

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th Sunday Ordinary Time
18th September 2022 Year C



Season of Creation

You may have noticed the beautiful display in our church in the past week or two to mark the season of Creation. Since 2017, Pope Francis has declared the period between 1st September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and 4th October, Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, as the 'Season of Creation'. In his encyclical, *Laudato Si*, published five years ago, Pope Francis links the 'cry of the poor' with the 'cry of the earth'. The theme of this year's season, 'Listen to the Voice of Creation', draws its inspiration from the story of Moses and the Burning Bush: 'I have heard their cry...I know their sufferings...Come, now! I will send you...I will be with you' (Exodus 3: 1-12).

A Word from St. Paul

'There should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for those in authority...', so writes St. Paul in this Sunday's second reading from the First Letter to Timothy. The advice might seem pretty straightforward. Our central act as a Christian community is to gather each Sunday to listen to God's word and to celebrate Eucharist. But we also pray with and for one another, and indeed for all of God's people. When we hear of someone who is ill, facing an exam or taking on a new challenge, we often light a candle for them or send a Mass card. It is a practical expression of our support and encouragement. But in asking us to pray 'for those in authority', Paul is going further. There is a tendency to criticise people in leadership roles, whether at work or in school, in church or civil life. Honest criticism is fair but sometimes it can slip into a personalised attack on an individual. Instead, Paul advises that we should pray for those in positions of responsibility, as well as for those with whom we don't get on. The act of praying for someone changes how we regard them. We begin to see them as God sees them. It is often a first step on the road to forgiveness and reconciliation. Hence Paul concludes: *'In every place, then, I want people to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.'*

Fr. Richard

The annual collection for Crosscare – the diocesan Social Care Agency - will take place at all Masses this weekend, 17th and 18th September. This year, Crosscare is looking for help for its Homeless Prevention and Food Poverty Support Services – both of which are coming under increasing demand from people struggling to find accommodation and from families coping with increases in fuel prices and the cost of living. We ask for your support for Crosscare in this weekend's second collection or by donating online at www.crosscare.ie.



Bewley's **BIG COFFEE MORNING SOCIAL FOR HOSPICE**
30TH ANNIVERSARY 1992-2022

ST FRANCIS HOSPICE
COFFEE MORNING
Thursday 22nd September
from 10:30am to 1pm
in Jean & Frank Stacey's home
(18 Elmwood Park)
in aid of St. Francis Hospice
who this year are celebrating
their 30th year anniversary



Colaiste Choilm Students from Colaiste
Swords Choilm Secondary
School recently

participated for the first time in the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. A couple of students will give a brief report at each weekend Mass this weekend, about their experience. They are also holding a church gate collection to help offset some of the travel expenses they incurred.

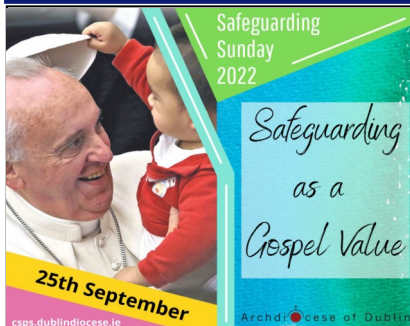
SUNDAY MASSES: (Sat Vigil) 6pm; 9am; 11am & 5pm
WEEKDAY MASSES: MONDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am
CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 10:45am to 11:30am in the Pastoral Centre
ADORATION: MON, TUES, THURS & SAT: 10:30AM—11:30AM
WEDNESDAY: 6pm - 9pm FRIDAY: 3pm—6pm
All our ceremonies are broadcast online at www.brackenstown-parish.com

If you are interested in receiving the Parish Newsletter weekly by email, Please email the Parish Office
Office Hours: Mon - Fri 9:30am -1pm

Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

The purpose of this Gospel, as stated by John himself, is to show that Jesus of Nazareth was Christ, the Son of God, and that believers in him might have eternal life. All are welcome to join our in-person study of St John's Gospel which will be

starting on Monday 26th September in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre. Classes are from 7.30 to 8.30 pm and there is no charge. *Follow Me; Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John* is an 8-class DVD-led course which will conclude on 21st November. To join, please contact the Parish office on 01 8401188 or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com



Next Sunday, 25th September is Diocesan Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Sunday. Mary-Liz Donaghue, our Parish Safeguarding Representative, will make a brief presentation at each Mass on our parish safeguarding practices and procedures. A copy of our Parish Safeguarding and Protection Policy will be available for parishioners to take home.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Monica Hughes
Bridie Byrne

Anniversaries

Nuala Logue
Ann Cawley
Mary & Phyllis McQuillan
Tom Freaney (9A)
John Keaney
Special Birthday Intention
Christina Gleeson
Dcsd Members of
McTernan Family

TRANSFER OF STANDING ORDERS

We have been informed by Ulster Bank that they will be closing all their current accounts from the end of March 2023. As the Parish has been a customer with Ulster Bank, this means that the account that handles your Standing Order will no longer work after this date. We have opened a new account with Bank of Ireland on Main Street, Swords and now ask parishioners to transfer their Standing Orders over to this account.

We thank those who have already signed a Standing Order Form for the new account. We have sent a new form this week to other parishioners who have a Standing Order with us and ask them to complete it as soon as possible and return it to the Parish Office.

Your support to the Parish through your Standing Order is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office on 01 801188.

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon	John Joe, Eileen & Sean Lynch (A) Anna Nessman (A)
Tues	Catherine Punch (RD)
Wed	Brian Lyons & Bridie McNally (A)
Thur	John & Kathleen O'Connor (A)
Fri	Bernie & Mainey Lawrence (A) Pray for: Vincent Hughes (A)
Sat	Anne Patricia (Nan) McCone (RD)

SIGNPOSTS TO THE FUTURE: Church, Synodality & Change

Michael A. Conway is a priest of the diocese of Galway, who teaches Theology at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, where he is Professor of Faith and Culture will give a talk on **SIGNPOSTS TO THE FUTURE: Church, Synodality & Change.**

Date: Wednesday September 21st, 2022 Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

If you would like to join this talk on zoom email croinuacentre@gmail.com to be included. For more information check out www.croinua.com

Aged 55+? Age Friendly Ireland & Creative Lives are hosting a free event with workshops, exhibitions and performance by Forget me Not Choir On Tuesday, September 20th 2022 11am to 2pm at Newbridge House.

55+? Age Friendly Fingal host a "Give it a go" free event. If you ever wanted to try Boules, Croquet, Walking football, Tai Chi and lots more now is your chance on Tuesday, September 27th 2022 10.30am to 12.30pm, Newbridge House, Donabate.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR OUR LADY?

How can we care better for those around us? You'll be most welcome to share in a discussion on this subject on **Thursday next, 15th September, at 8:00pm** in Parish Pastoral Centre. Spiritual Director will attend. Look forward to seeing you.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on **Sunday 25th September.** Details and booking with Legion of Mary members in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. Bus leaving from Church Car Park at 7:45am