ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 19TH OCTOBER 2025 YEAR B

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. The second collection at Mass supports the Pope's charity for overseas mission and replaces the Share collection

This Sunday is **World Mission Sunday**. The theme of this year's Mission Sunday is Missionaries of Hope among all people. It reminds us that our task as a Christian community is not simply to gather together on Sunday for the celebration of Eucharist but to go out to witness to the Gospel of Christ by our openness to others, our lifestyle and our willingness to forgive those who may have wronged us in some way. Our faith is called to be a source of hope and encouragement to others, especially those who may be searching or who feel lost. Earlier this month, Pope Leo published his first apostolic exhortation, Dilexit Te (I have loved you), a document apparently begun by his predecessor, Pope Francis. Addressed 'to all Christians on love for the poor', the exhortation draws on the teaching both of the Second Vatican Council and the Conferences of Latin American bishops at Medillin and Aparecida to proclaim 'God's preferential love for the poor', which comes to fulfilment in Jesus of Nazareth. Drawing on the teaching of his predecessor but also on his experience as a missionary in Peru, he cites the teachings of the Latin American bishops in insisting that it is not enough to feed the poor but we have to ask what are the systems of injustice that impoverish people in the first place. Pope Leo shows how Jesus whole life is marked by poverty. Loving Jesus, he insists, means grappling with the inseparable relationship between God and poverty. challenging words for us to reflect on as we celebrate Mission Sunday. The second collection at Mass supports the Pope's charity for overseas mission and replaces the Share collection.

Fr Richard

The parish welcomes new **Altar Servers**. Parents of any child who would like to become an altar server should contact the parish office or speak to one of the priests after weekend Mass. The only requirement to become an altar server is for the child to have made their First Holy Communion. Parents will also be asked to sign a consent form. Merry Zacharias, a member of our Pastoral Council and Parish Safeguarding representative, looks after the Altar Servers.

Building Hope
SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will present feedback from the questionnaires related to the third pillar of the Building Hope diocesan programme for pastoral development, **Servant Leadership**, at Masses this weekend.
They will present the fourth and final pillar, Social Justice, at each Mass next weekend.

Our **Children's Choir** is enrolling new members. The children's choir sing at the monthly *Grow in Love* Mass on Saturday evenings in preparation for First Communion. Any parent whose child is interested in joining should contact the parish office.

Many thanks for all who supported last Sunday's **Coffee Morning** and cake sale in aid of St. Francis Hospice which raised over €800!

A mini **Ceremony of Enrolment for First Communion** for those who missed the original enrolment two weeks ago will take place at **11.00am Mass this Sunday**

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

A meeting of the **Funeral Ministry** team will take place on Monday 20th October at 2.00pm.

A meeting of the **Partnership Pastoral Council** will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st October.

A meeting of the **Partnership Pastoral Council** will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st October.

The **Parish Liturgy Group** will meet at 7.00pm on Thursday 23rd October in the parish centre.

Weekly after school religion classes for children attending Swords Educate Together, Thornleigh Educate Together or Broadmeadows Community National schools, and who wish to receive the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation, continue each Tuesday at 3.00pm in the parish centre. (*Exceptionally, one class meets on Wednesdays at Broadmeadows CNS at 3.00pm.)*
Parents need to register for these classes on the front page of the parish website. The cost for the year is €150, which can be paid using the Donate button on the front page of the website. Parents must accompany their child to the parish centre on Tuesday at 2.55pm, and collect their child punctually at 4.00pm.

We wish to remind parents who wish their child to celebrate the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation in 2026 that they need to register their child through the parish website as soon as possible. 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 €40 needs to be made separately by clicking on the ***'Donate'*** icon, also on the front page of the website.

Sincere thanks to all who supported the recent coffee morning for St Francis Hospice, Raheny in the Stacey's home. The amount raised €1200 was lodged and acknowledged by the hospice. Many thanks again for your support.

BAPTISMS: The next *Parent Preparation Meeting for Baptism* takes place on Sunday 2nd November. Please note that 2 months notice is required for booking a baptism. Baptisms are held every second and fourth weekends (Saturday & Sunday) of each month at 12 noon and up to three babies may be baptised at each ceremony. Please contact the Parish Office to register your child for baptism.

We respectfully remind parents that when accompanying their children to school in the mornings or collecting them after school, they are asked **not** to drive into the car park. This is for the safety of all, but especially for children attending either the schools or the play schools, and it is the reason why the barrier remains in the lowered position at times of school start and finish. Many thanks to everyone for your cooperation with these arrangements!

Winter time begins next weekend. Parishioners will be reminded to put their clocks back one hour before bedtime next Saturday 25th October

Patrician Meeting - The Power of the Rosary

There will be insights on its history, its impact on historical events in 20th century and its evangelical power today. All are most welcome. **Thursday 23rd October at 7:30pm in Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Centre.** Refreshments will be offered during interval.

Save the Date! All Saint's Party 2025 , Hallowe'en, Friday 31st October 4:00-5:20pm

Children will learn about the lives of saints and all the ordinary people, forgotten to history whom God has remembered as saintly. Prominence will be given to St Michael, known as a chief angel and a protector against evil. Family-friendly activities related to the saints. All children are welcome, parents too! Registration forms available in Church Porch at weekend Masses.

Legion of Mary

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased
Gerard Shanahan

Month's Mind
Carmel Fay
Peter Dunne

Anniversaries
John Cantwell (6A)
Susan Clifford (13A)
Liz Kelly (17A)
Kay & Bill O'Connor
Baby Katie Galligan
Paddy Callery
Kathleen Dargan
Rita Nagle
Anna & Andrew Martin
Ciaran Maxwell (BR)
Brian Lally (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Special Intention Angeline Grant (RD) Seamus Grant (4A)
Tues	Special Intention
Wed	Tom (12A) & Seamus Mongan Special Intention
Thur	Maggie Rogers (A)
Fri	Mass for the Holy Souls
Sat	Frances Browne (2A)

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it
Bridget 085 2812985
Sunday 6th to Saturday 19th October
Please phone from 6pm-8pm
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

PARISH PRIEST
Fr. Richard Sheehy
087 2412459
richardesheehy@gmail.com

PARISH CHAPLAIN
Fr. Joseph Hao P.C.
01 8401188
brackenstownparish@gmail.com

PERMANENT DEACON
Declan Colgan
01 8401188
brackenstownparish@gmail.com

PARISH SECRETARY
Louise Donnelly
Mon to Fri. 9:30am – 1:00pm
01 8401188
brackenstownparish@gmail.com

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

Registered Charity Number 20016166