

Parish Newsletter

19th July 2020 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



First Holy Communion 2020

Sincere thanks to all who took part in the Survey on First Holy Communion. There were 153 responses, which is about 75% of the total number. There was a good representation from all schools and classes. The full results have been published on the Parish Website and Facebook pages. From the results, a plan has been put in place which will hopefully accommodate as many as possible.

From the results, the Celebration of First Holy Communion will take place on weekends (either Saturday or Sunday) towards the end of September and into October when the children have returned to School. The children will be grouped with their Second Class as it was in March 2020.

We will wait until NPHET gives the next set of guidelines this weekend before confirming how many can attend. There will, however, be a need to have a separate Ceremony for each class. In order to be fair, we will hold a draw next week to decide on a date and time for each class. This draw will be broadcast live on the Parish webcam on Tuesday, July 21st at 8pm

Again, thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us.

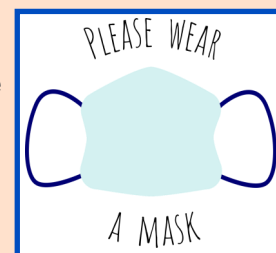
Take care and stay safe,
Fr. Paul

PLEASE WEAR A FACE COVERING WHEN COMING TO THE CHURCH

Face coverings help prevent people who do not know they have the virus from spreading it to others. You are asked to wear one when attending Masses. You should still do the important things necessary to prevent the spread of the virus. These include:

- social distancing
- covering your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough and sneeze
- washing your hands properly and often
- not touching your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

If you have any underlying medical condition, please stay at home. You may receive the Eucharistic after each Mass outside the Church.



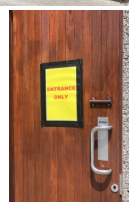
Signs to guide you in the Church



Within the Church and Car Park we ask you to respect social distancing. If we have outdoor Masses we ask that families sit together and allow the 2metres between groups,



This may change at Mass times as the numbers increase.



One way system to enter and exit the Church



Hand sanitiser inside the Main Door. Please wash hands as you enter. Remove gloves when in Church.

These signs mark where you can sit in the Church.

Couples can sit together at the marker.

There will be parts of the Church allocated for families to sit together.

ALL WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE OFFERED FOR INTENTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN BOOKED

Ann Browne (4A)
Mary Cassidy (A)
Leo Bracken (A)
Anthony Reilly (RD)

PRAY FOR

Mora O'Loughlin (1A)
Anne Cox (A)
Martin Maughan (A)
John Delaney (A)
Geraldine McNamara (A)
Nick Savage (A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Special Intention
Tues: Ann, Eugene Snr, Eugene Jnr & Michael Fitzsimons (A)
Wed: Anne Cox (A)
Thur: Bernie O'Leary (1A)
Fri: Christopher Martin (24A)
Sat: Marian Movement for Priests

Since the return of the Congregation to Mass on June 29th, there has been every positive feedback to the arrangements that are in place in the Church. We continue to make the Church as safe and welcoming environment for you as possible with the help of volunteers stewards and cleaners as well as Parish staff.

One addition that has been made this week is the installation of a sanitization system known as SANYPLUS and purchased by the Parish from sanitysystem.ie. This eco-friendly, medical grade machine uses o-zone to kill 99% of bacteria and viruses, including COVID 19. It can be turned on each evening once the Church closed. This means that every morning, we can be assured that the Church has been fully sanitized. This doesn't take away from the need to clean and disinfect throughout the day. But it does add an extra layer of protection for all. If you would like to read more about how the system works, please visit www.sanitysystem.ie

The importance of wearing masks indoors has been emphasised again this week by NPHET. It has been heartening to see how this message has really been taken on board by the vast majority of people attending Mass. From this weekend, it will be compulsory to wear a mask when coming along to Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and any other gathering in the Church and Pastoral Centre.

Many people are still cocooning or would prefer not to attend Mass in person for the time being. If you would like to receive Holy Communion, a priest is available from after 10am Mass daily until 11am in the Pastoral Centre and on Sunday from 12.30pm – 1pm outside the main door of the Church. If you cannot leave your home, please contact the Parish Office at 8401188 and we can arrange for Holy Communion to be brought to you on a weekly basis.

COVID 19 still presents many challenges to us all. It can seem, at times, overwhelming. We can all play our part by continuing to wash our hands, wear a mask when out and about, practicing good respiratory etiquette and watching out for each other.

Collections via the Donate Button

Over the past couple of months our Parish, like many institutions, businesses and families has faced extra financial challenges and this will continue for some time to come. Sincere thanks for supporting the parish financially in these difficult times. Just a reminder that donations to the Family Offering, 1st & 2nd collections and towards the new church furniture can be made online by using the Donate button on the Parish website www.brackenstown-parish.com. You can still use this facility if you would like to make a late donation to the Easter Dues. Thanks again for your support, it is much appreciated.

Parish Finance Committee



The Sacrament of Confession is now available every Saturday from 11:00am to 12:00pm in St. Cronan's Church

MASS TIMES	
MONDAY:	10am Mass 8:30pm Rosary & Night Prayer (online)
TUESDAY:	10am Mass 8:30pm Rosary & Night Prayer (online)
WEDNESDAY:	10am Mass 7pm Eucharistic Adoration 8pm Guided Prayer (online) 8:30pm Rosary & Night Prayer (online)
THURSDAY:	10am Mass 8:30pm Rosary & Night Prayer (online)
FRIDAY:	10am Mass 2pm - 4pm Adoration 7.30pm Taizé Prayer around the Cross (online) 8:30pm Rosary & Night Prayer (online)
SATURDAY:	10am Mass 6:30pm Mass (Vigil) 10.45am - 12 noon Confession (for Confession, please take a seat in the Hospitality Area of the Pastoral Centre and you will be called)
SUNDAY:	9am Mass 11am Mass 4pm - 5pm Adoration 5:30pm Mass

(The 12:30pm Mass is suspended for the time being)

New Sanctuary Furniture

So far €23,225.78 has been donated to our fundraising appeal, this includes a donation to cover the cost of the Ambo from the Bible Study Group and a gift from the Marie Reparatrice Sisters to cover the cost of the Sanctuary Lamp. If you wish to make a donation there are envelopes at the display at the Main Door.

SACRISTY REFURBISHMENT

We propose to do some work on the Sacristy and surrounding rooms.

If you are interested in tendering for the job, please send an email to the parish office on or before Thursday 30th July 2020.



Message of Hope



Framed Message of Hope Prayer and battery-powered candles which have the prayer of Protection from the Coronavirus by Pope Francis on the back are available in the Parish Centre after Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning Masses.

The framed pictures cost €5 and the candles cost €6. All other religious items can be purchased in the Parish Centre after weekend Masses (not Sunday 5:30pm) or obtained by contacting a member of Legion of Mary or emailing the Parish Office.



Catholic Papers & Magazines

Are available as usual in the new bookrack at the back of the Church.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

READINGS FOR 16th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wis 12:13, 16-19
PSALM: Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
2nd Reading: Rom 8:26-27
Gospel: Mt 13:24-43

*Praying with
God's Word*

View our Parish Webcam via the Parish Website www.brackenstown-parish.com

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