

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

18TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

4th AUGUST 2024

YEAR B

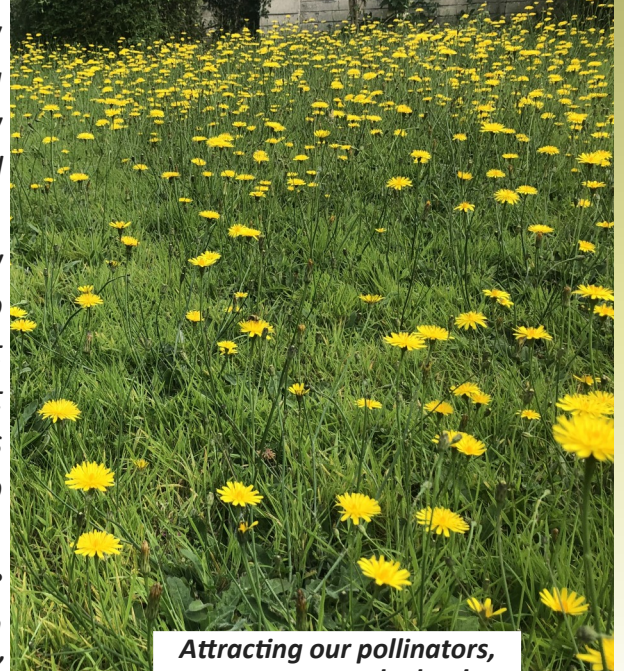
It was both horrifying and sad to hear of the tragedy in Southport earlier this week, in which three young children lost their lives and others were seriously injured. It is hard to understand what could lead anyone to commit an attack against innocent children. In the Gaza Strip thousands of civilians including many children have been killed in a conflict which seems to have no end in sight. As fears mount that the conflict in the Middle East could even escalate out of control, it is sobering to remind ourselves that this week marks the anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima.

For Christians, August 6th also marks the feast of the Transfiguration, which the disciples James and John are privileged to witness and which anticipates Jesus'

passion and death. On the cross, violence and suffering are

transfigured by love and forgiveness, which give birth to resurrection and new life. As followers of Jesus, our task is always to witness to hope through lives of compassion and generosity.

Fr. Richard



Attracting our pollinators, can you spot the bee!

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.



Plenty of fun & laughter at a celebration of Glasmore Park & Windmill Lands residents



FAITH 'N' FUN

Bible Stories, Crafts & lots more fun things to do!

in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre

FREE - to all aged 6 - 11 years

Organised by Legion of Mary

**Thursday
8th August
2pm - 4pm**

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

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass times Wednesday 14th August Vigil Mass @ 7.30pm & Thursday 15th August Mass @ 10.00am

BLESSING OF GRAVES — FINGAL AREA
Thursday 15th August @ 6:30 PM Ballyboughal Prayers
Thursday 15th August @ 7:30 PM Garristown Prayers
Sunday 18th August @ 3:00 PM Balscadden Mass
Sunday 1st September @ 4:00 PM 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
Bernadette Foley
Frances Campbell

Anniversaries
Frank Slockett (1A)
Diana Uzoamaka Ukutu (9A)
Mary Tormey
Catherine McNally
Augustine Elisabeth Aissi

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Special Intention
Tues	Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh (RD)
Wed	Marian Movement for Priests Brena Jennings (1A)
Thur	Danny Delaney (RD) Anthony Donnelly (A & BR)
Fri	Kuruvila (A) Mary Brady (A & BR)
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.

We have been asked to advertise the workshops below by **John Duffy, Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention, HSE Mental Health Services Dublin North City & Co.**

Date/Time	Training	Location	Booking Link
August 19 th 9:30am - 1pm	SAFE Talk: Suicide Alertness For Everyone	Taylor House, St Ita's Campus, Portrane	BOOKWHEN.COM
August 26 th 9am - 5pm	Suicide Bereavement for Professionals	Taylor House, St Ita's Campus, Portrane	BOOKWHEN.COM
August 27 th 9am - 5pm	Understanding Self-Harm	Taylor House, St Ita's Campus, Portrane	BOOKWHEN.COM

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"



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 of your 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

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 29th August to 8th September being led by Fr. Joe Nagle (Cork Capuchins). Contact JHS Pilgrimage at 087352089

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 Holy See has announced the appointment by Pope Francis of Monsignor John Kennedy, a Dublin diocesan priest, as titular Archbishop of Ossero. Monsignor Kennedy is Secretary of the Disciplinary Section of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, where he assists the Prefect. Welcoming the appointment as a sign of the personal appreciation of Pope Francis for his work, Archbishop Dermot Farrell congratulated Archbishop-elect Kennedy, and wished him every blessing in his ministry. Mgr. John Kennedy was ordained a priest in 1993 in the Church of St John the Baptist, Clontarf. Following his ordination, he served as a Curate in the parishes of Crumlin and Francis Street before he was assigned in 1998 to study Canon Law at the Gregorian University in Rome and began working in the Matrimonial Office of Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 2003.



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9:30am - 1:00pm

Registered Charity Number
20016166



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. If you forgot you may donate at repository at Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses this weekend.