

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

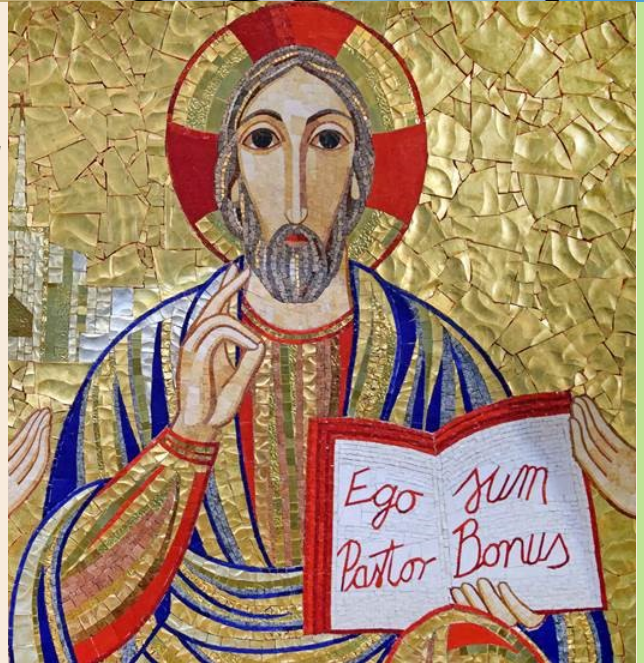
11TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

16TH JUNE 2024

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REFLECTION

This Sunday, June 16, the Church will mark *Day for Life* with a message on the theme: ***The Lord is my shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.*** This year's message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. As followers of Christ, we are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into being assisted to end their life. Instead we are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love. Today is also a day to recognise the work of health



care workers and carers. As Fr. Joseph and myself regularly celebrate Mass in two of the nursing homes in our parish and are often called to attend someone who is nearing the end of life, I am often struck by the care, patience and attention provided by so many nurses and care assistants, many of them from overseas. It is a profound endorsement of the dignity of the human person. The Day for Life message is available at <https://councilforlife.ie/day-for-life-2024/>

It is perhaps timely that our annual Mass with **Anointing of the Sick** will take place at 5.00pm on Sunday 30th June. Any parishioners who are housebound and who would like to attend the Mass in person are invited to contact the parish office, and we will arrange transport with the aid of the Order of Malta.

Fr. Richard

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.



As this is the last Sunday before the summer break that the **Young Adult Choir** are singing at the 11.00am Mass, we thank them for their wonderful animation of the Mass throughout the year and wish them an enjoyable summer break.

The Hospitality Committee will host tea/coffee in the parish centre after **10.00am Mass this Wednesday** morning. Coffee Mornings will then finish until September. Many thanks to the Team for your valued work throughout the year and we hope you enjoy the break.



The **Summer Offerings** collection for the support of priests of the parish and of the diocese will launch this weekend, 15th/16th June. **Summer Offerings** envelopes are available on the tables at the entrances to the church.

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

A Graduation Mass for 6th class from St. Cronan's S.N.S. will take place in the church at 11.00am on Tuesday 25th June.

Many thanks to our church cleaning group for looking after the church so well. New volunteers are always welcome, even if you can only help from time to time. The next cleaning day is next **Saturday 22nd June**, meeting at **12 noon**.

The Fr. James Gilmore Branch of Organisation of National Ex-Service Personnel (ONE), is a support organisation for ex-service personnel of the Irish Defence Services covering the North County Dublin and Dublin North-East areas. The primary objective of ONE is to ensure the welfare of ex-servicemen and women by way of providing subsidised accommodation and shelter. If you are a former/retired serving member of the Defence Forces, FCA/RDF, Slua Muiri/Naval Reserve, Civil Defence, Red Cross or An Garda Síochana, we still NEED you to become a member ONE. Please contact Sean Shinnors, Secretary of the Branch. **The Swords branch of Oglaiigh Naisunta na hEireann Ex-Service Members are joining us at the 11.00am Mass this Sunday and will hold their annual church gate collection after Mass.**



The parish office will be sending out receipts to parishioners for contributions made in 2023 in the coming week. 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.

A **half day of Recollection** for Ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist in the parishes of Swords, River Valley, Donabate and Brackenstown will take place next Saturday 22nd June in our parish centre from 10am-1.00pm and will be led by Peter Siney from the Office of Mission and Ministry.

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

Our parish partnership is planning a **Pilgrimage to Lourdes** from Sunday 15th Thursday 19th September. 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, and the single supplement is €40 per night. Booking forms are available at the parish office. As the pilgrimage is nearly half full at this stage, we are putting a provisional deadline for bookings or expressions of interest of **Sunday 30th June**.

The Irish Jesuits **Young Adult Retreat** (18-30 years old) called *All Things New* will take place in Gonzaga College between 28-30th June. There will be talks and workshops discussing faith and social issues facing young people in Ireland, as well as the opportunity to connect with others who are either practising or rediscovering their faith. Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/all-things-new-2024-tickets-845799919327>

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.

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a **Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 19th June at 7:15pm** in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.



Legion of Mary

What does God want from his people today?

Thursday 20th June 7:30pm in Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Centre

The final Patrician Meeting of the season will put a spotlight on how the lay faithful could imagine being co-responsible for the mission of the church. There will be reflections on the importance of having a Conversation in the Spirit as preparation for mission discernment. Also, insights from the Archdiocese of Dublin on emerging good practices and how co-responsibility may be realized. All most welcome. Refreshments offered during interval.

Faith 'n' Fun Deadline for Registration 22nd June 2024

This year participants will get to know Blessed Carlo Acutis, a computer savvy Italian teenager who championed the Eucharist. The project will take place **25th July, 1st Aug & 8th August**. It is free. Registration forms are available in the Church Porch after Mass.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Mary Lowndes

Month's Mind

Christine Ledwidge

Anniversaries

Catherine Punch (2A)

Eddie O'Callaghan (4A)

Mary Reilly (5A)

James Fitzpatrick (10A)

John, Paula & Aaron Thornton

Kathleen, Stephen & Patrick

O'Brien

Anita Corcoran

Anthony Boylan (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Doreen McKittrick (BR) Marcella Howard (A)
Tues	Mongan Family and souls in Purgatory
Wed	Kathleen & Patrick O'Reilly and Dcsd Members of O'Reilly & Lee families Catherine Punch (2A)
Thur	Special Intention
Fri	Ted O'Kane (4A)
Sat	Shane Behan (2A)

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

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

Please phone Kay - 086 2209297

Sunday 16th—Saturday 22nd June

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

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