our safeguarding practices. We need to explore other means to ensure that those who minister in our parishes do not represent a threat to the safety of children and vulnerable adults. All this is a reminder that there is never just one way of doing things. If one door is closed to us, we must open another.

Some things have changed, but others remain the same. In 2015, Pope Francis told us that: "Families need to know that the Church is making every effort to protect their children. They should also know that they have every right to turn to the Church with full confidence, for it is a safe and secure home". Our safeguarding practices may have to change to adapt to new circumstances. Our commitment to make the Church in Dublin a safe and secure home for children and vulnerable adults remains undiminished.

I ask you to remember in your prayers all those who have suffered abuse.

+ Dermot Farrell



Safeguarding all during Covid Times

Safeguarding Sunday 2021

26th September

@csp.dublindiocese.ie Archdiocese of Dublin

The poster features three photographs: a priest at an altar, a priest in a red vestment, and two people in a library. The text is overlaid on a colorful background with a blue and red gradient.



Tap and Donate

The Diocese has installed a Tap and Donate machine inside the main door of the Church, This is for the First and Second Collections ONLY. Your donation will be split 60% 1st Collection and 40% Second Collection. If you use the white envelopes for the Mass collections so that we can record your offering, please continue to do this instead of using the Tap and Donate as this machine cannot record your details.

Mass Times in St. Cronan's Church MONDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am; SUNDAY (Sat Vigil) 6:00pm; 9:00am; 11:00am & 5:00pm
CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 10:45am to 11:30am in the Pastoral Centre; ADORATION: WEDNESDAY 6pm - 9pm and FRIDAY 3pm—6pm

First Confession

Monday 27th September Rang Dean
Tuesday 28th September Rang Róisín

First Holy Communion

Saturday 2nd Oct
12:00 noon Rang Dean
3:00pm Rang Roisin

Confirmation

Sunday 3rd October
1:00pm Ms. Morrissey
3:00pm Mr. Melia
Saturday 9th October
12:00pm Ms. Quinn
3:00pm Ms. Conroy
Saturday 16th October
12:00pm Rang Cristóir
3:00pm Rang Emma
Sunday 17th October
1:00pm Thornleigh ETNS
& Swords ETNS

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH
BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

LET'S READ THE GOSPEL OF JOHN!

**MONDAY'S FROM 4TH OCTOBER
ON ZOOM 7:30PM - 8:30PM**

For more details please email Paddy at
pobyrne50@gmail.com

Brackenstown Bible Study group invite you to join us in our forthcoming reading of the Gospel of John. Our Autumn Scripture Study classes will commence on Monday 4th October and due to the ongoing Covid restrictions 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 8.30pm each Monday night. There is no charge to take part so why not give it a go?

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Prayer Books, Rosary Beads, Rosettes, Medals, Souvenirs etc. for First Holy Communion & Confirmation available by emailing the Parish Office.



Statues of St. Joseph 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



Publication of a Pastoral Letter on Climate Crisis by Archbishop Dermot Farrell

On September 1st World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation was held. Archbishop Dermot has just published a letter titled 'The Cry of the Earth – The Cry of the Poor'. Copies of the Pastoral Letter will be available at the back of the Church from this weekend. An offering for the booklet can be made to the parish if liked.

Register now for



First Holy Communion 2022
& Confirmation 2022

You can now register your child for
First Communion & Confirmation 2022
on our parish website:

www.brackenstown-parish.com

Go to the Home Page for the link to
the Registration Form.



**B.A.S.E. is now enrolling
for the following
classes:**

**Sign Language
Creative Writing
Flower Arranging
Crochet and Knitting**

**Classes start the week of
27/09/2021**

**For more information please contact
the B.A.S.E. office on 018902593**



Season of Creation

RESTORING OUR COMMON HOME
1 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Anniversaries

Jim & May McKay

Tony O'Reilly

Ann Valentine

Tommy Crosbie (2A)

Vincent Cox (12A)

Dcsd Members of Kelly Family

Recently Deceased

Joan Birmingham

Fr. Jean Claude Zocli

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 20016166

Age & Opportunity
Incorporating Age & Opportunity active,
The National Sport and Physical Activity Programme
for Older People

FREE initiative for over 50s

FitLine
A friendly word to get you more active.
Free phone: **1800 303 545**

FitLine Volunteer Mentors make regular phone calls to people who would like to get more physically active.

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: John Joe, Eileen & Sean Lynch (A)
Pray for: Anna Nessman (A)

Tues: May Comerford (RD)

Wed: John O'Brien (A)

Thur: Special Intention

Fri: Matt Bohan & Angie Mlsek (A)

Sat: Special Healing Intention



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