

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

PREPARING FOR PENTECOST

A novena is a traditional devotion whereby 9 days are set aside and dedicated to particular spiritual practice and prayer. It may be to prepare for a feast, to seek a particular grace or to honour God, Our Lady or the saints, (or it may be a mixture of all of the above) It is a time of deepened prayer and often includes elements of fasting, meditation, pilgrimage and works of kindness and compassion...

The practice began from the 9 days spent by the Apostles and Disciples of Jesus together with Mary His Mother from the time of His Ascension until the Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost day. This is the first and greatest of novenas and it is kept annually by the Church. We begin today so why not join in and seek an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, in your life over these 9 days. You will be joining with the whole Church as we pray together for each other and for the world. Below is a simple prayer you can say each day.

Br Richard Hendrick OFM Cap.

16th May 2021
Ascension Sunday Year B



NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray;

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations, Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our Lady Immaculate Spouse of the Holy Spirit, pray for us.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you help with the Church & Parish Centre Gardens?

The flower beds at front of the Church and in the Parish Centre garden are in need of attention. While we know people cannot work in teams for the moment, if you are willing to help as an individual, please contact the Parish Office.

You can also contact Fr. Paul on 087 7404729 if you need to know more details of what is involved.

Association of Catholics in Ireland (ACI) Zoom Events

In preparation for Ireland's five-year Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland leading to a National Synodal Assembly, the ACI is arranging a series of online discussions, led by personalities who are already thoughtful about 'walking together' towards a co-responsible church. The first of these will take place on Zoom on:

Thursday 20th May, at 8.00 p.m. Speaker: David Timbs, Catholics for Renewal – Australia

David will outline his hopes and fears for Australia's own imminent 'Plenary Council' of the Catholic Church to be held in October. Admission to the talk is free and registration is not necessary.

Association of Catholics Synodal Pathway Talk - Time: May 20, 2021 08:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85872779921?pwd=RjQvVEtjUjM1MEdnMDgxU0VSRzVLQT09>

Meeting ID: 858 7277 9921

Passcode: 916970

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

19th May Lady of Medjugorje

26th May Rosary Procession

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 eighth 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.



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

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INTER-FAITH TALKS SERIES

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:

Meeting ID: 823 1082 8931

Passcode: 964526

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82310828931?pwd=U09HSikwWEGd0p2N0lmdkRWbDY4QT09>



THE PRIORY INSTITUTE
A Dominican Centre for Theological Studies

Online Theology Open Day, is this for you?
The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Click <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/priory-institute-open-day> to find out more about our Online Open Day on 12 June.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group offers a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who might wish to avail of it. **Please phone - Sr. Mary - 8404323 - week Sunday 16th May to Saturday 22nd May. Please phone Sr. Mary from 6-9.30pm.** 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”.

LAST CALL Trócaire Box Return

You can return your Trócaire Box to the Church after Mass or to the Parish Office. Your support makes a huge difference.



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**



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 and then click on the “Donate” button at the top of the page. Then select “Easter Dues Donation”. Many thanks to all who have already donated.

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.

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.

ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND ARE OFFERED FOR:

Bernie Fitzpatrick (13A)
Jackie & Peggy Kelly (A) & Dcsd Family Members
Tommy Clune & Dcsd Family Members
Ray Fitzgerald (A)
Dick Slattery (A)

PRAY FOR:

Mary Kelly (RD)
Rosaleen Hardiman (RD)
Fr. Abraham C.S.T. (RD)
Bridie Moriarty (RD)
Michael-Mary, Mary, Sarah & Eva Greene (A)
Fr. Frank Caffrey (1A)
& 19 Deceased Holy Ghost priests
Dcsd Members Lawless & Mulvaney Families
Denis Ryan (3A)
Anne Curtis (9A)
Bobby MacCourt (14A)
Michael Kelly (B Rem)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Jack & Agnes McGinnis
Tues: Peter (Sonny) & Maisie Blanche (A)
Wed: Thanksgiving Mass to the Blessed Trinity
Thur: Terry Culbert (RD)
Fri: Dcsd Members of Donaldson Family
Sat: Brendan Carton (MM)
Special Intention

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