

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

17TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

28TH JULY 2024

YEAR B

WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

JOIN US



World Day
For Grandparents
and the Elderly



LIGHT A CANDLE
FOR THE
INTENTIONS OF

ALL GRANDPARENTS
AND ELDERLY IN
OUR COMMUNITIES



St. Joachim and St. Anne Grandparents of Jesus Bless All Families

www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

WORLD DAY
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"Do not cast me off in my old age"
- Psalms 71:9

I never knew either of my grandfathers, as regrettably they died before I was born, but they have nevertheless played a significant role in my life, mostly on account of the warm memories that each of my parents had of their father and the humorous stories they often told about them. Both of them participated in and were fortunate to survive the Great War, and I remember my excitement some years ago, when doing some research at the military records in Kew, I came across a postcard hand written by my paternal grandfather. It was the nearest thing to touching him. When celebrating Confirmation earlier this year, it was inspiring to see how many of the Confirmandi had asked a grandparent to be their sponsor, a recognition both of the close bond they enjoyed and also of the living example the grandparent provided as a person of faith. We all need role models to look up to, and people who have lived the joys and struggles of a long life often have a deep appreciation for the times when faith alone helped them through. This weekend marks the World Day for Grandparents and the

Elderly. It is a day to give thanks for the senior family members who grace our lives, give us unconditional love and do much unheralded childminding, so that parents can take a break or go to work. In communion with the pilgrimage taking place in Knock today, let us light a candle for the intentions of grandparents and the elderly, including those who have completed their earthly pilgrimage.

Fr. Richard

Congratulation to Fr. Columba McCann OSB, who has been elected the seventh Abbot of Glenstal Abbey! Raised in Dublin and educated by the Jesuits at Gonzaga College, he studied music at University College Dublin and trained for the priesthood at Holy Cross College in Clonliffe before he was ordained for the Archdiocese of Dublin in 1988. Following further studies in Rome, he lectured in liturgy at the Dublin diocesan seminary and a number of third-level institutions in the city while serving as master of ceremonies to the Archbishop of Dublin. Father Columba entered the novitiate at Glenstal Abbey in 2004. See <https://glenstal.com/father-columba-mccann-elected-abbot-of-glenstal/>.



The *Building Hope* Prayer

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise. You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts.

We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family.

Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another, in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation.

May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.

May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word, bringing forth truth, justice and peace.

May the Holy Spirit working in and through us do much more than we can dare to imagine as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.

We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

FAITH 'N' FUN 3 WEEK PROJECT

The story of Carlo Acutis who used his computer to put the spotlight on the Eucharist. He even brought his mother back to her faith.

FREE - to all aged 6 - 11 years

in St. Cronan's
Pastoral Centre
Brackenstown
Road, Swords

**Thursdays
1st August
8th August
2pm - 4pm**



with much, much
more so come
along and find
out more...

Organised by Legion of Mary
Registration Forms available in
Main Porch of St. Cronan's Church
Parish Office Phone No: 01 8401188



The **National Grandparents Pilgrimage** to Knock takes place this Sunday 28th July and will be

led this year by Archbishop Montemayor, Papal Nuncio to Ireland. The pilgrimage for Grandparents and the Elderly will begin with Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm in the Basilica, followed by Mass at 3.00pm and the Rosary. Children are invited to write a prayer for their grandparents and send it to CGA Knock Shrine. Those unable to travel to Knock can join the pilgrimage online at: www.knockshrine.ie

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

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 10:45am to 11:30am in the Sacristy

ADORATION: MON, TUES, THURS & SAT: 10:30AM—11:30AM **WEDNESDAY:** 6pm - 9pm **FRIDAY:** 3pm—6pm

All our ceremonies are broadcast online at www.brackenstown-parish.com

Registration is Now Open



**First Holy Communion 2025
& Confirmation 2025**

Register at: www.brackentown-parish.com

Registration is now open!

We invite parents of children who wish to receive the sacraments of

First Communion or Confirmation in 2025

to register their child for the appropriate sacrament on our parish website

www.brackentown-parish.com

A registration contribution of €30 can be paid using the Donate button on the parish website.

