

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

PALM SUNDAY

24 MARCH 2024

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**"THE SON OF MAN IS TO GO TO THE CROSS, JUST AS IT IS WRITTEN; BUT WOE TO THAT MAN BY WHOM THE SON OF MAN IS BETRAYED, IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THAT MAN IF HE HAD NEVER BEEN BORN"**

Matthew 26:2

**REFLECTION** This (Passion) Sunday we enter Holy Week, the high point of the Church's liturgical year, as we relive the passion, trial and death of Jesus the Nazarene and renew our faith in his resurrection and in his transforming presence in the Church and in our lives today. Our Lenten journey has been leading to this point, but as we follow Jesus through his arrest in Gethsemane, his trial before the high priest, and later Pilate, and the indignities inflicted on him enroute to Calvary, the liturgies of Holy Week force us to confront the brutality and inhumanity that we human beings inflict on one another. At the same time we witness the meaning of that suffering transformed by Christ's forgiving love.

As we contemplate Christ's agony in Gethsemane and his final act of self-giving love on the cross, may we open ourselves anew to his Spirit and stand in solidarity with all who are going through their passion today, whether in Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Haiti, Malawi or in our own country. We are also called to walk with members of our families or communities who are going through their own sufferings or struggles and who may experience, isolation, condemnation or rejection. By our renewed sensitivity, compassion and practical care for others, may we witness to hope in the resurrection.

Fr. Richard

## BRACKENSTOWN PARISH—ST CRONAN'S CHURCH HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2024

Copies of the parish Easter card and timetable of Holy Week ceremonies, as well as the *Easter Offering* envelope, are now available at the entrances to the church for parishioners and visitors. Easter Offerings form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese. The Holy Week ceremonies are listed here below:

**Brackenstown forms part of the partnership of Parishes which includes Swords + Drynam, River Valley + Dublin Airport, and Donabate + Balheary**

**Palm Sunday 24th March:** Vigil Mass: 6:00pm  
Sunday Mass: 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm  
Blessing of palms outside the church before each Mass

**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 25th to 27th March**  
Mass 10:00am

**Monday 25th March:**  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00-9:00pm

**Tuesday 26th March:**  
Reconciliation Service for the Swords Partnership of Parishes 7.30pm

**Wednesday 27th March:**  
Service of the Seven Last Words: 7:30pm

**Holy Thursday 28th March:** Morning Prayer: 10:00am  
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm  
Watch and Pray: 8.45pm – 9.30pm

**Good Friday 29th March:** Morning Prayer: 10:00am  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00pm  
Outdoor Way of the Cross 5.00pm. *The stations will take place at various locations around the parish. A guide to the exact locations and estimated times will be in the newsletter on Palm Sunday and on Facebook.*

Taizé Prayer around the Cross: 7.30pm

**Holy Saturday 30th March:** Morning Prayer: 10:00am  
Easter Vigil: 9:00pm

**Easter Sunday 31st March:** Mass 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

**Easter Monday 1st April - Saturday 6th April:** Mass at 10:00am

**Second Sunday of Easter 7th April:** Vigil 6:00pm,  
Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm  
Divine Mercy Devotion 3:00pm concluding with Mass at 5:00pm

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession):

**Monday 25th – Wed 27th March:** following 10:00am Mass

**Good Friday 29th March:** 10:30am-11.30am, 4:00pm-5:00pm

**Holy Saturday 30th March:** 10:30am to 11:30am.

**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](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

Archdiocese of Dublin

**Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock**  
Saturday, April 27, 2024



11AM Tea and coffee as pilgrims arrive  
12:00PM Workshops on "Walking Parish" and "Walking World" and Lourdes SF with prayerful preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
1PM Pilgrimage Mass solemnly by Archbishop Farrell

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead our annual pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, April 27. Our partnership of parishes is organising a coach to travel to Knock, and we are taking bookings already. Cost is €25.

