

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SUNDAY

Building Hope Dublin Diocese Task Force

Shortly after Easter, Archbishop Farrell set up a Task Force to look at the needs of the Diocese and to work to support Parishes, Diocesan Agencies and Chaplaincies, to undertake a radical renewal. This is to help us to look to the future with hope and creativity. The members of the Task Force come from various backgrounds in pastoral ministry, education, adult faith formation, social justice, strategic and policy planning. They come from various parts of the Diocese and there is a balance between lay and clerical, and male and female.

There are four stages to the work of the Task Force:

- To gather the thoughts and ideas of people
- To assess the themes and comments that come through
- To report to the Archbishop
- To offer a pastoral approach which is inclusive and appropriate to our time.

The General Consultation will begin next week and we will make the link available on the Parish Website, Facebook Page and in next weeks Newsletter. We encourage you to take part in this consultation.

Fr. Paul



The Polish Mass resumes this Sunday in St. Cronan's Church. Confessions in polish in the Pastoral Centre from 2pm followed by Mass in the Church at 3pm.

TREE OF KNOWLEDGE



We will have our 'Tree of Knowledge' in the Church over the next few weeks. If you know of anyone who is sitting an exam, you can use the paper and tape to add their name to the tree. All those sitting exams will be remembered in our prayers at this time.

FIRST FRIDAY CALLS BEGINNING AGAIN

If you know of someone who would like to receive Holy Communion from the priest of the parish on the First Friday of every month, please contact the parish office on 01 8401188 or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com. Also, we aware that over the past year that a number of our parishioners have moved into nursing homes. We would very much like to be able to keep in touch with them so if you know of someone or a relative who has gone into a nursing home, please let us know.



Baptism – First Holy Communion – Confirmation

This week the government reviewed the advice on the celebrations of the Sacraments of Initiation. The advice now reads: From 5th July *first communions, confirmations and baptisms may take place. Related family gatherings should strictly adhere to prevailing public health advice on household mixing, including visitors to your home and indoor and outdoor dining. Any decision to schedule such ceremonies should take account of the disease situation in the local community.*

In reflecting on what this means Archbishop Farrell said: "In line with the gradual reopening of society, from 5th July onwards, Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Baptisms, may take place while complying with Covid-19 guidance but ideally, where possible, should be rescheduled for the Autumn when it will be safer to do so...It is understandable that children and their families have been looking forward to celebrating these sacraments and postponement is upsetting, but the priority is to protect the child, their family and the wider community."

The Parish Team, taking this advice and the results of the survey monkey are adopting the following:

From 5th July the **Baptisms** that were scheduled for June will be offered new dates in July. On the 20th June a second batch of dates will be offered to those on the waiting list, which will happen in August to mid-September. A third batch will be offered in early August for late September and October.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place from Monday 17th August. There will be two ceremonies each day at 12:00noon and 3:15pm (to allow school traffic to move). A draw will take place online on 17th July to allocate the dates and times.

The Service of Light will take place at 7:00pm and 8:00pm on 15th, 17th and 18th June by Zoom. An email will go out to parents letting them know when their Service of Light will take place.

First Holy Communion will hopefully begin on Saturday 11th September. There will be two ceremonies at 12:00noon and 2:30pm. The preferred day for First Holy Communion from the survey was a Saturday so we have organised that all the First Holy Communion will take place on a Saturday. A draw will take place online on the 11th of August to allocate times and dates.

Please note all of this is subject to the public health advice at the time of the planned ceremonies. You will be advised of numbers when we are in touch with you about your date. Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be done a class at a time and will be more than likely limited: Confirmation: the candidate, sponsor and 2 parents/guardians. First Holy Communion: the child and 2 parents/guardians.



FINGAL COUNSELLING SERVICE

located in B.A.S.E., Brackenstown Swords are recruiting a part time Operations Manager. For more information please see www.activelink.ie. Closing date 25th June.



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Earlier this year, Pope Francis announced a new celebration in the Church year- World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. it will be held each year on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the Feast of SS Joachim and Anne. This year, it falls on July 25th At all Masses on weekend of July 25th, we will be celebrating Grandparents and older people and how important they are in our lives. there is a special invite for grandparents and grandchildren to come to Mass together.

