

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9TH FEBRUARY 2025

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Next Sunday 16th February is **Accord Sunday**. Elaine Beaumont, a parishioner and volunteer with Accord, the diocesan agency for Marriage and the Family, will speak at the 11.00am Mass about Accord's services in support of marriage and family life, and a special collection for Accord will replace the usual second collection at all Masses. Accord offers marriage preparation courses, counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, and a relationship and sexuality programme for schools. Marriage is not just a gift for the couple. It is their gift to the Church. Their willingness and courage to take on this lifelong

journey and commitment together with God's help, is a wonderful expression of faith and gives eloquent witness to God's unconditional love for all of us. In anticipation of St. Valentine's Day, we have invited couples who are preparing for marriage or who got married or engaged in the past

year to come to the 11.00am Mass this Sunday 9th February. We also congratulate those who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year. A blessing of wedding rings will take place during the Mass. As this Sunday is also our monthly Hospitality Sunday, all are invited to join us for tea/coffee after the 11.00am Mass.

Fr Richard

2025 Weekly Envelope Boxes

The new Family Offering Parish Envelopes boxes will be available to be collected at the back of the Church after all Masses on the weekend of 22nd/23rd of February. Your support for the Family Offering is greatly appreciated. The Parish depends on the voluntary contributions of parishioners for the running and development of the Parish

The new envelope boxes for the Sunday collections at Mass will also be available for collection. If you don't already use these envelopes for your Sunday Mass donations, please consider doing so. By donating to the Mass collections using these envelopes rather than directly into the baskets **your donation could be worth up to 45% more to the church, at no extra cost to you!**

For example, if you pay income tax and your total annual donation (to the Family Offering, First and Second collections and Dues) is €250 or more per year, we can claim a refund from Revenue on the tax that you have already paid. This refund is available through the **CHY Charitable Donation Scheme** for approved charities. Last year the Parish received a CHY income tax refund of €44,960, which was of immense help to the parish finances.

You can request a envelope boxes or a standing order form for the Family Offering to support the running of the Parish by contacting Louise in the Parish office Tel 8401188, email brackenstownparish@gmail.com Thank you to all who support the Parish so generously.

Paddy O'Byrne, Finance Committee

A preparation Mass for **First Reconciliation and First Communion** will take place on Saturday 8th at 6.00pm and Sunday 9th February at 5.00pm.

This Saturday, 8th of February to mark **World Day of the Sick 2025**, our Partnership of parishes will celebrate Mass with **Anointing of the Sick** at 10am in **St Patricks' Church, Donabate**. All are welcome.

Baptisms will take place this Saturday and Sunday at 12 noon. Baptisms will also take place the weekend of 22nd and 23rd February. Please note that Baptisms do not take place at St. Cronan's during Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday 5th March. The next baptisms will be on Easter Sunday 20th April.

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

The Council of Nicaea, the Bible and the Church Fathers

2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. Nicaea clarified church teaching on the Trinity and the Incarnation, that God is three and yet one and that Christ is fully God and fully man. The Council of Nicaea gave us language that we repeat every Sunday – that Jesus is “consubstantial” with the Father, true God from true God, begotten not made.

St. Cronan's Parish will offer *The Bible and the Church Fathers* beginning on Monday 17th February at 7.30 to 8.30 pm. Participants will meet over 12 weeks in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre from 7.30 to 8.30 pm. There is no charge, and all are welcome. For more information or to register, please contact Louise in the Parish office tel. 01 8401188 or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com.

The second of three monthly sessions of the parish Confirmation preparation programme for candidates and their parents, **Confirmation Connect**, will take place at 7pm on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th February in the church.

A **Confirmation Retreat** for the children from Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe will take place on Wednesday 12th February from 9.45am to 2.15pm in the parish centre.

Called by God, an opportunity to refresh and renew for Parish Baptism Teams will take place on Wednesday 12th February from 7.00-9.00pm at St. Paul's, Arran Quay. Please register directly online.

As a number of the priests in the partnership of parishes will be away in the coming weeks the Swords parishes will not be able to maintain a weekday Mass in each parish during that period. On at least one weekday in each parish, a **Service of the Word and of Holy Communion** will take place with the assistance of Ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist. This will take place on Fridays in St. Cronan's church. Those who wish to attend Mass on Fridays can attend at St. Colmcille's Swords, or St. Finian's, River Valley. We appreciate the collaboration of the Ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist who will lead these Friday liturgies.

Religion classes for those preparing for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation continue each Tuesday from 3.00-4.00pm in the parish centre.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly **Parent Support Evening** on Wednesday 19th February at 7.30pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage:

We are delighted to announce our plans to have a group representing the Diocese at the **Jubilee of Youth gathering in Rome during the summer**. If you can't make it, there's also an option for a 'Rome @ Home'! Fill in your details to express interest in being part of the group or mark your option for 'Rome @ Home'. Email: natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie. Register Interest: <https://forms.office.com/e/9fGVLqIL7t>

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.

GROTTO ROSARY

Tuesday 11th February for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Volunteers required to recite the Rosary every hour commencing 9:30am to 9:30pm. Please sign the roster at the back of the Church or contact a member of Legion of Mary



Alive Newspaper

Could you help us distribute *Alive* newspaper in Berwick area this year? If interested, please contact members of the Legion at Repository on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings.

Religious Goods - Suitable for the home

Confirmation and Communion gifts/items, Statues, ornaments, children's colouring books, bibles and lots more available at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased
Leanne O'Rourke

Month's Mind
Mary Fitzsimons

Anniversaries
Marie Ryan (1A)
Fr Liam Pentony
Mary Bohan
Lena Lowndes
Special Intention

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Thanksgiving Mass
Tues	Tom & Angela Dormer (A)
Wed	Noel O'Toole (2A) Ann Foster (4A) Mary Reynolds (26A)
Thur	Patrick Leavy (RD) Leo Fernando (MM)
Fri	Communion Service
Sat	Special Intention

Prayer Resources for the Jubilee
Year can be found at

<https://dublindiocese.ie/jubilee2025/>

The **January** edition of *Mission & Ministry Matters* is available by [clicking here](#)

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. Contact email: haveasipswords@gmail.com

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 ask you Lord to be kind to them now, who were always kind to me here"

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