

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN ✠ BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

10th May 2020

5th SUNDAY of EASTER

Year A

Parish Newsletter

When visiting the Church please:

- ⇒ Use the anti-bacterial hand sanitiser in the porch, there is one at each door.
- ⇒ Only use the open benches and only one person per bench.
- ⇒ Immediately after leaving the bench, wipe where you have touched with the surface cleaner and tissue on the table at the main door.
- ⇒ Avoid having conversations inside the Church.
- ⇒ If you are talking outside make sure you are 2mts (6ft) apart.
- ⇒ At all times inside and outside the Church keep social distancing.
- ⇒ Both external and internal doors at the Main entrance must be left open.
- ⇒ Some windows are also open for ventilation.



Return to public worship, confessions, Baptisms, Weddings, First Communions and Confirmation:

- ◇ The 20th July has been set in the roadmap as the date for public worship to resume, provided all the 'opening up' measures are going as predicted.
- ◇ However this will mean that Social Distancing will remain though it may be brought to 1 metre (3 feet). This means a maximum of 80—120 in the Church. These restrictions may be with us for some time.
- ◇ After 20th July we will open for Baptism Bookings. New dates will be set and there will be only four families per session with a limit in attendance.
- ◇ Weddings are available with 10 people attending, this will be increased after 20th July.
- ◇ First Communion and Confirmation are deferred until September and even then these celebrations will have restrictions.
- ◇ Confessions are under review at this time. One of the main concerns is privacy for the person coming to confession which is why holding them in the CarPark wouldn't work. But we are looking at ways that we can celebrate this Sacrament.

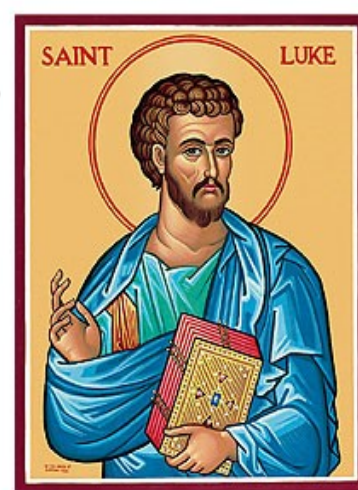
These conditions for the return to public worship depend on the roadmap of re-opening society that the Government have set out. It is great to be able to work towards having the Sacraments celebrated in our Church again and meeting here as God's family. Please continue to pray for all our frontline workers and for our communities that we will work together to overcome COVID 19 and open up our society safely.

May 2020 Fr. Paul

Read St Luke's Gospel over 5 Weeks

Brackenstown Bible Study Group invite you to join us in reading St Luke's Gospel. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the study will be home based. Each Monday a short five minute animated video will be emailed to you, this gives an overview of the reading for that week. We will start on Monday 25th May and the video for that week will cover chapters 1 & 2 of Luke. There will be an optional Zoom, on-line group discussion/questions and answers facility available on each Monday night. The current difficult situation may be an opportunity for you to deepen your relationship with Christ through becoming more familiar with the Word of God. There is no charge to join in so why not give it a go?

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



ALL WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE OFFERED FOR INTENTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN BOOKED	PRAY FOR	10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK
Philip Cunningham (3A) Dr. Joe Cox (A) John Ryan & Ann Reilly (A) Dcsd Members Carroll, O'Lone & Fletcher families	Joe Kelly (M/M) Mary Hoy (RD) (Coatbridge, Scotland) Eileen Boles (BR) Jimmy Cook (7A)	Mon: Special Intention Tues: Special Intention Wed: Special Intention Thur: Eileen Bridgeman (A) Fri: Special Intention Sat: Special Intention

We are thinking about and praying for the boys and girls from St. Cronan's JNS who were due to make their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 9th May. Due to the current situation regarding COVID-19, the Communion has been postponed and will hopefully be rescheduled in the not too distant future.



Do you need someone to talk to during Covid 19 crisis?
Fingal Counselling Service has initiated a telephone support helpline to offer assistance to members of our community who are in distress. The service will run for the duration of the Covid 19 crisis. Should you need support, you can call us on **01 8902596**.

Leave your name and contact number and one of our counsellors will return your call the answer service is checked daily. Alternatively you can email us at

info@counsellingatfingal.com



Easter Dues

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 Once" and enter the amount of your donation. You will need to have both your credit card/debit card and your mobile phone to hand. Your mobile phone is needed because a confirmation pin number will be texted to it. Please also consider using the online payment facility to set up a regular contribution to the first and second collections. These collections are the primary sources of financial support for our priests and for Share. As you are aware we do not currently have the opportunity to support these collections in the traditional way, yet our priests and Share are still depending on your support. You may also use the online facility to support the Parish Family offering and/or make a donation towards the new church furniture. For more detailed instructions or further information regarding the purpose of different collections please refer to the Parish website. Click on "Our Parish" at the top of the page and then click on "Finances"

Thank you for your support, it is very much appreciated. Wishing you all a very happy & holy Easter.

Paddy O'Byrne, Parish Finance Committee

VOLUNTEERS

We have a group of volunteers in the parish who are assisting parishioners who need an extra helping hand at this time. This could be with grocery shopping, pharmacy or similar tasks. If you would like some support, please contact Fr. Paul at 0877404029 or by private message on Facebook.

If you are 65+ in Ireland and need help with your tech issues CALL: 01-9633288

A group of I.T. volunteers are helping older people who are 'cocooning' due to the Covid-19 crisis, with free over the phone help to resolve IT or technical issues they have.

Some of the services they support are:

Tablets, Phones, PCs, software, other hardware and facilities such as Alexa, Google Assistant, Skype, smart gadgets, routers, Wifi and any other IT issues they may be able help with.

Contact number is 01-9633288 and one of their volunteers will answer your call. Their website is: <https://covid19tech.ie/> This is a free service, and as such, no-one will be asked for any personal details such as access to their bank details, cards etc. The call distribution is random and all calls are recorded.

New Sanctuary Furniture

So far €€22,673 has been donated to our fundraising appeal, this includes a donation to cover the cost of the Ambo from the Bible Study Group and a gift from the Marie Reparatrice Sisters to cover the cost of the Sanctuary Lamp. If you wish to make a donation there are envelopes at the display at the Main Door.

READINGS FOR 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7

PSALM: Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

2nd Reading: 1 Pt 2:4-9

Gospel: Jn 14:1-12

*Praying with
God's Word*

If you are unable to connect with us via the webcam, Mass is available on EWTN (Sky Channel 588) & daily at 10:30am RTENEWSNOW, Saorview (channel 21), Sky (521), Virgin Media (200), Eir (517) as well as via the RTÉ Player, the RTÉ News Now app and via RTÉ.ie/news.

The Parish Office remains closed, but you can contact us by email to book Masses or have someone prayed for etc.

Email: brackenstownparish@gmail.com

Fr. Paul can be contacted on 087 7404729 or pauljthornton@gmail.com

Fr. Bibin can be contacted on 089 4238775

All our Masses and prayer times will be broadcast on the webcam:

www.brackenstown-parish.com

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.

View our Parish Webcam via the Parish Website www.brackenstown-parish.com

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