

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th April 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B

*Good Shepherd Sunday
April 25, 2021*



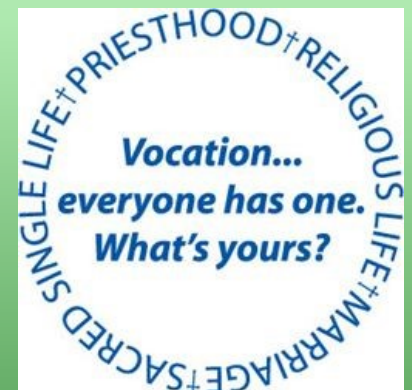
Day of Prayer for Vocation

The fourth Sunday of Easter each year is known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' or 'World Day of Prayer for Vocations'. On that Sunday, the Gospel is always taken from the beautiful tenth chapter of St. John's Gospel where Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep, gathers them and lays down his life for them.

This year, to mark Vocations Sunday, Pope Francis has given the Church a message to reflect on where he links the vocation of every Christian to the unique vocation of St Joseph, patron of the Church. He does so in this year dedicated to St Joseph and following the publication of his earlier letter *Patris Corde... With a father's heart*, urging all Christians to be inspired by the example and spirit of St Joseph in this year dedicated to his honour.

On this Vocations Sunday may the whole Church affirm the vocations of priests and religious and may those he is calling to follow this path, respond to his call with generosity and trust. May we know God's dream for our lives; may we become humble servants of God and his people and be faithful to the Lord and the little ways he calls us to grow in love.

'God our Father, we trust in your loving kindness. Bless our diocese with many priestly and religious vocations. Give the men and women you call the light to understand your gift and the love to walk always in the footsteps of your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.'



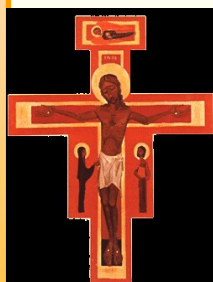
Trócaire Box Return

You can now return your Trócaire Box to the Church after Mass or the Parish Office which is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:30am until 1:00pm. Please do not leave the boxes in the Church outside of these times. We will accept them up to the end of the month and will also take last years if you still have them. Your support makes a huge difference.



Rosary and Night Prayer

Monday to Friday at 8:30pm. If you have an intention you would like remembered please text Fr. Paul 087 7404729



Taizé Prayer

Friday night at 7:30pm. If you would like a petition remembered please email the Parish Office or put it in the Petition Box in the front porch.

Online www.brackenstown-parish.com

Funerals

From Monday 26th April the numbers allowed to attend a funeral go from 10 to 25. This will bring comfort to families and help in having a wider representation of close family and friends at this very sad time.

**Masses during the week Monday to Saturday 10:00am Sunday Masses: Vigil 6:30pm (Sat.) 9:00am and 11:00am.
Confession Saturday 10:45am to 11:30am Rosary and Night Prayer Monday to Friday 8:30pm. (All Online Only)**

Letter from Archbishop Dermot Farrell

ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE

22 April 2021

Dear Father,

I am aware that some parishes have been pressed to consider setting dates for the celebration of the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. I am writing to confirm that no dates should be proposed by parishes, even provisionally, for such celebrations.

We have yet to receive clarification about the circumstances under which a return to public worship will be permitted under public health guidelines. However, apart from such specific guidelines, we must be cognisant of the foreseeable risks of social gatherings which typically follow such celebrations.

Following clarification of the public health requirements, I will issue guidelines regarding when celebrations of the sacraments may be held. It is likely that it will be necessary to postpone until the autumn at least some celebrations which would otherwise take place over coming weeks.

In the meantime, I encourage you to continue to engage with and accompany families on the journey of preparation towards celebration of the sacraments, even as they may have to be delayed for a time.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

 +Dermot Farrell
 Archbishop of Dublin

ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND ARE OFFERED FOR:

Muriel Harford (A)
 Timothy & Mary O'Donoghue (A) &
 Dcsd Family Members

Nellie Dockrell (1A)
 Magdalen McGonigle (RD)
 Altar List of the Dead

PRAY FOR:

Greta Brady (RD)
 Mick McGuirk (RD)
 Alisha Murphy (RD)
 Tommy Leonard (RD)
 Michael Ralph (RD)
 Gerry Donnelly (RD)
 Frank McCarthy (A)
 Patrick, Bridget, Maura
 and Seamus Hughes (A)
 Sr. Ellen Galvin (2A)
 Aileen Smyth (RD)
 MARIA JASINSKA (RD)
 Brendan Carton (RD)

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

'LIKE' Legion of Mary
 Brackenstown Swords



10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: David, Amelia & Donald Davis;
 Ethel Roberts, James, Catherine,
 Lena & Margaret Long (A)

Tues: Michael & Bridgie O'Neill (A)
 Peg & John O'Grady (A)

Michael & Brigid Kelly (A)
Wed: Peter (Sonny) & Maisie Blanche
 (A)

Thur: Jack & Teresa Goulding (A) &
 Dcsd Family Members

Fri: Mary & Andrew Byrne (A)

Sat: Shane Middleton (MM)

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Easter Dues Envelopes are available at the back of the Church and can be returned by placing in one of the White Boxes at the back of the Church.

Easter Dues can now also be donated using the Parish online payments facility. Simply go to the Parish website. www.brackenstown-parish.com and then click on the "Donate" button at the top of the page. Then select

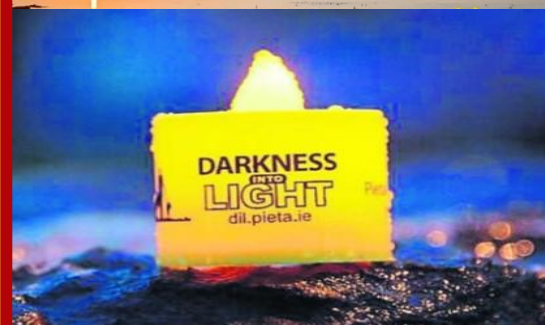
Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer
 My Jesus,
 I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group, St. Colmcille's Parish, Swords, extends our sincere sympathy to anyone who has been bereaved during the past difficult year. We offer our free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who might wish to avail of it. **Please phone Bridget - 085 2812985 - week Sunday 25th April to Saturday 1st May. Please phone from 6- 8pm.**

We offer our sympathy to anyone who has been bereaved during these very difficult months. Do not grieve alone or unaided. It's good to talk. "Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted".

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY
8 MAY 2021

LET'S SHARE
ONE SUNRISE
TOGETHER



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