

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time
20th February 2022 Year C

Entering Religious Life



It is with great joy that one of our Parishioners Sara Abbrescia is beginning the journey of testing her vocation by entering the Novitiate of the Redemptoristine Sisters in Rome on Ash Wednesday. As a community who have been a part of her discernment we will pray for Sara at the 10:00am Mass next Saturday 26th February. We have deep links with the Redemptoristine Sisters here in Dublin as they provide the Altar breads we use at Mass.

We hold Sara in our prayers as she responds to God's call and begins her novitiate.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate'
(Luke 6:36)

As Synodal gatherings begin in parishes, this line from today's Gospel reminds us that the quality of our attention to one another will be crucial in the Synodal pathway.

Careful listening helps us to understand the other person, to stand in their shoes. When we really listen, we listen to understand in an open, loving and compassionate way.

Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name. Guide our listening that we may receive others with respect, for we are to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Synodal Resources are available at:
www.dublindiocese.ie

ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be three Masses here with the distribution of Ashes 7:30am; 10:00am and 7:30pm. The Ashes will be placed on your forehead by the Priest or assistant. However there will also be Ashes available in bags to take home if you are not comfortable yet with someone else putting the Ashes on your forehead. Each bag has enough for a family so please if you are taking them, take ONE per household. As the Ashes are blessed you just have to add a little water to them.

If you are a Minister of the Eucharist or Minister of the Word and are willing to help give out the Ashes, please email the Parish Office with your preferred Mass time. Volunteers from the Parish will not be going into the schools this year.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Divine Mercy Novena will be prayed from Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday each day in St. Colmcille's Church. The Divine Mercy devotions and Mass will be celebrated in St. Cronan's beginning at 3:00pm on the Sunday after Easter.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

In remembrance of all who died during the Covid-19 Pandemic and for those who worked on the frontline and all who went to such great lengths to care for each other in our society will take place on Friday the 18th March as part of our Taizé Evening Prayer at 7:30pm. You will be invited to light a candle from 6:30pm.



LENT 2022

LENT 2022 BEGINS ON
WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH

MASS FOR LENT

The Masses that will be available in the area Monday to Friday for Lent from Ash Wednesday to Spy Wednesday are: 8:00am (St. Colmcille's) 10:00am (St. Cronan's; St. Colmcille's & St. Finian's) & 1:00pm in the Airport.

Novena of Grace

Through the Intercession of St. Francis Xavier, the Novena of Grace will be prayed at all Masses in the area from the 4th to the 12th March.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY

Will be prayed at different points in the Parish on Good Friday Evening. If you would like to nominate your road/estate to be one of the Stations and will get three readers for the prayers, please email the Parish Office.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

There will be two Masses celebrating our National Patron. Vigil Mass (16th) at 7:30pm (bilingual) and 10am on the 17th. Please bring your shamrock to be blessed.

Trócaire Boxes are available at the doors of the Church. You can return them in Holy Week and we will forward the collection to Trócaire for you.



'Towards a Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland'
Zoom Thursday February 24th, 2022 at 8.00 pm

On Thursday 24th February Dr Nicola Brady will speak about the vision for the Synodal Pathway, outline the planning work that is underway and how this relates to the work.



To join us, use the following URL:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87082979287?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87082979287?pwd=b09IWUNLSUhmaGdNNXQySElLdnYz09)

[j/87082979287?pwd=b09IWUNLSUhmaGdNNXQySElLdnYz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87082979287?pwd=b09IWUNLSUhmaGdNNXQySElLdnYz09)

Meeting ID: 870 8297 9287

Passcode: 659942

Or use the link on <https://acireland.ie/towards-a-synodal-pathway-for-the-catholic-church-in-ireland-nicola-brady/>

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2022
Tuesday, 8th March at 7pm
This is a free event and will be delivered online.

"How women of faith are responding to the ecological crisis"

You are invited to attend The St. Patrick's College Maynooth Annual Trócaire Lecture online. Dr Carmody Grey (Assistant Professor of Catholic Theology at Durham University) and Lucy Vokihwa (Chairperson of Catholic Women Association of Malawi) will co-deliver the keynote address.

Registration for this free online event is required. Please register using this link:

https://trocaire-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_R59M-zzRS5in4awZc6WsdQ



Trócaire

BRACKENSTOWN SYNODAL PATHWAY
 A Synod space will be developed in the Church to give information on what the Synodal Pathway is about.
 On the weekend of the 26th and 27th February there will be speakers at all Masses and we invite parishioners to be part of this journey. On Saturday 12th March there will be an open invitation to parishioners to come to the Pastoral Centre after Mass to engage with the Synod questions. Please watch the Synod Space in the Church and the Newsletter for more details and ideas.

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

- Mon:** Sheila Shine (RD)
- Tues:** Rose O'Haire (RD)
- Wed:** Mick Hanrahan (RD)
- Thur:** Patrick & Mary Kate Gallagher (A)
- Fri:** Mary Carey (RD)
- Sat:** Audrey Harkin Mullan (A)
Mick Hanrahan (RD)

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Anniversaries

- Anselm Kelleghan
- Marie & Michael Reynolds & Dcsd Family Members
- James & Kathleen Kiernan
- Patrick & Bridget Dempsey
- Maisie Fitzpatrick
- Glen Spence
- May Shinnors
- Daniel Maughan (18A)
- Nathan Maughan
- Mary Sinéad Maughan
- Mary Ryan (8A)
- Bridget Kelly (17A)

Recently Deceased

- Bernadette Cousins
- Allamma Mathew

Birthday Remembrance

- Maoiliosa & Bobby MacCourt
- Lorraine Tallon

Have you considered being a Priest?

Explore Priesthood: Join in on a Zoom to hear from Seminarians & Priests

Zoom Chat with Seminarians

Tuesday 1st March @ 8pm



Visit: vocations.ie/zoom for details

Grotto Rosary

The Legion of Mary would like to thank all who recited the Rosary for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday 11th February, especially in such cold weather.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

St. Cronan's Brackentown Pilgrimage

23rd—29th September

Cost: €795 pps

Accompanied by Spiritual Director
 Single room supplement €250

Further details:

Susan Keane 0858471539

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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

Denise - 086 0610463 - week

Sunday 20th to

Saturday 26th February

Please phone after 6pm.

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



YOU'RE NOT ALONE

"ALONE supports older people to age at home, combatting loneliness and

isolation. Would you like to volunteer from the comfort of your own home? We are seeking volunteers to make Support & Befriending calls to older people. Please visit our website at www.alone.ie or call our National Support and Referral line on 0818 222 024 to find out more about volunteering with ALONE."

THE ROSARY

Praying for a special intention? Praying for peace? The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in the homes of the Parish. If you would like to pray the Rosary and have the Rosary Statue in your home for a week, or get more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary or email the Parish Office.

Religious Goods

Rosary Beads, Candles, Children's Books, Statues, Holy Water Fonts and other religious goods available in Parish Centre after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. Also by emailing brackentownparish@gmail.com Catholic Papers & Magazines are available in the new bookrack at the back of the Church.

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