

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

28TH APRIL 2024

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REFLECTION

Following on from Vocations Sunday last weekend, we celebrate **Lay Ministry Sunday** this weekend, a reminder that the call to serve God's people is addressed to all Christians and rooted in our baptism. This call has been answered generously and consistently by members of our parish community over many years, and we are blessed to have a variety of ministries serving the parish, such as altar servers, ministers of the Word



and of the Eucharist, baptism and funeral ministry teams, choirs, sacristans, stewards, collectors and counters, hospitality and a church cleaning team. The new diocesan office of Ministry and Mission provides training at partnership and deanery level in servant leadership as well as ongoing support for baptism and funeral teams, ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist. Congratulations to Maurice O' Connor, Una Molloy, Paul Moreland, Teresa McQuillan, Anthony Farrell and Deacon Declan Colgan, all from the Swords/Donabate Partnership of Parishes, who received a Certificate in Catechesis from Archbishop Dermot Farrell last weekend, having recently completed the first diocesan programme in catechesis run by the office of Mission and Ministry! The parish is already reaping the fruits of their participation in this excellent course through their involvement with the parish baptism team in the preparation of older children for reception of the sacrament of Baptism, which is taking place this weekend. A special collection for the continued development of lay ministry takes place at all Masses this weekend and replaces the second (Share) collection. It is a once yearly opportunity to support the great work being done by the office of Mission and Ministry in developing lay leadership and ministry as part of the Building Hope initiative in our parish and diocese.

The **April e-zine** from the Office of Mission & Ministry, which outlines various courses offered by the office can be found at <https://www.missionministry.ie/e-zine/>.

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.

Congratulations to the children from Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe and from Swords and Thornleigh Educate Together schools, who celebrated the **Sacrament of Confirmation** this week!

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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 Glasmore Park and Windmill Lands fundraiser **bake sale** will take place this Sunday in the parish centre immediately after 11.00am Mass.

A meeting of the **Parish Centre Management Committee** will take place on Monday 29th April at 7.30pm in the centre.

A **Taize Prayer around the Cross** will take place next Friday 3rd May at 7.30pm.

We are invited to **join with every parish in the diocese in a Novena to the Holy Spirit** – a dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The Novena will take place from **12th – 20th May** beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, through Pentecost and continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. As well as being a time of prayer, the Novena can be used to plan, in parish and partnership of parishes, for the pastoral year ahead guided by the Spirit.

Parishioners are requested to return their Trocaire boxes to the sacristy by Sunday 28th April. We will return the proceeds to Trocaire during the following week. Many thanks to all who have supported this year's Trocaire Lenten campaign in aid of the people of Malawi.

Many thanks to parishioners and visitors who have already returned **Easter Offerings**, which form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese.

Our parish partnership is also planning a **Pilgrimage to Lourdes** in September. The dates are **Sunday 15th to Thursday 19th September**, and the cost of the pilgrimage for four nights and five days (inclusive of flights, accommodation and full board) is €735 per person sharing. Single supplement is €40 per night. Booking forms available from the Parish Office.

A March for Life will take place in Dublin city centre at 2pm on **Monday 6th May** from St. Stephen's Green south to Leinster House.

The Office of Mission & Ministry is running the **Introduction to Servant Leadership course** again during the coming year. It is aimed at members of PPCs and those with a parish ministry – but all are welcome. The course requires participants to attend three sessions on Zoom (consecutive Tuesdays from 7.30pm to 9pm) and a Saturday session in person (from 10.00am to 2.00pm). Sessions are a mixture of input, discussion and reflection exploring what Servant Leadership is and how we might grow this ministry. For more information, contact peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie. To complete the online registration please visit the Adult Faith section of www.missionministry.ie.

The diocesan office of Mission and Ministry is organising a **Young Adult trip to the Camino** June 2024. Completing the last 110km of the Camino from Sarria to Santiago. Places are limited. If you wish to book, please fill out the form in the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/1GBviSd72R/>. For more information, contact Natalie at natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.

The focus of Earth Day 2024 is on one of the most pressing environmental issues: plastic pollution. From single-use plastics clogging our oceans to microplastics infiltrating our food chain, the impact is undeniable. But together, we can turn the tide. Let's pledge to reduce our plastic footprint, embracing reusable alternatives, and supporting businesses that prioritize eco-friendly packaging. Small changes can lead to big results for our planet. See here for your Earth Day 2024 Action Toolkit <https://www.earthday.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/EarthDay-2024-Toolkit-March-12th-Update.pdf>

Religious Goods & Literature - Suitable gifts for families preparing for the Sacraments
First Holy Communion gifts, Confirmation and Baptism, 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.

Calling all children aged 6-11 years to Faith 'n' Fun

This year participants will get to know Blessed Carlo Acutis, a computer savvy Italian teenager who championed the Eucharist. The project will take place 2:00-4:00pm on 25th July, 1st Aug & 8th August. We are ready to take bookings over the next 8 weeks. Deadline for registration 23rd June 2024. It is free. Brochure and information leaflets are available in the Church Porch after Mass.



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased
Augustine Aissi
Diarmuid O'Byrne
Betty O'Kane
Vera Magee

Month's Mind
John Ryan

Anniversaries
Paul Daly (1A)
Anthony Gargan (1A)
Mai Cunningham (20A)
Peter (Sonny) & Maisie Blanche
Sr Noelle Galvin (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Brendan O'Keeffe (A)
Tues	Patrick, Mary, Johnny, Simon & Teresa Marmion (A)
Wed	Margaret Donnelly & Olive Kenny (A)
Thur	Special Intention Bridie McEnroe (RD)
Fri	Margaret Martin (RD)
Sat	Thanksgiving Intention James, Catherine & Dympna McEneaney (A) Peter & Mary Kate McGrath (A)

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it
Brid - 086 6006397
Sun 28th April to Sat 4th May
Please phone after 6pm
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

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