

# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th Sunday Ordinary Time  
25th September 2022 Year C

## The Capacity for COMPASSION...

Very few of us will identify with the 'rich man' in this Sunday's Gospel. Particularly at a time of increasing energy prices and concerns about what the onset of winter will bring, many will be anxious to see what supports for households the government will offer in this week's budget. However, there is always a 'Lazarus' in our midst, someone who needs our time, support, practical assistance or encouragement. Many of our brothers and sisters in different parts of the world live in situations of great poverty and deprivation. The question which today's Gospel poses is, are we even aware of them?

*"Compassion flourishes when we have nothing to protect and everything to share. We have the capacity to heal this earth of its divisions, its wars, its violence, and its hatreds. This capacity is the love within us to suffer with another and to love the other without reward. Love that transcends the ego is love that heals."*

— from the book [Compassion: Living in the Spirit of St. Francis](#) by Ilia Delio, OSF  
Fr. Richard



Safeguarding  
Sunday  
2022

Safeguarding  
as a  
Gospel Value

25th September

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This Sunday is Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday. The safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of each of us in the parish. Mary-Liz Donaghue, our parish Safeguarding Representative, will speak at the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday evening and 11.00am Mass on Sunday. A summary Statement of our Parish Safeguarding Policy is available at the main entrance to the church. Feel free to take one with you. All parish volunteers are asked to complete a volunteer application form and sign a code of conduct form every three years. A copy of these forms are available from the parish office. We appreciate your cooperation in filling out these forms which form part of our parish commitment to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

On Monday 26/09/22 Brackenstown Scripture study group will commence a 10 week study of St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. The Scripture Study group meets from 7.30 to 9pm on Monday nights in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre. New members are always welcome even if it just to attend for a week or two to see if it might suit you.

St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians addresses many of the same topics in the news headlines today: scandals, promiscuity, debates and controversies, and issues related to prosperity versus poverty. Clearly, the struggles faced by the early Christians are in many ways similar to our own.

First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community explores the key elements of the gospel message that Paul introduced to a new and growing Church. Presenter Tim Gray examines Paul's advice for living an authentic Christian life in a pagan culture, as well as his teachings about the nature of grace, the Church as the body of Christ, and the most powerful gift of all—the Eucharist.



## First Corinthians

The Church and the Christian Community



TIM GRAY

SUNDAY MASSES: (Sat Vigil) 6pm; 9am; 11am & 5pm  
WEEKDAY MASSES: MONDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am  
CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 10:45am to 11:30am in the Pastoral Centre  
ADORATION: MON, TUES, THURS & SAT: 10:30AM—11:30AM  
WEDNESDAY: 6pm - 9pm FRIDAY: 3pm—6pm  
All our ceremonies are broadcast online at [www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

If you are interested in receiving the Parish Newsletter weekly by email, Please email the Parish Office  
Office Hours: Mon - Fri 9:30am -1pm

## TRANSFER OF STANDING ORDERS

We have been informed by Ulster Bank that they will be closing all their current accounts from the end of March 2023. As the Parish has been a customer with Ulster Bank, this means that the account that handles your Standing Order will no longer work after this date. We have opened a new account with Bank of Ireland on Main Street, Swords and now ask parishioners to transfer their Standing Orders over to this account. We thank those who have already signed a Standing Order Form for the new account. We have sent a new form this week to other parishioners who have a Standing Order with us and ask them to complete it as soon as possible and return it to the Parish Office. **Please remember to cancel your old Ulster Bank standing order.** Your support to the Parish through your Standing Order is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office on 01 801188.



Parents of children attending Swords Educate Together, Thornleigh Educate Together or Broadmeadows Community N.S. who wish their children to receive the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation in our parish are asked to register their child for after school religion classes in the parish pastoral centre. The classes, which will commence in early October, are from first class through to sixth class. Parents can register their child for these classes on our parish website using the link below and indicating which class their child is currently in.

<https://www.brackenstown-parish.com/religion-class-sacrament->



## WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023

Groups and Individuals are now invited to register their interest in either attending World Youth Day Lisbon.

World Youth Day will take place August 1 - 6 in Lisbon 2023. The registration system will open in September. There is an option for teenagers aged 16-18 to participate as well as those aged 18-29.

The Archdiocese of Dublin has a great tradition in participation at World Youth Day and it is a great opportunity for the many young people in our parishes that will participate.

We would like to hear from anyone in the parish wishing to travel to Lisbon before September. Please speak with Fr. Richard or contact the Parish Office.

**GET READY FOR... WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON, PORTUGAL AUGUST 2023**

*"Many arose and went with haste"*

- Parishes, groups and individuals can register their interest in WYD Lisbon by emailing [wyd@dublindioecese.ie](mailto:wyd@dublindioecese.ie)
- From September 2022, packages, costs and details will be available online at [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie)
- Non-refundable deposits of €100 will also be accepted from September

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## ACCOMPANYING FAMILIES

*Accompanying Families: Sacraments of Initiation Policy Dublin 2022* is now available online. This new Policy Statement, the fruit of many years of consultation in the Archdiocese about the Sacraments of

Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) seeks to strengthen the partnership between family, parish and school in the preparation for and celebration of these sacraments. Archbishop Farrell hopes that this new policy "will provide a supportive structure to accompany families" as they prepare for sacraments of initiation. His letter and the document can be found at <https://dublindioecese.ie/accompanying-families/>.

## Would You Like to Work for Our Lady?

Legion of Mary needs new members to help Our Lady bring Jesus to more people. Meetings are held in Parish Pastoral Centre on Tuesday's at 10:30am, Wednesday's 7:30pm and at 4:45pm on Friday's for Junior Members. Why not come along and see what you can do!

## Bethany Bereavement Support Group



offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who may wish to avail of it

Please phone Terri - 8403243  
week Sunday 25th September  
to Saturday 1st October

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

## SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

### Recently Deceased

Mary Joseph  
Patricia McGuirk  
Brian Morgan

### Anniversaries

Eduard Marska (1A)  
Theresa Harris (1A)  
Peter & Anne Smith  
Nellie Lowndes  
Kathleen Dunne  
Annie, Nick & Roy Savage  
Jimmy Duffy (BR)

## 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon	Ita McArdle (A)
Tues	Jim & Mary McKay (A) Pray for: Theresa Harris (1A)
Wed	Eamonn Keane (11A) Molly & Christie Purcell (A)
Thur	Vincent Cox (13A)
Fri	Pat Stokes (A)
Sat	Noel Moore (RD)

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