

CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

29th August 2021 Year B
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wishing Fr. Michael every Blessing in Blanchardstown

After nine years of ministry in St. Colmcille's Church, Fr. Michael Carey will finish his priestly ministry here and take up his new appointment as Parish Priest of St. Brigid's Parish in Blanchardstown. By coincidence it will be his second time following Fr. Cyril Mangan in an appointment.

During his time with us he served as Co-PP in St. Colmcille's Church and Moderator of the Swords grouping of Parishes. The role of Moderator is to bring parishes together to work for the mission of the Church in a particular area so that there is a mutual upbuilding and sharing of the charisms in each Parish. Michael has a gentle style of leadership, with a definite end. Over the years he has brought the teams in each parish together to support one another and share ideas for the particular seasons and events of church life. The Parish Pastoral Councils came together twice or three times a year to share what was going on in each parish and to plan common approaches to events like the World Meeting of Families. Other interparish events that took place were the Parish Mass and Picnic in Colaiste Choilm, the Pilgrimage Walk around the Feast of St. Colmcille, gatherings for the religious of the area on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Michael also encouraged our links with St. Columba's Parish particularly in the fundraising initiative when their ceiling was damaged. The core of his ministry was the care of the people in St. Colmcille's Church in the celebration of baptisms, wedding, funerals and other moments in peoples lives. He journeyed with them in his kind and gentle way and brought the compassion of Jesus into their vulnerability.

We wish him every blessing and good wish as he leaves us and takes up his new ministry. We look forward to welcoming Fr. Colin Rothery who will take up ministry in St. Colmcille's Parish this weekend. We also wish Fr. Des in Rivervalley every support as he takes on the role of Moderator of the Swords Grouping of Parishes.



With Gratitude for their Ministry of Leadership

The current Parish Pastoral Council has finished their term of office, having graciously extended it by a year during the pandemic. During their term they discerned their purpose and their aim and went about trying to fulfil both of these: **Purpose:** We are a group of people nominated by the parishioners. Together with the Parish Team, based on our faith in Jesus Christ, our purpose is to discern ways of encouraging a vibrant, caring and welcoming faith community in Brackenstown.

Aim: To come together in faith as the Parish Pastoral Council, St. Cronan's Parish, Brackenstown to evaluate the experience of taking up the role of leadership and membership of the Parish Pastoral Council in the light of the purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council.

Over the years they have reflected on how we as a parish celebrate the Church's year and trying different approaches to bring us deeper into the meaning of each season. A key role of a PPC is to listen to parishioners. They spent much time preparing for and facilitating a Parish Assembly to open up a conversation about how we can work together as a parish that reaches out to all who live in this area. To respond to the needs of others particularly at a time of disaster was lived out in the events organised to support Fr. Bibin's home communities which were devastated by floods. The work that the PPC put into this was deeply appreciated by the Little Flower Congregation and the families they were able to help.

This PPC was one of the few in the Dublin Diocese who continued to meet right through the pandemic and supported the Parish team and the Re-opening group in the various challenges that they faced. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Willie as chairperson, Doreen as vice-chairperson, Rosaleen as secretary, Teresa as co-secretary and the members Delfin, Sophia, Joseph, Chiara, Mary, Paul, Ann and Jenny for their commitment, prayer and discernment in the pastoral planning of our parish over their term of office.

Reorganisation of Crosscare

For the last five years Crosscare has operated the North County Foodbank from the Parish Meeting Room in the Presbytery. This has served the needs of the people of this area and especially supported the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. During the height of uncertainty that many families faced in the early part of the pandemic, our foodbank, with the support of the Swords Unit of the Order of Malta and the Home-School and School Completion teams, looked after between 60 and 80 families a week. Our annual Harvest food drive has been an important source of support and supply and our connection with Susie and her team has made them very much a part of our Parish. Due to internal restructuring in Crosscare, the North County Foodbank here has closed as of last Wednesday and its operation has moved to Darndale. We thank Susie and the volunteers for all they have done for us and the friendship that built up over the years. We wish them well in the future and hope that they know should things change they will always be welcome here.



