

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

3rd SUNDAY of EASTER
1st May 2022 Year C



*Greeting the dawn
on Easter Sunday
Morning*



*The Stations
of the Cross on
Good Friday*



**JOIN US FOR A ZOOM TALK
ON TUESDAY 10TH MAY @ 7:00PM
Exploring the Spiritual Practices
of Ramadan and Lent**



St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society

St Joseph's Young Priests Society was founded in 1895 by Mary Olivia Taffe. It exists to help students on their journey to priesthood. The Society has about 300 branches across Ireland, in almost every diocese, including about 40 in the Dublin diocese.

The Society aims to foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life and it assists students for the priesthood both financially and by most importantly by prayer. It also promotes the vocation of the laity and fosters a greater understanding and love of the Eucharist and Holy Mass.

For Catholics, the Eucharist is the "summit and source of the Christian life". In order to maintain the presence of the Eucharist in our parishes, let us continue to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the harvest.

Saint Joseph's Young Priest's Society currently supports about 700 seminarians in over 30 countries around the world, including every Irish seminarian studying in Maynooth. To date we have supported over 20,000 men who were ordained to priesthood since the foundation of SJYPS over 125 years ago. Together, let us continue to support our seminarians and pray for more vocations to priesthood and religious life into the future.

Fr. Séamus McEntee, Chief Chaplain SJYPS



Moving Forward in Faith and Hope

Over recent weeks, the people and priests of our parishes have been journeying on the Synodal Pathway. We have been discerning how the Spirit is guiding us on our way through life. We have listened carefully to each other and are coming to know the strength that comes from gathering as sisters and brothers in Christ.

Building Hope

It is time now for the whole diocesan family to travel further, by addressing the specific challenges we face as a diocese. The *Building Hope* Task Force in its Report proposed a strategy by which we can be renewed for the mission which Christ has entrusted to us all. Last February, in response, I issued a Statement of Mission for the Archdiocese emphasising that our primary purpose is to accompany people today towards an encounter with the Lord Jesus. This undoubtedly requires new ways of looking and thinking; it requires a shift in mind-set; and will need responsible stewardship. It will not happen without prayer and dialogue. We will need to discern and make decisions, and make decisions together. (Statement of Mission) This is now our common road.

I am therefore inviting each parish community, as part of our *Building Hope* strategy, to begin to reflect on how best to respond to the pastoral situation in which we find ourselves. It is very clear that the future will not look like the past. Our world has changed: we cannot return to the past. God is bringing forth something new (see Isaiah 43:19). Our challenge – and it is ours – rather than simply reacting to events, is to shape the future in the light of the gospel. This is the work of God's Spirit among us, but – like Mary – we have to welcome it (see Luke 1:38).

Over the next few weeks the Parish Team, Parish Finance Committee and a Parish Working Group will meet to reflect on the information that has been provided. Towards the end of May a gathering will be held for all Parishioners. In early June representatives for Swords, River Valley and Brackenstown will meet to share the feedback from their gatherings to see where we can work together for the mission of the Church in this area.

Copies of the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter are available at the back of the Church. Please take time to read it and watch out for the others materials that will be produced over the coming weeks.

TASK FORCE

Building Hope

Archdiocese of Dublin

*an extract from Archbishop Farrell's
Easter Pastoral Letter*

Bethany Bereavement Support Group
offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who may wish to avail of it
Bridget - 085 2812985

Sunday 1st May to Saturday 7th May

Please phone from 6-8pm

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

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Billy Ryan (MM)

Martin Murray

Brendan Lynch

Susan Masters

Anniversaries

Muriel, Gerry & Donald McKenna

Michael Cronin

Willie McKittrick

Kathleen Wilde

Joe & Breda Gallagher

Peter Blanche

Fr. Frances Caffrey & 9 Holy Ghost

Fathers from

Kimmage Manor

Anne, Tom &

Philomena O'Leary

Lyndsey Byrne

Jimmy Keely (BR)

LAY MINISTRY COLLECTION – MAY 14 AND 15

The Archdiocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection takes place on **Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15**. The Lay Ministry Collection will support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside the priests and deacons. Our hope is that lay ministry will make a significant contribution to pastoral life into the future. Donations can be made online at <https://pay-payzone.easypaymentsplus.com/customer/10012/product-list/>.

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon	Theo Dunne (RD)
Tues	Dcsd Members of Lawless & Mulvaney Families
Wed	Marian Movement for Priests
Thur	Bridget (Phyllis) Byrne (BR)
Fri	Theo Dunne (RD) John & Nora McDonagh (A)
Sat	Anne Dynes (MM) Eileen Clancy (A)

Dates for First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2022

Sacrament of Confirmation		First Holy Communion	
30 th April 12:30pm	Ms. Crotty	21 st May 12:30pm	Ms. Lehany
30 th April 2:30pm	Ms. Conroy	21 st May 2:30pm	Ms. Kelly
1 st May 1:00pm	Ms. Smithwick	22 nd May 1:00pm	ETNS
7 th May 12:30pm	Ms. Quinn	28 th May 12:30pm	Rang Abby
7 th May 2:30pm	Mr. Gregan	28 th May 2:30pm	Ms. McSweeney
8 th May 1:00pm	Mr. Melia	29 th May 1:00pm	Mr. Taaffe
14 th May 12:30pm	ETNS	11 th June 11:00am	Rang Mark
14 th May 2:30pm	Rang Aodan	12 th June 1:00pm	Mr. Bailey
15 th May 1:00pm	Rang Clodagh		

The Easter Dues Envelopes

A sincere thank you to all who have returned their Easter Dues envelopes. They can be returned in the box at the back of the Church or to the parish office. Easter Dues can also be donated using the Parish online payments facility. Go to the Parish website, and then click on the "Donate" button. Then select "Easter Dues Donation". Your continued generosity to the parish is very much appreciated.



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CHY Tax Rebate: We ask those who have recently received a CHY Tax Reclaim form to return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. The CHY Tax Rebate scheme allows the Parish reclaim tax for all qualifying **recorded contributions of €250 and over**. If you are not a PAYE or Self-Assessed donor, unfortunately we cannot claim tax back on your donations but please let us know in order to avoid receiving future CHY documentation. Sincere thanks to all those who support the running of the Parish through your financial offerings.

Parish Finance Committee

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 Tuesdays at 10:30am, Wednesdays 7:30pm and at 4:45pm on Fridays for Junior members. Why not come along and see what you can do!

Confirmation and First Holy Communion Cards, gifts, prayer books, beads and other religious items available from Legion of Mary, in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. Children's books, Messenger, St. Martin Magazine, weekly Catholic papers available from bookrack on back wall of the Church.



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