There is also one extra Mass 1.15pm. ThePapal Nuncio Archbishop Jude Okolo will celebrate the inaugural Mass for world Day for grandparents and the Elderly in Ireland. As numbers will still be limited, this will be a ticket event and will be limited to two grandparents and two grandchildren per family. To register your interest, email the Parish Office at brackenstownparish@gmail.com with your name and the names of your grandchildren. Names will be drawn from a hat later this month.

Some ideas for celebrating at home: Invite grandparents for a visit and watch the Mass with Archbishop Okolo together; send your grandparents a card; zoom/facetime/phone grandparents who are far away drop a note into an older neighbour who lives on their own; Write the names of grandparents on a candle for our 'Window of Faith' in the Church.—you can get a candle in the Sacred Space beside the Confession box; if grandparents have passed away, take out some pictures and share stories about them.

SWORDS MANOR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Residents Association new seeking new members and volunteers for 2021. New members are welcome at the next meeting on Monday 14th June at 7 PM in the Manor football pitch prefab.



Contact Chairperson: John Phelan 086 028 0909

Act of Spiritual Communion

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.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group offers a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who might wish to avail of it. Please phone Bridget - 085 2812985 from Denise - 086 0610463 - week Sunday 13th June to Saturday 19th June. Please phone after 6pm. Please phone after 6pm. We offer our sympathy to anyone who has been bereaved during these very difficult months. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted".

Statues of St. Joseph, Candles of Hope with **Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection from the Coronavirus** are available by emailing: brackenstownparish@gmail.com. Catholic Papers & Magazines are available in the new bookrack at the back of the Church. 'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

INTER-FAITH TALKS SERIES

On Tuesday 15TH JUNE at 7:00pm we will have the next in our series of Inter-Faith talks with an introduction to the Buddhist Tradition. The presentation will be on Zoom, to join us please email the Parish Office at: brackenstownparish@gmail.com

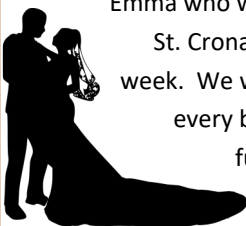
Reverend Myozan Kodo Kilroy is the Founding Teacher of Zen Buddhism Ireland and Founding President of the Irish Buddhist Union. Reverend Myozan Kodo Kilroy is a Soto Zen Buddhist priest and a Dharma Heir of Taigu Turlur Roshi, in the lineage of Nishijima Roshi and Rempo Niwa Zenji. Based in Dublin, he leads the Zen Buddhism Ireland sangha, where he is the founding and guiding teacher. A member of the international Soto Zen Buddhist Association, Myozan is also the founding President of the Irish Buddhist Union. He was the first official Irish delegate to attend the annual United Nations Day of Vesak, celebrating the Buddha's birth, in Vietnam in 2019.

On the academic staff of the Technological University Dublin, Myozan represents Buddhism on the Dublin City Interfaith Forum.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kevin & Emma who were married in St. Cronan's Church last week. We wish them both every blessing in their future together.



10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Tom & Paddy Cunningham (A)
Eileen McCormack (RD)
Tues: Pray for James Anthony Boylan (BR)
Wed: Martin Howley (A)
Thur: Joe Chawke (RD)
Fri: Marcella Howard (A)
Sat: Special Intention

ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND ARE OFFERED FOR:

Anniversaries

John Corcoran (1A)
Jim Fitzpatrick (7A)
Anita Corcoran (18A)
Willie McKittrick (A)
& Dcsd Family Members
Martin Lawrence (Rem)
Brian Foster (A)
Marcella Howard (A)
Peter, Mary, Peggy, Maureen
& John Mulkearns (A)
James Sammon (A)
Baby Jamie Foy (A)
Jim Geary (A)
Mary O'Gorman (A)
Tommy Crosbie (B'day Rem)
Marion Hackett (A)

Recently Deceased

Marian Hackett (MM)
Joan O'Brien (RD)
Richie Walsh (RD)
Louise Doherty (RD)

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