

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3RD SEPTEMBER 2023

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Reflection

It was great to witness the sight of children in bright new uniforms beginning school for the first time this week and other pupils and teachers returning after the summer holidays. It is good to see the buzz of activity on the campus, even if it creates some challenges in the car park! Soon the classes in St. Cronan's Senior school will start to join us for Mass on a weekly basis. Many parishioners remarked how much they enjoyed the presence and participation of the pupils at the Mass on Tuesdays, and the teachers themselves noted how it gave the children a greater sense of the Mass. September marks a new beginning for all of us, as many of the parish groups and sacramental programmes start up again and activities resume in the Pastoral Centre.

As part of the diocesan Building Hope initiative, we will be deepening our commitment to partnership with Donabate and the other Swords parishes. This coming week also sees the departure of the annual Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Following the success of the participation of students from Colaiste Choilm as volunteer helpers last year, another group of students, accompanied by their teacher, will participate this year in looking after sick pilgrims. We ask God's blessing on their pilgrimage and on all our parish endeavours to build up God's kingdom in the coming year.


Fr. Richard




 Some of our young adult parishioners, who attended the recent **World Youth Day** in Lisbon, will share their experiences at each of this weekend's Masses.

In recognition of the Season of Creation (1st Sept -4th October), Jane Mellett who coordinates the Laudato Si campaign for Trocaire, will speak at the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 16th and at the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses on Sunday 17th September. A number of parishioners have expressed interest in participating in a parish Care for Creation committee. We will be organising our first meeting in the next week or two.



 The Saint Vincent de Paul Monthly Collection is after all Masses this Sunday 2nd & 3rd September

 A preparation meeting for parents (and godparents) of children who will be baptised in our church in the coming months takes place on Thursday 7th September at 8.00pm in the church. At least one parent needs to attend this meeting.

The Bible Timeline-understand the entire Bible!

Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that you can understand the Bible, and *The Bible Timeline*, a twenty-four-part Bible study, makes it easy.

Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives you the keys to understanding the story woven throughout Scripture. You will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the story of our faith.

St. Cronan's Parish will offer *The Bible Timeline* beginning on Monday 25th September at 7.30 to 9.00 pm. Participants will meet every week to view a 50-minute video presentation followed by a group discussion and an opportunity to ask questions. For more information or to register, please contact Louise in the Parish office tel. 01 8401188 or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com



SUNDAY MASSES: (Sat Vigil) 6pm; 9am; 11am & 5pm WEEKDAY MASSES: MONDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am
CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 10:45am to 11:30am in the Sacristy
ADORATION: MON, TUES, THURS & SAT: 10:30AM—11:30AM WEDNESDAY: 6pm - 9pm FRIDAY: 3pm—6pm
All our ceremonies are broadcast online at www.brackenstown-parish.com

UPCOMING MEETINGS IN PARISH CENTRE

*A meeting of the **Pastoral Centre Committee** will take place on Monday 4th September at 7.00pm in the centre.

* A meeting of the **Partnership Pastoral Council** (for the parishes of Swords, River Valley, Donabate and Brackenstown) will take place in our Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th September.

* A Reunion for those who celebrated **Confirmation** in our parish this year will take place on Wednesday 6th September at 7.00pm in the Pastoral Centre.

* Meetings for Parents of children, who will celebrate the sacraments of **First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation** in the coming year, will take place on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th September in the Pastoral Centre.

* Meetings for Parents of children who will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** in the coming year will take place the following week.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Marian Tomczak
Joan Monks

Month's Mind

Frank Slocket

Anniversaries

John Mullan (2A)
Colin Green
Paddy, Annie, Dick, Mary &
Liam Coscoran
Mary Coscoran (nee O'Rourke)
Cora Farrell

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon	Francis Kirwan (A)
Tues	Brena Jennings (RD)
Wed	Marian Movement for Priests
Thur	In thanksgiving for those who supported the Pentony family and condolences received
Fri	In honour of the Holy Spirit
Sat	Special Intention Larry O'Donohoe (BR)

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH
BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

PARISH DONATIONS

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CHURCH UPKEEP

SHRINE CANDLES

MASS OFFERING

Thank you for supporting your parish!

To use this device, tap with your finger on the screen. On the Menu, tap 'SALE'. Enter the amount you wish to contribute. Tap 'CHARGE'. Tap your credit card when indicated.



