

Parish Newsletter

13th September 2020 24th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A



I would just like to say a big thank you to all the parishioners who sent me best wishes and beautiful gifts on my Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate.

I was deeply moved by the support, blessings, and prayers that you have sent to me which have left me feeling very blessed and happy, my feet are only starting to hit the ground.

I would like to thank Willie Curtis and the Pastoral Council for the beautiful Stoles and their support they have given me. To all Stewards, Cleaners, Altar Servers and Musicians on the night, thank you, for without you my Ordination would not have taken place this year.

To Fr Paul, Fr Bibin and all the different parish teams, I know how hard you worked in organising my Ordination, and for this I am so grateful. I look forward to working with you all in the future. Keeping you all in my Prayers and I will have a Mass offered up for all your intentions.

Yours faithfully.

Rev. Deacon Declan Colgan.

THANK YOU!



Please Pray for
Declan Colgan
Ordained to the Permanent Diaconate
for service in the
Archdiocese of Dublin
at St Cronan's Church,
Brackenstown, County Dublin

TRÓCAIRE

Working for a Just World

The amount of the Lenten contribution from Brackenstown parish was €8295.26. This is an amazing amount to receive from the people of your parish and thank you so much for the enormous generosity shown to support the work of Trócaire.

You played a great part in gaining us coverage of our work on both local and national media channels and we are very grateful for your support also. Donations made through the annual Trócaire Lenten Campaign, especially the Trócaire box, fund lifesaving programmes around the world. Millions of people who live without access to adequate water supplies, sanitation and healthcare continue to live with the threat of COVID-19.

Your donations have made a great difference at a time when it was most needed by some of the world's most vulnerable communities. We are humbled by your kindness and care.

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." (2 Cor 9:11)

As we make small steps on the way to deal with the challenges of Covid-19, we wish you all God's blessings on this journey together.

Colm Hogan, Church Outreach Officer, Trócaire



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

Nuala Logue (A)
Eda (31A) & Zara Cafolla (30A)
Alicia Duff (A)
Special Intention

PRAY FOR

Marie O'Reilly (RD)
Kathleen Kelly (RD)
Peggy Kelly (RD)
Daniel Murray (RD)
Bridie Ellis (1A)
Michael & Eileen McSweeney (A)
Brian Lyons (A)
Bridie McNally (A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: John McGroddy (RD)
Tues: Gabriel McHale (RD)
Wed: Una Greene (RD)
Pray for: Vincent Hughes (A)
Thur: Matt McGuirk (RD)
Pray for: Phyllis (MM) & Patrick Byrne (A)
Fri: Anne Cawley (A)
Sat: Cora Farrell (A)

The Annual Crosscare
collection will be
taken up next
weekend 19th & 20th
September

As you will appreciate Crosscare need our support now more than ever before to help those most in need in our communities at this time of crisis.

Crosscare's focus has always been to serve the most vulnerable in our society. During this crisis we are working hard to ensure that the essential services we provide remain available to our service users while operating in line with Government and HSE advice to ensure that our service users and staff are protected. While some of our face to face services have had to be adapted to meet HSE requirements, as much as possible we are continuing to provide supports through other remote means including phone and web based technologies.

HOMELESS SERVICES

Our Homeless Services including our residential facility for young people are open and operating normally and in line with HSE guidelines. Crosscare opened a new inner city 100 bed cocooning services for people who are homeless to keep them safe from the virus.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Our Food Banks remain open to support those most in need at this difficult time and we have made changes at a local level to ensure that the health of all involved is safeguarded.

Our Carecall team are operating a normal service making calls daily to all our clients.

YOUTH SERVICES

Youth services had to close initially and staff were redeployed to help keep the essential food and residential services running. Services are now open with a greater emphasis on on-line and phone work and working with smaller numbers of particularly vulnerable young people.

Our Drugs and Alcohol Programme team are carrying out online sessions with their clients.

Our Voluntary Clubs team continue to link in with and support our volunteers by phone and other web-based technologies.

Please support this important work if you can by taking an envelope from the back of the Church or donating on-line at www.crosscare.ie

Brackenstown Bible Study Group

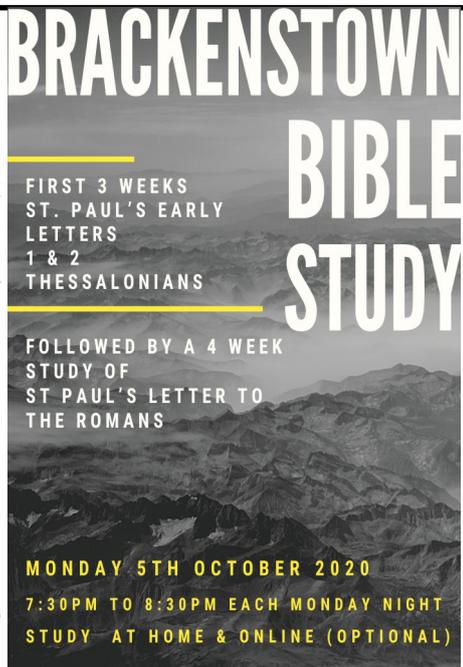
Invite you to join us in our reading of the letters of St Paul.

Our Autumn Scripture Study classes will commence on

Monday 5th October and over the next 3 weeks we will read Paul's early letters, 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

This will be followed by a 4 week study of St Paul's letter to the Romans.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the study will be home based. There will be an optional Zoom, on-line group discussion/questions and answers facility available from 7.30 to 8.30pm each Monday night. For more details please email Paddy at pobyrne50@gmail.com.



BRACKENSTOWN BIBLE STUDY

FIRST 3 WEEKS
ST. PAUL'S EARLY LETTERS
1 & 2
THESSALONIANS

FOLLOWED BY A 4 WEEK STUDY OF
ST PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2020
7:30PM TO 8:30PM EACH MONDAY NIGHT
STUDY AT HOME & ONLINE (OPTIONAL)

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

First Holy Communion Prayer Books, Beads etc., and other religious items can be purchased after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses, in the Parish Centre, or obtained by contacting a member of Legion of Mary or the Parish Office.

Message of Hope
Framed pictures of Our Lady, and battery candles, each having **Pope Francis Prayer for Protection from the Coronavirus** are available in the Parish Centre.

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 24th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
1st Reading: Eccles 27:30-28:7
PSALM: Ps 102:1-4, 9-12
Reading: Rom 14:7-9
Gospel: Mt 18:21-35

Praying with God's Word

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