

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10TH AUGUST 2025

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I invite all parishes in the Archdiocese to dedicate **Sunday 24th August** as a special day of prayer and reflection for Gaza and for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. This appeal, which I am making in conjunction with Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh unites us in prayer before God, crying out for an end to all the terror and violence being perpetrated with tragic results for all.

As Pope Leo said, addressing the young people gathered for the Jubilee of Youth in Rome, and encouraging them in their desire to transform our world for the good: 'We are with the young

"We in Ireland must pray for a change of heart"  
**Irish Bishops**

people of Gaza, we are with the young people of Ukraine, with those of every land bloodied by war. My young brothers and sisters, you are the sign that a different world is possible: a world of fraternity and friendship, where conflicts are not resolved with weapons but with dialogue.' (Pope Leo XIV, Angelus, 3rd August 2025).

May we all be a sign, by our prayer and action, that a different world is possible, and that a route to peace and reconciliation can and must be found through dialogue.

**Archbishop Dermot Farrell**

This Sunday members of our **Parish Pastoral Council** will present feedback from the questionnaires which parishioners filled out at Masses two weekends ago. Next weekend, Saturday/Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> August, the PPC will give a brief presentation on the **second Building Hope pillar: Building a community of Faith.**



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION  
**Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mass times as follows in  
ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH  
BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

**Thursday 14th August**

**Vigil Mass 7.30pm**

**Friday 15th August**

**Mass 10.00am**

ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, SWORDS

**Thursday 14th August**

**Vigil Mass 6.30pm**

**Friday 15th August**

**Mass 10.00am**

ST FINIAN'S CHURCH, RIVER VALLEY

**Friday 15th August**

**Mass 10.00am & 7:00pm**

We are currently recruiting new members for our **Children's Choir**. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and will continue each Wednesday from 4.00-5.00pm. We will celebrate a special Family Mass with **Blessing of Schoolbags** on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept at 6.00pm, and we will be delighted to welcome new members to the children's choir and new parent volunteers.

**The celebration of Baptism** takes place this Saturday and Sunday at 12 noon. Many congratulations to the parents and godparents of the children who are being welcomed into our parish community through the sacrament of Baptism!

**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)

A meeting of the **Parish Centre Committee** will take place this Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm in the parish centre.

#### Registration is Now Open



Families who wish their child to celebrate the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation in 2026 are invited to register their child through the parish website at the earliest opportunity. Either click on this link <https://www.brackenstown-parish.com/sacrament-registration> or on the front page of the website, click on the box **'Registration is Now Open for**

**First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2026'**, then fill out and submit the drop down form. The registration payment of €50 needs to be made separately by clicking on the **'Donate'** icon, also on the front page of the website.

Parents who would like their child to celebrate the sacraments of **First Communion or Confirmation in 2027** and whose child attends a non-Catholic school, are invited to register their child for after school religion classes which begin this September using this link: <https://platform.payzone.ie/customer/10007/product-list>, and choosing the **'Religious Education Classes'** section.

The diocese is still accepting applications to travel with our Assisted Pilgrim Section on the Dublin diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 4<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> September. Please request an Assisted Pilgrim Application Form and/or further information from the Parish Office or contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office on 018087555 or [info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie](mailto:info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie). To travel as a hotel pilgrim please contact Joe Walsh Tours at 012410800 for further information.

The annual Knock novena takes place from **August 13 to August 21**. The theme this year is "Pilgrims of Hope" as we continue to celebrate this Jubilee year. You can attend **in-person or online** at [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie). There is a great variety of speakers at two masses each day which take place at 3pm and 8pm.

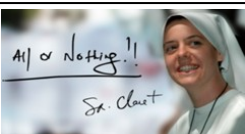
Speakers include Former RTE newsreader Eileen Dunne; Bishop Kevin Doran; Prison chaplain Ita Lohan; and Claire Kilroy, CEO of Association of Patrons and Trustees of Catholic Schools. For more information email [info@knockshrine.ie](mailto:info@knockshrine.ie)

Fr. Derek Farrell, parish priest in Garristown and the Naul, has recently compiled a CD of his music, entitled *Something More*. A copy can be purchased for €15 from the Legion of Mary stall in the church porch after Mass any Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

Summer Offerings envelopes will be available at the back of the church. Summer Offerings form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese.

**Pockets of Hope PILGRIMAGE SEASON** "Hope Does not Disappoint" Only two more weeks to participate, as the pilgrimage season concludes on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Archdiocese of Dublin Stamp your route across the 4 churches:

1. St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row;
  2. Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, City Quay
  3. Our Lady of Lourdes, Sean McDermott Street
  4. St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough Street
- Email [pocketsofhope2025@gmail.com](mailto:pocketsofhope2025@gmail.com) for more information.



#### Save the Date! Faith 'n' Fun 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> August 2025

The central figure of this year's Faith 'n' Fun is the inspirational Derry girl, Servant of God Sr Clare Crockett. Art, crafts, storytelling, games and song that speak to her distinctive way of reaching children. Registration forms available next weekend.

#### Youth Conference for Young adults Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2025

"On mission with Mary". De Montfort House, Morning Star Avenue, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7. 9:30am -5:30pm. Legion of Mary will sponsor 1 young adult. Full details from member of Legion of Mary at weekend Masses.

Pre-Booking [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) (search "On mission with Mary") Ticket: €20.

#### Religious Goods - Suitable for the home

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



**Legion of Mary**

#### SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS Recently Deceased

Nuala Collins  
Evelyn Craven

#### Anniversaries

Mary Smith (1A)  
Brena Jennings (2A)  
Carlie Flynn (14A)  
Michael Field (22A)  
Noel Lowndes  
Wally & Paul Farquharson

#### 10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

<b>Mon</b>	Jack & Teresa Goulding and Dcsd Relatives & Friends
<b>Tues</b>	Special Intention
<b>Wed</b>	Leo Fernando (R)
<b>Thur</b>	Golden Wedding Intention
<b>Fri</b>	Maureen Prew (A) Mark O'Neill (17A)
<b>Sat</b>	Special Intention

**Prayer Resources for the Jubilee Year can be found at**  
<https://dublindiocese.ie/jubilee2025/>

The latest edition of *Mission & Ministry Matters* is available by clicking here

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

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