BLESSING OF GRAVES — FINGAL AREA

Thursday 15th August 7:30 PM Garristown Prayers

Thursday 15th August 6:30 PM Ballyboughal Prayers

Sunday 18th August 3:00 P.M. Balscadden Mass

Sunday 1st September 4:00 P.M. The Naul Prayers

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGION CLASSES:

Parents of children attending Swords or Thornleigh Educate Together or Broadmeadows Community National Schools, who would like their children to celebrate the sacraments of either First Communion or Confirmation, are also invited to **register their children** separately on our website **for religion classes**, which begin on a weekly basis in September. The preparation classes for each sacrament run over a two year basis, regardless of which class the child is attending in primary school. The cost per child per year for the religion classes is €150, which covers the remuneration of teachers, hiring of rooms and course materials. This should be paid using the Donate button on the website.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased
Maureen MacCarthy
Nicole O'Brien
Myles Byrne

Anniversaries
William Stacey (1A)
George Daly (6A)
Pat Leyden (12A)
John Hallissey (37A)
Michael Giffney
Cora Beveridge (R)
Stephen O’Gorman (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon Stephen O’Gorman (BR)

Tues Special Intention

Wed Phyllis Byrne (4A)

Thur Special Intention
Diana Uzoamaka Ukuta (9A)

Fri Special Intention

Sat Special Intention

A letter from Archbishop Farrell about *Seeds of Faith*, the new Diocesan Policy for the religious education in parishes of Catholic children attending schools other than Catholic schools, can be found at <https://dublindiocese.ie/seeds-of-faith/> along with the *Seeds of Faith* Policy document and the *Seeds of Faith* Resource Packs for 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th classes.

Pathways is an Adult Faith formation programme run by the Archdiocese aimed at all adults, members of PPCs and those in parish ministry. It is a 2 year course running on Thursday evenings from September to May (excluding holidays) from 7pm-9.30pm in DCU, Drumcondra, Dublin 9. The course has a number of modules including input on Images of God, Discipleship, Scripture, Liturgy, Church, Vatican II, Sacraments and Parish. The Second Year goes deeper into some of the topics and has a more intentional focus on Ministry. Each evening includes a presentation on the topic as well as small group sharing and discussion and there is no written work or assessments.

The cost is €400 per year (*Brackentown parish will help to cover some of*

the cost you can contact the office of Mission and Ministry to discuss the possibility of a bursary). A number of parishioners from this parish have participated in recent years and have found Pathways very enriching. For more details, and to complete the online application form, please visit www.missionministry.ie/pathways or email peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie

Bethany Bereavement Support Group
offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it
Please phone Terri - 8403243
Sun 28th July to Sat 10th August
“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted”

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free **Bereavement Support Line**. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday by calling 1800 807077
Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information

We now have a group of over 30 people booked to take part in our partnership of parishes **Pilgrimage to Lourdes** from Sunday 15th Thursday 19th September. Anyone still interested in taking part in our pilgrimage is urged to book directly with Marian Pilgrimages in the coming days. The cost of the pilgrimage for four nights and five days (inclusive of flights, accommodation and full board) is €735 per person sharing. A limited number of single rooms are available, at a single supplement of €40 per night. Booking forms are available at the parish office.

Summer Offerings envelopes for the support of priests of the parish and of the diocese are available on the tables at the entrances to the church.

The parish office has sent out receipts to parishioners for contributions made in 2023. We are greatly indebted to parishioners for your generous support. If parishioners have any queries regarding their contributions, feel free to contact the parish office any weekday morning. Please note that Christmas Offerings lodged before 14th January are credited with the 2023 figures. If they are lodged after 14th January, they are credited for 2024.

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We ask those who have received a **CHY Tax Reclaim** form recently to return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Many thanks to all who have already returned their completed forms. 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.

From the Parish Finance Committee

PERMANENT DEACON
Declan Colgan
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Faith ‘n’ Fun starts next Thursday
Please Return Completed Registration Forms to Repository in Church Porch after Mass or Parish Office

This year participants will get to know Blessed Carlo Acutis, a computer savvy Italian teenager who championed the Eucharist. The project will take place on **Thursdays 1st August & 8th August**. It is free.

Religious Goods & Literature - Suitable gifts for families

Children’s books, The Order of Mass Congregational Cards, Candles, Statues, Bibles etc. all available in main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses. Having them in the home sanctifies the circumstances of family life.

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Fund

Thank you for your kind generosity towards sending sick pilgrims from the Dublin archdiocese to Lourdes in September. A total of €1275.85 was collected last weekend. If you forgot we will be here to collect at Masses this Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

PARISH SECRETARY
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
9:30am - 1:00pm

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