

# CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday, 14th November, 2021  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



## The Feast of St. Laurence O'Toole 14th November

St Laurence O'Toole (Lorcán Ó Tuathail) was born in Castledermot, Co. Kildare in 1128. He became Abbot of Glendalough in 1153 and Archbishop of Dublin in 1162. He died in Eu in Normandy on the 14th of November 1180 and was canonised in 1225. Today, Sunday, we celebrate his feastday. He is the Patron Saint of the Dublin Diocese. In his time he reformed the Church to face the challenges of that time, through his intercession we pray that he will inspire and guide the reforms that are needed today.

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## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Today the Bishops of Ireland are making a pilgrimage to Knock Shrine in prayer and solidarity with the many families who have lost loved ones during this time of the pandemic. They will celebrate Mass at 3:00pm.

You can join the Mass online at  
[www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live)

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**A Mass of Remembrance for those who died from Nov 2019—Oct 2020 will take place this Thursday, November 18th at 7.30pm. Because last years Mass was available on the webcam only, it was felt that people might appreciate the chance to gather in person to remember their loved one.**

**The Mass will be available to view on our webcam.**

*Lord, for Your Faithful People  
Life is changed not ended*

## Planning Ahead—Christmas 2021

The Parish Team looked at the Masses and Confession for Christmas. We are still under a level of restriction so taking this into account:

Confession will be available of the Saturdays of Advent from 10:45am to 11:30am. And on Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. There will be no reconciliation service.

Masses for Christmas: Christmas Eve: 4pm and 6pm family Mass with a limit of 250 and you will have to book a place.

Christmas Eve: 8pm and 10pm (no booking)  
Christmas Day: 9:00am; 10:30am & 12:00 noon.

## First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2022

The dates for these ceremonies will be given in mid-December once we have had a chance to meet with the parents/guardians. They will take place after Easter to give the best opportunity for preparation.

Petra was on a faith journey with a group of parishioners for a year and half and was ready to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter 2020. Then as we all know we were not able to gather for worship at Easter. Up to this time Petra was joining the faith community for the readings at the 12.30 mass each Sunday. She was then led out by the Book of the Gospel and a member of the team after the homily to further reflect on the Word of God. On the First Sunday of Lent 2020 she went to the Pro Cathedral where Archbishop Diarmuid presided at the Rite of Election which is the last step of preparation for initiation at Easter. Petra joins us this Sunday for one final week of preparation during the 11 mass and we are delighted to plan her Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for next Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King during the 11am Mass. Please remember Petra in your prayers as she



*Best of Luck  
to Fingallians  
who play Erin's Isle  
in the Dublin Club Champion-  
ships  
Intermediate Hurling Final  
this Sunday.  
Ádh mór oraibh go léir!*





Enrolment is currently taking place for Religious Education Classes for Swords ETNS and Thornleigh ETNS. All Catholic children from Senior Infants to Sixth Class must register for Classes, not just for Communion & Confirmation. Classes will begin in January in the Pastoral

Centre. To help with planning and preparation, the closing date for registration is Tuesday, November 30th.

For more info or to register your child, please contact [niamh.morris@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:niamh.morris@dublindiocese.ie)

### Evenings of Reflection and Prayer as Advent Begins

Tuesday, November 23rd      The Advent Wreath  
 Thursday, November 25th  
 Tuesday, November 30th      Our Lady & Advent  
 Thursday, December 2nd

*These evenings will take place at 7.30pm in the Church and will conclude with Rosary and Night Prayer at 8.30pm. They will also be broadcast via webcam*



For Advent, we are planning to record a short reflection for each week day for the Parish Facebook Page. If you would be willing to record a reflection, please email the Parish Office at [brackenstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com). The text will be provided and you do not have to have your camera on!

You can still return your Altar List of the Dead. There are some available on the tables at the back of the Church. When you complete your list please put it in the box at the doors of the church or hand it in to the Parish Office. The names on the Altar List are remembered at the 9:00am Mass every Sunday.

ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD



#### 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 available by emailing the Parish Office at

[brackenstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com)  
 Catholic Papers & Magazines are available in the new bookrack at the back of the Church.

**'LIKE' Legion of Mary  
 Brackenstown Swords**



#### Tap & Donate

The Diocese has installed a Tap and Donate machine inside the main door of the Church. This is for the First and Second Collections ONLY. Your donation will be split 60% 1st Collection and 40% Second Collection.

If you use the white envelopes for the Mass collections so that we can record your offering, please continue to do this instead of using the Tap and Donate as this

## Trocaire

Thank you to all who contributed to the Trocaire East Africa Emergency Appeal. You can still return your envelope to the Parish and we will forward it to Trocaire. Alternatively, please go to [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) to donate directly. The proceeds of last weeks SHARE collection will also go to this appeal.

#### MASS TIMES:

MONDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am  
 SUNDAY (Sat Vigil) 6:00pm; 9:00am;  
 11:00am & 5:00pm

#### CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 10:45am to 11:30am  
 in the Pastoral Centre;

#### ADORATION

WEDNESDAY 6:00pm - 9:00pm  
 FRIDAY 3:00pm—6:00pm

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group** offers a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who might wish to avail of it.

Please phone Bridget - 085 2812985  
 Sunday 7th to Saturday 13th November  
 Please phone after 6pm.

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

#### 10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

**Mon:** Nina Buckley (RD)  
**Tues:** Tom Freaney (A) & Dcsd Members of Buckley Family  
**Wed:** Anthony Donnelly (Rem) & Dcsd Members of Donnelly & Hagan Families  
**Thur:** Maoliosa & Liam McCourt (A)  
**Fri:** Joan & Michael Harvey (A)  
**Sat:** Seamus Grant (MM)

#### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

##### Anniversaries

Maisie Ward  
 Maria & Michael Reynolds & Dcsd Family Members  
 Joan Kelly  
 Eileen Boles  
 Laurence & Christina Hoey  
 Patrick & Annie O'Connor  
 Anne Slattery (nee Halligan)  
 Christine Barnes  
 Eithne Quinn (4A)  
 Thomas Palmer (M/M)

##### Recently Deceased

Colette Savage

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