ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 28TH SEPTEMBER 2025 YEAR C

This Sunday is **Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday**, and this year's theme is *'working to make our society safer for children and young people'*. In a letter addressed to parishioners to mark Safeguarding Sunday, Archbishop Dermot Farrell asks us to remember in prayer those who have suffered and continue to suffer as a consequence of abuse in childhood. He also points to CSO data which show an increase in peer abuse, often linked to phones and electronic devices. Copies of the Archbishop's Letter are available at the back of the church. Mary-Liz Donaghue and Merry Zacharias, our parish safeguarding representatives, will address parishioners at each Mass this weekend. They work hard, together with the parish clergy and parish pastoral council, to ensure that our church is a safe and welcoming place for children and vulnerable adults.

A **Safeguarding Information Session** for all parish volunteers in our parish and in our partnership parishes (Swords & Drynam, River Valley and Donabate) will take place in the parish centre on Tuesday 14th October at 7.00pm. This is not intended for parish volunteers who work specifically with children only but is intended as an information session for <u>all</u> those who are interested in having a greater awareness around safeguarding in our church. The presenter will be Ronan Ormsby, chairperson of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee. All are welcome.

Fr Richard

A Cake Sale & Coffee Morning in aid of St Francis Hospice will take place in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre on Sunday 12th October after 11am Mass. Contributions of home baking, cakes, pastries etc are most welcome. Your support would be greatly appreciated for this great cause.

An **International Mass,** to celebrate the richness of the diversity in our parish community, will be celebrated at 11.00am next Sunday 5th October. Parishioners of various nationalities are invited to contribute to the liturgy (ie: music, dance, traditional dress etc). Please contact the parish office if you are willing to read a prayer of the faithful in your own particular language. Parishioners are also invited to present some food typical of their country or ethnic background in the parish centre immediately after the Mass, so they we can enjoy a 'tasting'. Come along: it will truly be a festival of faith and culture!

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 parish is always keen to welcome new **Altar Servers**. Any child who would like to become an altar server is invited to come with their parent/guardian to a meeting in the church at 5.45pm (immediately following the 5.00pm Mass) this Sunday 28th September, where parents will be asked to sign a consent form. The only requirement to become an altar server is for the child to have made their First Holy Communion. Merry Zacharias, a member of our Pastoral Council and Parish Safeguarding representative, looks after the Altar Servers.

Our **Children's Choir** is also enrolling new members. The children's choir sing at the monthly Grow in Love Mass on Saturday evenings in preparation for First Communion. Anyone interested in joining should come with their parent to a rehearsal on Wednesday 1st October at 4.00pm in the church and talk to Andrea.

The **Mass of Enrolment** for the children in our parish who are preparing for the sacraments of **First Reconciliation and First Communion** in the coming year will take place at 6.00pm on Saturday 4th and 5.00pm on Sunday 5th October.

The **Mass of Enrolment** for the children in our parish who are preparing for the sacrament of **Confirmation** in the coming year will take place at 6.00pm on Saturday 11th and 5.00pm on Sunday 12th October.

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.

Weekly after school religion classes for children attending Swords or Thornleigh Educate Together or Broadmeadows Community National schools, and who wish to receive the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation, will commence this Tuesday 30th September at 3.00pm in the parish centre. (Exceptionally, one class meets on Wednesday 1st October at Broadmeadows CNS at 3.00pm.) The **Seeds of Faith** diocesan programme of preparation consists of 28 one hour classes each year over two years for each sacrament. 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, where rooms will be allocated to each class.

Meetings for parents of children in **Scoil Chronain**, who wish to make their Confirmation in the coming year, will take place at 6.00pm, 7.00pm and 8.00pm on Tuesday 30th September in the parish centre. It is essential that at least one parent/guardian of each child attend the meeting, where the parish programme of preparation will be outlined.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the annual collection for **Crosscare** last weekend. Parishioners who missed the collection can donate online at: www.crosscare.ie

The Irish Bishops' Conference has published a Pastoral Letter entitled: **Why Sunday Matters: An Invitation to Reflect on Sunday Mass.** Copies of the Pastoral Letter are available at the back of the church, or it can be downloaded https://www.catholicbishops.ie/why-sunday-matters-resources-page/

We wish to take this opportunity to thank parishioners for your support of the parish in so many ways. As you know, there are two collections at each weekend Mass: the first collection is for the support of the priests of the parish and of the diocese; the second collection is usually for Share (which funds the various diocesan offices, which in turn support parish life and ministry. The Family Offering (whether through weekly envelope, monthly standing order or donations through the Tap n Go machine at the back of the church or QR code) supports the running costs of the parish, as does the revenue from shrine candles. We could not run this parish without your continued and regular support, so once again sincere thanks!

An adult from the parish has requested to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This would be a great time for any other adults seeking Confirmation to come forward. If you are an adult who has not been confirmed, or if you know such an adult who is interested in exploring the possibility of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the parish office for further information.

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
Carmel Fay
Rev. Robert Dean

Month's Mind
Mark Brody
Angeline Grant
Veronica Hesnan
Monica Lowndes

Anniversaries
Sean McGreevy
Jim & May McKay
Vincent Cox (16A)
John O'Brien
Bobban Cheramvelil
Special Intention

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon Marie McConaghie (RD)
Tues Esther Halpin (45A)
Wed Marian Movement for Priests
Matt Bohan (A)
Thur Health Intention
Fri Margaret Martin (BR)
Sat Brigid McGrath (RD)

Swords Memory Cafe is a free monthly cafe for people with dementia, their carers, family members and the wider community. It is held on the third Thursday of each month in Fingallian's GAA club between 10.30am - 12.30pm.

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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