

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

THE EARLY IRISH SAINTS PARTNERSHIP OF PARISHES
BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS + DRYNAM, RIVER VALLEY + DUBLIN AIRPORT & DONABATE, PORTRANE + BALHEARY

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16TH AUGUST 2026 YEAR A



St Cronan's Parish Jubilee Year 2027 - A Journey Through Our Parish Story

As we prepare to celebrate St Cronan's Parish Jubilee Year in 2027, we are looking forward to marking this special milestone together as a parish community. One of our Jubilee projects is to create a visual record of parish life over the past 50 years. We would love to hear from parishioners who have photographs or memories that capture the life and spirit of St Cronan's Parish. We are particularly interested in photographs from:

- Liturgical celebrations and special occasions
- Baptisms, First Holy Communions, Confirmations and weddings
- Parish missions and retreats
- Pilgrimages and parish outings
- Choirs and music groups
- Schools, clubs and community groups
- Fundraising events and parish gatherings, Parish celebrations and memorable occasions

Do you have an old photograph tucked away in an album or box? Perhaps it brings back a special memory of parish life. We would be delighted to receive copies and hear the stories behind them.

Your photographs and memories will help us build a picture of our parish over the past 50 years and ensure that the story of St Cronan's is preserved for future generations.

Mary-Liz Donaghue
Chairperson of the Jubilee Committee
Anne Marie Connor
Secretary of the Jubilee Committee

Saturday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption

A vigil Mass will take place in St Cronan's Church on Friday 14th August at 7.30pm, and Mass on Saturday 15th will take place at 10.00am.

Parishioners will (hopefully) notice that we are currently getting the church carpets steam cleaned, and the work will be completed in the coming week. We are also getting the porches and doors painted inside and outside, so please be careful only to put your hands on the door handles! The Parish Pastoral Centre will also get a couple of new coats of paint in the coming weeks, so apologies for any inconvenience caused.

CARING AND SHARING ASSOCIATION ("CASA") CHARITY COLLECTION

CASA will hold charity collections at St. Cronan's Church on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd August 2026. CASA is a volunteer led organisation, established in 1981, whose goal is to develop friendships and provide social opportunities for people with disabilities through a variety of social events and activities. CASA has 18 local groups nationwide, each holding regular social events, with one volunteer supporting each member at all activities. CASA also organises pilgrimages to Lourdes for its members and partners with development organisations in Kenya to support people with disabilities there. Your donations are invaluable in helping CASA continue its activities and make a difference in the lives of those who need its support. Without the generosity of people like you, it would be impossible for CASA to continue its work with individuals with disabilities. Thank you for your support. www.casa.ie



Liam Lafferty with the statue which he restored

Many thanks to all those who supported our **Grotto Restoration Appeal**. The appeal will close this weekend following your generous response. We thank all those who helped the Grotto restoration in any way, much of this work was voluntary. Particular thanks to Tom, Gerry and Christy for their dedication and hard work. Thanks to the person who delivered and will collect the Grotto statues to and from Sligo, those who helped Christy repair the water fountain, those who cleaned the grotto walls, the parishioner who donated the statue of Our Lady with the Infant Jesus now on the back wall of the Grotto, facing St. Cronan's estate. A special thank you to Liam Lafferty, a retired painter from Raheny parish who volunteered to restore and paint this statue and to the person who erected the plinth for the statue. The statues of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette are still away, being cleaned and painted; they should be back with us within the coming weeks. We have a provisional October date for the re-pointing of the stones in the backing wall of the Grotto.

SUNDAY MASSES: 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

Church Car Park: In order to prioritise the safety of school children and parishioners, we have put a new system in place, so that the barrier remains in the lowered position between 8.30am and 9.30am each morning and between 1.00pm and 3.00pm each afternoon. This should significantly improve the situation in the car park, allowing parishioners attending Mass to find a parking space. However, it also means that parishioners will not be able to access the car park before 9.30am any weekday morning. The new arrangements are in operation from now. Thank you in anticipation for your cooperation!

We are now registering children for the sacraments of **First Communion and Confirmation** next year. Parents of children who would like to receive either sacrament in 2027 are asked to register their child ASAP on our parish website, and to pay the registration contribution of €50. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE.](#)

Parents of children who attend a school other than a Catholic school, are invited to also register their child for the *Seeds of Faith* preparation classes which take place weekly from October to May over two years for both First Communion and Confirmation. [Registration for these classes is also online.](#)

Separated, Divorced, Widowed

Are you coping? Few people are able to cope alone with the pain and loneliness following the loss of a life partner. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide?

Beginning Experience is a peer support ministry dedicated to helping those who are navigating life alone following the loss of a life partner. Structured programmes are run by a team of trained facilitators, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced.

The Dublin Beginning Experience Team will run a three day ‘Coping with Life Alone’ programme over three Saturdays; Saturday 7th November, Saturday 14th November and Saturday 21st November 2026. **Venue:** Brackenstown Parish Centre, Swords, Co Dublin.

For further information and to register: please email: bedublin@gmail.com or Phone 086 0877379 www.beginningexperience.ie

There are **only two** places left on our partnership pilgrimage to **Rome and Assisi** from 14-19th September. If you are interested in taking part, contact the parish office as soon as possible!

Envelopes for **Summer Offerings** are now available at the entrances to the church. Summer offerings form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese. Thank you for your support!

The Diocesan Office of Mission and Ministry are taking applications for both the **Pathways** and **Catechesis** courses for the coming year. A significant number of our parishioners have participated in these programmes over the past few years and found them very helpful for engaging in parish ministry.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENTS Due to absences in the holiday time, the Saturday vigil Mass at 6.00pm has been suspended throughout July and August. Parishioners who wish can attend a Saturday Vigil Mass in any of our partnership parishes (*see times listed below*). The vigil Mass will resume at 6.00pm on Saturday 5th Sept. *Please note any Masses booked for the Saturday Vigil Masses during July and August will be included with the Sunday Mass Intentions.*

Baptisms will take place next weekend...

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SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Kathleen Fox
Eileen Kenny
Liam Delaney

Month's Mind

Patrick Cummins

Anniversaries

Mark O'Neill (18A)
Ellen Donovan (50A)
Maureen Prew
Carly Flynn
Evelyn O'Malley
Breda Kissane (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Grace Doherty (14A) Sarah & Edward Greene (A) Grace & Daniel Duffy (A) Dcsd Members of McGrath & McEaney Families
Tues	John & Kathleen O'Connor (A)
Wed	Patrick Cummins (MM) Maisie & Peter Blanche (7A)
Thur	Thanksgiving Mass Frank Reynolds (25A)
Fri	Dan Sheeran (RD) Angeline Grant (1A)
Sat	Paddy, Kitty, Jack, Noel, George, Pete & Kathleen Cowley (Rem)