Tap and Go Machine

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the *Summer Offerings* and for your continued contributions to the weekly Mass collections and to the Family Offering through weekly envelope or regular standing order. Parishioners and visitors who don't carry cash may contribute to the Mass collections by using the Tap and Go machine at the entrance to the church. You will notice that we have installed a second Tap and Go machine, which facilitates parishioners and visitors who wish to make a contactless donation for shrine candles, a Mass offering or towards the parish maintenance costs.

BASE AUTUMN CLASS LIST

Monday	CREATIVE WRITING GROUP 10am-12pm (with Facilitator) CROCHET/KNITTING 7:30pm-9:30pm SIGN LANGUAGE (ISL) 7:30pm-8:30pm
Tuesday	YOGA 6pm-7pm
Wednesday	ART - ADVANCED 9:30am-11:30pm YOGA 10am-11am CROCHET/KNITTING 11:45am-1:45pm
Thursday	FLOWER ARRANGING 10:30am-12:30pm
Friday	ART - BEGINNERS 10am-12pm

All Classes are 10 Week Terms (€100)
Over 65's - €65 - excluding Sign Language
To Enquire please phone 01 890 2593 or email jenny.baseswordsegmail.com

A Sip of Support Meeting Group located at B.A.S.E.

Brackenstown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin K67 PH96

A Grief Support Group Starting 6 September 2023 Weekly Meetings every Wednesday 7-8pm



We hope to offer a listening ear to anyone who is dealing with or living with Grief
*If you cannot fly then run, if you cannot run then walk;
If you cannot walk then crawl,
but whatever you do, do your best to keep moving forward*



Email: haveasipswords@gmail.com



Many thanks to those who have generously responded to the invitation from the **Parish Pastoral Council** to form a rota of volunteers to assist with the cleaning group, who would on a rota basis assist with keeping our beautiful church clean. If interested, please give your name and contact details to the parish secretary.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it
Please phone Sr. Mary on 8404323
Sunday 3rd to Saturday 9th September.
Please phone Sr. Mary from 6-9.30pm.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

Confirmation Connect:

The Zoom information session for parishes on **Confirmation Connect** will be repeated on Wednesday September 13, at 7:30pm. For more information email natalie.doherty@dublin-diocese.ie or <https://forms.office.com/e/2LunznvExv>

Free Bicycle Repair Workshop
Rivervalley Community Centre.
Saturday August 9th 10am – 1pm. Bring your bike to be fixed- small charge for parts – just call in!

PPC Training on Voluntary Ministries

Training for Parish Pastoral Council members on the **Voluntary Ministry Matters** resource takes place on **12th AND 19th September 2023** via Zoom. This is **2 part** training course exploring the new guidebook for all members of PPCs in the Archdiocese. This is a REPEAT of the training given on 1st and 8th June 2023. If you would like to register for this Zoom training please complete the online form on the Adult Faith section of www.missionministry.ie.

If you would like to know more about Teams of Our Lady (spirituality for married couples), you are very welcome to join us for our annual picnic, which takes place in the grounds of Malahide Castle at 2pm on Sunday 17th September. Just let Fr. Richard know if you would like to come. All you need to bring is sun lotion, a picnic lunch a rug and a rain jacket!



Legion of Mary

Legion of Mary Weekly Meetings

Tuesday (10:30 am in St Joseph's Room at Priest's house with Crosscare sign) and Wednesday (7:30 pm in St Cronan's Parish Centre, Brackenstown). New members welcome. Junior Legion meets Friday (5:00-6:00 pm in St Cronan's Parish Centre, Brackenstown). Meetings also on Monday (7:00 pm in Swords) and Thursday (7:00 pm in River Valley).

Upcoming Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Sunday 24th September Legion of Mary Pilgrimage. Those interested in travelling on pilgrimage are invited to leave their name and contact details with a member of the Legion of Mary at Church Repository before /after Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. Details about Bus to follow.

Frank Duff Prayer Meeting is Back!

You are invited to pray for your intentions through the intercession of Servant of God, Frank Duff, founder of Legion of Mary on **Tuesday, 12th September 8:00pm-9:00pm** in Parish Pastoral Centre. The Rosary, a reading from Sunday's Gospel and a little background information about Frank Duff will be included. All will be most welcome. Listen to a 2.42 min clip by Bishop Robert Barron on [Why Pray the Rosary? - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).

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