Social Support Agency of the
Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Join us

WEDNESDAY'S

6PM - 9PM

&

FRIDAY'S

3PM - 6PM



St. Cronan's Church, Brackenstown Parish

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH
BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

LET'S READ THE GOSPEL OF JOHN!

MONDAY'S FROM 4TH OCTOBER
ON ZOOM 7:30PM - 8:30PM

For more details please email Paddy at
pobyrne50@gmail.com

Brackenstown Bible Study group invite you to join us in our forthcoming reading of the Gospel of John. Our Autumn Scripture Study classes will commence on Monday 4th October and due to the ongoing Covid restrictions 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. There is no charge to take part so why not give it a go?

For more details please email Paddy at
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First Holy Communion

- Saturday 11th Sept 12:00 noon Ms. Shovlin's Class
3:00pm Ms. Rooney
- Saturday 18th Sept 12:00 noon Ms. McSweeney/Ms. Kelly's Class
3:00pm Mr. Bailey's Class
- Saturday 25th Sept 12:00 noon Ms. Hanratty's Class
3:00pm Swords & Thornleigh ETNS Classes
- Saturday 2nd Oct 12:00 noon Rang Dean
3:00pm Rang Roisin

First Confession

- Monday 6th September Ms Shovlin's Class
- Tuesday 7th September Mrs Rooney's Class
- Monday 13th September Ms McSweeney & Ms Kelly's Class
- Tuesday 14th September Mr Bailey's Class
- Monday 20th September Ms Hanratty's Class
- Tuesday 21st September Swords & Thornleigh ETNS Classes
- Monday 27th September Rang Dean
- Tuesday 28th September Rang Róisín

Confirmation

- Sunday 19th September 1:00pm Ms. Costello
- Sunday 26th September 1:00pm Mr. Tyndall
- Sunday 3rd October 1:00pm Ms. Morrissey & 3:00pm Mr. Melia
- Saturday 9th October 12:00pm Ms. Quinn & 3:00pm Ms. Conroy
- Saturday 16th October 12:00pm Rang Cristóir & 3:00pm Rang Emma
- Sunday 17th October 1:00pm Thornleigh ETNS & Swords ETNS

If you would like to help clean or steward at the
First Communion and/or Confirmation Ceremonies,
please email brackenstownparish@gmail.com
or leave your name into the Parish Office.

Please join us as we celebrate
100 years of the Legion of Mary.

The Mass will be live streamed on
[https://mcnmedia.tv/Camera/
st-nicholas-of-myra-dublin-8](https://mcnmedia.tv/Camera/st-nicholas-of-myra-dublin-8)
and
<https://www.francisstreetparish.ie>

"A great love for Her (the Blessed Virgin Mary)
is a great sign of sanctity."
(Servant of God, Frank Duff - Can We Be Saints)



To Celebrate the Centenary
of the Legion of Mary
Holy Mass will be celebrated by
Archbishop Dermot Farrell

at 7.30pm
on Friday 3rd September 2021
in St. Nicholas of Myra Church
Francis Street, Dublin 8

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Anniversaries

Chris Darcy
Breda & Joe Gallagher
Fionnula O'Neill (2A)
Freda Nolan
Robert Nolan

Recently Deceased

Felicia Uzo
Fr. Jean Claude Zocli

010 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

- For those who prayed for Gerry Maughan during his recent illness and also for the Donor and their family
- Mon:** Special Intention
- Tues:** Special Intention
- Wed:** Special Intention
- Thur:** Peter & Mary Kate McGrath (A)
James & Catherine McAnaney (A)
- Fri:** Francis Kirwan (A)
- Sat:** Felicia Uzo (RD)

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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



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 week Sunday 22nd August to Saturday 28th August.
Please phone from 6-8pm.

"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted".



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