

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

27TH APRIL 2025

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The shock which greeted the unexpected announcement on Easter Monday of the death of Pope Francis has given way to mourning here and across the world. Although Pope Francis was visibly ailing since his hospitalisation in February and March, his death took people by surprise since he had only given his Urbi et Orbe (to the city and the world) Easter message the day before and had even managed a tour of St. Peter's Square in the popemobile. In hindsight those Easter Sunday appearances only highlight the Pope's determination to celebrate Easter with his flock, at whatever cost to himself. He was giving himself right to the end. The outpouring of affection for Pope Francis and sadness at his death is evidenced clearly by the crowds in Rome queuing for hours for the privilege of



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filing past his open coffin in St. Peter's Basilica and by the tributes from religious and civil leaders alike. I share the sentiments of Prof. Eamonn Conway, interviewed in Rome this week, who felt that the timing of Pope Francis' death could not have been more appropriate. Having accompanied the universal church as we journeyed through Holy Week, and left us a powerful last Easter message, it was appropriate that he could surrender his life to God on Easter Monday in the spirit of Christ's words on the Cross: 'It is accomplished.' It was only following the death of Jesus that his disciples began to understand what his whole life and ministry were about and that resurrection faith began to dawn. It is only now that we can begin to appreciate the great legacy Papa Francesco has left the Church: his witness to Christ's openness to people, his concern for the poor, for those who often feel excluded or forgotten, for justice and mercy, for climate justice and peace, and for synodality as a way of being Church. It is a mark of Pope Francis that, while he delegated the various Holy Week and Easter liturgies in St. Peter's to various cardinals, he did not miss his annual visit to a prison near the Vatican on Holy Thursday where he personally greeted over seventy inmates and staff. To the very last, he was witnessing to Christ's love for those who feel rejected and condemned. We pray that he is entering into the fullness of Easter joy and that his ministry will bear fruit in the direction that the Church will take for the future. May he rest in peace!

Fr Richard



DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY 27TH APRIL
Jesus I Trust In You
3:00PM BLESSING OF IMAGE
EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT &
READINGS FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
ROSARY
VENERATION OF THE IMAGE
FOLLOWED BY 5:00 PM MASS

Owing to the Funeral of Pope Francis, the diocesan **Pilgrimage to Knock** due to take place this Easter Saturday 26th April has been postponed. A refund will be made to anyone who has already paid for the pilgrimage.

The planned canonisation in Rome of Blessed Carlos Acutis on Saturday 27th April has also had to be postponed.



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.brackentown-parish.com

We pray for the children, and their families, who will be baptised this Sunday.	SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS Recently Deceased Margaret Green Josephine Stewart Month's Mind Gerald (Ger) Foran Anniversaries Paul Daly (2A) Brendan Carton (4A) Pat (5A) & Lena Walsh (BR) Mai Cunningham (21A) Muriel Harford	
The Bible and the Church Fathers course will resume this Monday 28 th April at 7.30pm in the parish centre.		
Fr. Paddy Boyle will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the pupils from Gaelscoil Bhriain Boroimhe at 11.00am this Thursday 1 st May.		
Archbishop Dermot Farrell will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the pupils from Scoil Chronain SNS on Friday 2 nd May at 11.00am and 1.00pm.		
In the run up to Pentecost, Sean Goan, Biblical scholar, will give two talks on the 'Action of the Holy Spirit in the Early Church' and in the 'Current		
10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK		
MOURNING FOR POPE FRANCIS: A full set of Prayer Resources for the Days of Mourning for Pope Francis for use in your parish, community or for personal prayer can be found at https://dublindiocese.ie/mourning-for-pope-francis/ and are attached to this email. You will also find details attached of an opportunity to pray these resources in an evening of music and reflection at the Monastery of St Alphonsus , Drumcondra, next Monday, April 28, at 8pm, in person or online at www.rednuns.com .	Mon Peter (15A) & Maisie Blanche (R) Delcan McCarthy (BR) Bridie Caulfield (A)	
BOOK OF CONDOLENCES: A book of condolences for the late Holy Father Pope Francis has been opened at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. It can be signed on weekdays from 10am to 3pm.	Tues Brendan O'Keeffe (A) Liam McDonnell (BR) Stephen O'Gorman (A) Lena Walsh (BR) Priscilla Walsh (R)	
Many thanks to those parishioners and visitors who have returned Easter Offerings , which form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese. The parish Easter card and Offering envelope can be found on tables around the church.	Wed John Hamill (RD)	
Thanks also to parishioners who have returned their Trocaire Lenten boxes. Trocaire boxes can be returned to the sacristy or parish office up to Friday 2 nd May.	Thur Paddy Moyles (A) Joseph & Annie Byrne & Dcsd Family Members	
	Fri Marian Movement for Priests	
	Grief Support Group weekly meetings every Wednesday 7pm to 8pm We hope to offer a listening ear to anyone who is dealing with or living with grief. <i>Contact email: havesipswords@gmail.com</i>	Sat Holy Souls
	Bethany Bereavement Support Group offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it Please phone Terri on 8403243, or Brid on 086 6006397 <i>"I ask you Lord to be kind to them now, who were always kind to me here"</i>	
	Traveller Outreach Addiction Service: This is a free and confidential drug and alcohol treatment service providing addiction support to the Traveller Community and their families in North Dublin. Opening hours: 9.00am-5.00pm. To speak to a member of the team, contact: 01/6991077. For more information contact: travellersupport@coolminetc.ie .	
	Swords Memory Cafe for people living with dementia, their carers, family members and those interested in fostering a dementia inclusive community in Swords – hold a free Cafe on the third Thursday of each month in Fingallian's GAA club between 10.30am and 12.30pm.	
CO PARISH PRIEST Fr. Richard Sheehy 087 2412459 richarddesheehy@gmail.com		
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 9:30am - 1:00pm		
Registered Charity Number 20016166		
Prayer Resources for the Jubilee Year can be found at https://dublindiocese.ie/jubilee2025/ The latest edition of <i>Mission & Ministry Matters</i> is available by clicking here		
Religious Goods- Suitable for the home Baptism, Confirmation and Communion gifts/items, Statues, ornaments, children's colouring books, bibles and lots more available at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.		
 Legion of Mary		