The Choir of Many Voices from throughout the Archdiocese will be back this year. As in previous years, parishes should plan to arrive in Knock for 11.00am. If you would like to take part in the choir, email [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie)

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Month's Mind**  
Elaine McDermott  
John Sheedy

**Anniversaries**  
Doreen McKittrick (1A)  
Maeve Scanlon (1A)  
Paddy Harrington (3A)  
Alphonsus Snr, Raymond & Alphonsus Jnr Skelton  
Marie McArdle  
Tommy O'Keeffe  
Marie McCardle  
Dcsd members of McCardle, McCarthy & Carroll families  
Jimmy Duffy  
Bartle & Nancy Savage  
Brendan O'Reilly  
Jim Kavanagh

Our parish partnership is also planning a **Pilgrimage to Lourdes** in September. The dates are **Sunday 15th to Thursday 19th September**, and the cost of the pilgrimage for four nights and five days (inclusive of flights, accommodation and full board) is €735 per person sharing. Single supplement is €40 per night.

**LOURDES**  
SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY, DONABATE & BRACKENSTOWN



4\* Hôtel Rossy  
15th - 19th September 2024  
€735 pps  
Single room supplement €160 (limited availability)

**INCLUDED**

- Return direct flights Dublin to Biarritz
- Coach transfers to/from Lourdes airport
- 4 nights in the 4\* Hôtel Rossy
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- Full religious programme
- Services of a Marian Pilgrimages guide throughout
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- All airport taxes and Local City Taxes
- Travel insurance up to 85 years (€20 extra for those over)

FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT  
Marian Pilgrimages : (01) 8788159

*Accompanied by Spiritual Director*  
**Fr. Richard Sheehy**

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**10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK**

Mon	Patrick, Margaret & Kathleen Kearns (A) Alice O'Brien (A)
Tues	Mary Cooney (RD)
Wed	John & Kathleen O'Connor (A) Lorraine Tallon (6A)
Thur	Jim Tobin (RD)
Fri	GOOD FRIDAY
Sat	MORNING PRAYER AT 10AM

- STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
- The Stations of the Cross will take place at various locations around the parish. This year we will start at 5pm and take a slightly shorter route as follows:
- 1) Outside the Church
  - 2) Glasmore Park (top of the Green)
  - 3) Junction of Brackenstown Avenue and Brackenstown Road
  - 4) Brackenstown Avenue: Grass area before Rathbeale Road
  - 5) Junction of Watery Lane and Jugback Lane
  - 6) Green at Jugback Crescent
  - 7) Glen Ellan Pines (at roundabout)
  - 8) Entrance to Brides Glen
  - 9) Green at Sandford Wood
  - 10) Entrance to Cianlea
  - 11) Entrance to Lios Cian
  - 12) Entrance to Valley View
  - 13) Green at St. Cronan's Avenue
  - 14) Outside the Church

**Taize Prayer Around the Cross**

This Friday 29th March join us as we celebrate Taizé Prayer Around the Cross in St. Cronan's Church at 7:30pm ALL WELCOME

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**Bethany Bereavement Support Group**

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it

**Please phone Terri - 8403243**

**Sunday 24th March to Saturday 30th March**

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

**O Wielka Sobota**  
W Wielką Sobotę o godz. 13:00 poświęcenie pokarmów na stół wielkanocny. Także możliwość skorzystania ze spowiedzi świętej

**30 Marsz Holy Saturday**  
On Holy Saturday at 1:00pm Fr Marian will bless the Easter Baskets with confession afterwards  
St. Cronan's Church Brackenstown Parish



**TANDEM PROGRAMME FOR COUPLES**

The Tandem program, a programme launched by Teams of Our Lady for young committed couples (recently married or engaged), will hold, for any couple who may be interested, a Zoom information night

**This Sunday March 24 at 8pm**  
Meeting ID: 870 0649 3551  
Passcode: tandem  
More information available at <https://tandemteams.ie/>.

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday - Friday  
9:30am - 1:00pm

Registered Charity Number 20016166

**Legion of Mary** Invites all children who have made and who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion and Confirmation to a Junior Meeting every Friday at 5:00-6:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre. Experienced leaders will deliver a stimulating programme on active apostleship. Contact any member in Church Porch for details after weekend Masses.

Skills in Leadership, One-to-One Evangelisation & Lessons from a tech savvy teen hero soon to be a Saint are all to play for.