

REFLECTION Pentecost in a very real way marks the birthday of the Church, as it recalls the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and their being sent out to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. The mission remains all the more relevant at a time of increasing secularism, where



Christians can sometimes lose confidence in their faith, so it is important that we see this feast as an opportunity to pray for and open our hearts to a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, so that the Church both locally and around the world may be renewed. During these days we are participating in a Novena to the Holy Spirit for renewal in our own diocese, while the Church universal is preparing for the second part of the Synod on synodality in Rome in October this

year. It is a time when we pray for those who are preparing to be ordained, for priests and religious who are taking up new appointments, for those celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation, those who are graduating from secondary school or college, for parishioners who are taking up a new ministry in our parish and for the ongoing collaboration of parish partnerships.



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.

Dcn. Declan Colgan, Altar Server Bishop Nwojo & Paul Uzo picture with Arbp. Dermot Farrell attended the recent Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Congratulations to the children from Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe, Swords and Thornleigh Educate Together and Broadmeadows Community National schools who celebrated their **First Holy Communion** on Saturday 18th May!

Congratulations also to Teresa Lowry, who receives the Sacrament of Confirmation during 11.00am Mass this Pentecost Sunday!



elebrant Fr. Joseph Hao Co Parish Priest Fr. Richard

Many thanks to all those who participated in the **Novena to the Holy Spirit** for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin, which concludes on Monday 20th May, Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church on. A small number of Building Hope Novena Prayer Cards are still available in the church.



Please pray for Fr. Donal Roche, who will be ordained as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Dublin Diocese next Sunday (Trinity Sunday)

Sunday (Trinity Sunday) 26th May, in St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row.

At the same ceremony, Bishop Paul Dempsey,

former Bishop of Achonry (now merged with Elphin Diocese), will receive his appointment as an Auxiliary Bishop for Dublin.



Bp. Paul Dempsey

We pray also for Fr. Des Doyle, who has been appointed Co-Parish Priest for Malahide and Kinsealy, and for Fr. John Collins, who is joining the team at Balbriggan and the Naul as Team Assistant. We wish them both well in their new appointments and look forward to welcoming Fr. John Daly as PP of both Swords & Drynam and River Valley parishes.

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

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. <i>From the Parish Finance Committee</i> Laudato Si' Week, which celebrates the anniversary of the publication of the parameters.	SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS Anniversaries Tim Kehane (1A) Tommy Kelly (1A) Margaret & Ernie Pawley (A) Dcsd Members of Pawley & Sheils Families Bernie Fitzpatrick (16A) Anne Curtis Dennis Ryan (6A)
encyclical letter Laudato Si' on Care for Our Common Home, takes place this year from Sunday May 19th - Sunday 26th. The theme for the week is ' <i>Seeds of Hope'</i> , and materials can be found at: <u>https://laudatosiweek.org/</u> .	Michael, Bridget & John Kelly (BR) Dr Joe & Marguerite Cox (A)
	10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK
Live Webinar – Seeds of Hope – Christians Care for Creation: Why? Monday 20th May, 8-8.45pm: With Bishop Martin Hayes (Diocese of Kilmore/ Laudato Si' Bishop), Noirin Lynch (Director- FCJ Spirituality House), Laura Madrigal (Trócaire/Laudato Si' Movement).	Mon Thanksgiving Mass Tues Special Intention PK Kuriakose (A)
Please email <u>laura.madrigal@trocaire.org</u> to receive a ZOOM link for the	Wed Special Birthday Intention
webinar.	Thur John Ryan (RD)
Laudato Si' Week Contemplation Sessions	Fri Olive Kenny (A)
with Jane Mellett and Anna Keegan from Trócaire	Sat Jim Nugent (A)
Join us for 30 minutes of meditation during Laudato Si' Week 2024. Cultivating an ecological spirituality is one of the antidotes to the ecological crisis. We will explore a different spiritual practice each day. Everyone is welcome. You can register once, and attend any session: Monday 20th May – A Guided Meditation on your favourite Place in Nature	Mass with Anointing of the Sick will take place on Sunday 30th June at 5.00pm. More details later.
Tuesday 21st May- A Meditation on the Four Elements (earth, fire, air, wind) Wednesday 22nd May - Loving Kindness Meditation Thursday 23rd May - The Ecological Examen (to explore our relationship with nature). Please email <u>jane.mellett@trocaire.org</u> or click <u>here</u> to receive a ZOOM link for the webinar.	Sincere thanks to parishioners who have returned their Lenten Trocaire boxes.
Our parish partnership is planning a Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Sunday 15 th -Thursday 19 th 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 Friday 31st May .	
A half day of recollection for Ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist in the parishes of Swords, River Valley, Donabate and Brackenstown parishes is planned for Saturday June 22nd in Brackenstown Pastoral Centre from 10am to 1pm. This	"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"
will be led by Peter Siney from the Office of Mission and Ministry. 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: <u>https://forms.office.com/</u> <u>e/1GBviSd72R/</u> . For more information, contact Natalie at <u>natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie</u> .	Fr. Richard Sheehy 087 2412459 richardesheehy@gmail.com PARISH CHAPLAIN Fr. Joseph Hao P.C. 01 8401188 brackenstownparish@gmail.com
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 <u>www.hospicefoundation.ie</u> for more information.	PERMANENT DEACON Declan Colgan 01 8401188 brackenstownparish@gmail.com
What can the lay faithful learn from Frank Duff's approach to evangelization?Thursday 23rd May 7:30pm in Brackenstown Parish Pastoral CentreThe next Patrician Meeting will put a spotlight on the importance of spiritual formation, enthusiastic proclamation of the Word of God and examples of of God. All most welcome. Refreshments offered during interval.	PARISH SECRETARY Louise Donnelly Mon to Fri. 9:30am – 1:00pm 01 8401188 brackenstownparish@gmail.com PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Religious Goods & Literature - Suitable gifts for families	Monday - Friday 9:30am - 1:00pm
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. Registration Forms for Faith 'n' Fun Project here too.	Registered Charity Number 20016166