

Parish Newsletter

4th October 2020 27th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A



This week Ms. Joan Parsons retires after two decades of teaching in Colaiste Choilm. Over the years she has facilitated many of the schools trips and outreach projects which are

fondly remembered by the participants. In that time with the support of Ms. Cullen and others, she organised School Masses and Graduation Masses which marked significant moments in students lives.

Her TY class have become part of the Parish in their participation in the 10:00am Mass on Thursdays, collecting food and organising hampers for SVP but most of all for their interaction with Parishioners.

We thank Joan for the links she created between the school and the Parish and wish her every blessing in the next chapters of her life's journey.

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

This year's *Day for Life* will be celebrated in Ireland on Sunday 4 October and will focus on the theme: 'Choose Life'.

Please see a range of resources from the Bishops Conference on:

www.catholicbishops.ie/2020/09/23/day-for-life-2020-choose-life/

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH
BLESSING OF ANIMALS
*VIRTUALLY!



You are invited to join us on
Sunday, October 4th
at **12.30pm**
via www.facebook.com/brackenstownchurch
for an online Blessing of Animals Service

You can take part by sending us a picture of you and your pet. The pictures will be put up on the Parish Facebook page and included in a slideshow on Sunday. Make sure to tell us your name and the name of your pets!



Saint Francis of Assisi, for our Animal Friends

Heavenly Father, our human ties with our friends of other species is a wonderful and special gift from You. We now ask You to grant our special animal companions your Fatherly care and healing power to take away any suffering they have. Give us, their human friends, new understanding of our responsibilities to these creatures of Yours. They have trust in us as we have in You; our souls and theirs are on this earth together to give one another friendship, affection, and caring. Take our heartfelt prayers and fill Your ill or suffering animals with healing Light and strength to overcome whatever weakness of body they have.

(Here mention the names of the animals needing prayer).

Your goodness is turned upon every living thing and Your grace flows to all Your creatures. From our souls to theirs goodness flows, touching each of us with the reflection of Your love. Grant to our special animal companions long and healthy lives. Give them good relationships with us, and if You see fit to take them from us, help us to understand that they are not gone from us, but only drawing closer to You. Grant our prayer through the intercession of good St. Francis of Assisi, who honored You through all Your creatures. Give him the power to watch over our animal friends until they are safely with You in eternity, where we some day hope to join them in giving You honor forever. Amen.

ALL WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE OFFERED FOR INTENTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN BOOKED

Bridget Green (100 BA)
Roseleen, Joe & Vera Ryan (A)
Michael & Anne Sharkey (A)
Eileen Farren (RD)

PRAY FOR

Michael McGrath (RD)
Jimmy Martin (RD)
Bridie McNally (A)
Jimmy McNally (A)
Annie McManus (A)
Bernie Maguire (15A)
Josephine Carty (BR)
Margaret Morandiera (BR)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Una Greene (RD)
Tues: Br. Oisín Martin (Recently Ordained)
Wed: Marian Movement for Priests
Thur: For the intentions of those who supported the family of the late Orla O'Brien O'Sullivan (RIP)
Fri: George Shaw (A)
Sat: Thanksgiving Mass of appreciation of all who supported Declan Colgan on his recent Ordination to the Diaconate

Archbishop Eamonn Martin is asking families to pray the Rosary together for the month of October in what is called the **Family Rosary Crusade**.

On Saturday October 10th, the **Hail Holy Queen Conference** will be Live & Exclusive on Radio Maria Ireland, beginning with the Rosary from 12.30pm. Guest speakers include Dana, Marino Restrepo, Fr Damian Polly, Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill, Fr Marius O'Reilly and more.

On Sunday October 11th the **Rosary on the Coast for Life & Faith in Ireland** will take place. This year we will again join in with many other countries from around the world. We will gather on our coasts, at our grottos, our churches, our river banks, our homes, or wherever we can..... to pray the Rosary safely together, at 2.30pm. Please do remember to observe Covid 19 guidelines. See www.coastalrosaryireland.ie to see locations near you or to register a location.



St. Francis' Hospice acknowledges with gratitude the sum of €705.00 proceeds from coffee/mask morning held in 20 Pine Grove Park. Many thanks to all who contributed so generously.

Teresa McQuillan

MASS TIMES

All Masses and Services are broadcast online via the parish website on www.brackenstown-parish.com
All weekend Masses are offered for the Intentions that have been booked in the diary

- MONDAY:** 10:00am Mass
8:30pm Rosary & Night Prayer
- TUESDAY:** 10:00am Mass
8:30pm Rosary & Night Prayer
- WEDNESDAY:** 10am Mass
8:30pm Rosary & Night Prayer
- THURSDAY:** 10:00am Mass
8:30pm Rosary & Night Prayer
- FRIDAY:** 10:00am Mass
7.30pm Taizé Prayer of the Cross
8:30pm Rosary & Night Prayer
- SATURDAY:** 10:00am Mass
6:30pm Mass (*Vigil*)
- SUNDAY:** 9:00am Mass
11:00am Mass
5:30pm Mass

This Timetable is subject to change over the coming weeks

ALONE

Supporting older people
to age at home

COVID-19 / CORONAVIRUS
HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE
0818 222 024

TO VOLUNTEER YOUR HELP, VISIT
www.alone.ie

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE are a national support line for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Brackenstown Bible Study Group

Invite you to join us in our reading of the letters of St Paul.

Our Autumn Scripture Study classes will commence next

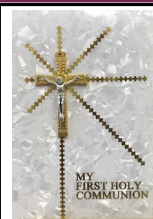
Monday 5th October and over the next 3 weeks we will read Paul's early letters, 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

This will be followed by a 4 week study of St Paul's letter to the Romans.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the study will be home based. There will be an optional Zoom, on-line group discussion/questions and answers facility available from 7.30 to 8.30pm each Monday night. For more details please email Paddy at pobyrne50@gmail.com.

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

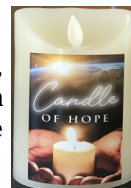
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**



First Holy Communion Prayer Books, Beads etc., and other religious items can be purchased after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses, in the Parish Centre, or obtained by contacting a member of Legion of Mary or the Parish Office.

Message of Hope

Framed pictures of Our Lady, and battery candles, each having **Pope Francis Prayer for Protection from the Coronavirus** are available in the Parish Centre.



Catholic Papers & Magazines

Are available as usual in the new bookrack at the back of the Church.

'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords



READINGS FOR 27th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Is 5:1-7

PSALM: Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-2 *Praying with*

2nd Reading: Phil 4:6-9

Gospel: Mt 21:33-43 *God's Word*

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