ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

THE EARLY IRISH SAINTS PARTNERSHIP OF PARISHES

BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING 22ND NOVEMBER 2026 YEAR A



The liturgical year culminates today with the feast of Christ, Universal King. The year began with Advent last year, with its focus on prophecy and expectation, then the celebration of Our Lord's Nativity at Christmas and Epiphany, shortly afterwards the season of Lent, preparing us to celebrate the Lord's passion, death and resurrection in Holy Week and Easter and his sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The succeeding weeks of Ordinary time are where we seek to live out the meaning of these events in salvation history, leading us to proclaim anew Christ as our King and King of all creation. The liturgical year may have the same pattern each year, but we experience it in a different way, partly because the world, and our own lives, are in a different place than they were a year or two ago, but also because the Sunday readings are different each year. We move from Liturgical Year A, where we have been reading Matthew's Gospel to Year B, where we turn to Mark, the oldest and shortest of the four Gospels. Each liturgical year is an invitation to deepen our faith a little more as we negotiate the transitions, joys and challenges in our lives, and ask ourselves anew, who is Jesus Christ for me? A good question to carry forward as we prepare to begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent next Sunday.

Fr Richard



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Our International Carol Service takes place on Friday 4th December at 7:30pm. Please join us for afterwards for mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Centre.



Over the four Sundays of Advent, we will have a discussion on that Sunday's Gospel reading, from 10:15am to 10:45am. We will gather in the room next to the Sacristy. All welcome.

Brandon Scott from Aid to the Church in Need will speak at Mass this weekend about their Week of Witness in which we have participated for the first time this year.



More Christians have been killed because of their faith in Christ in the last century than all previous centuries combined. 220 million Christians across the world are directly exposed to persecution. Aid to the Church in Need's Week of Witness between 15-22 November encourages us to remember the present injustices that Christians are facing around the world. Red symbolises the blood of the martyrs, and many churches around the world will be illuminated in the colour red this coming week. Here in St. Cronan's we have placed a cross draped in red to show solidarity with our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ. Please see the notices around the church for further information. We will have a speaker from ACN at Mass this weekend.

SUNDAY MASSES: (Sat Vigil) 6pm; 9am; 11am & 5pm WEEKDAY MASSES: MONDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am
CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 10:45am to11:30am in the Sacristy
ADORATION: MON, TUES, THURS & SAT:10:30AM—11:30AM WEDNESDAY: 6pm - 9pm (in St. Joseph's Room)
FRIDAY: 3pm—6pm
All our ceremonies are broadcast online at www.brackenstown-parish.com

A meeting of our **Jubilee Committee** will take place on Monday at 6pm in the parish centre.

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The third of three weekly ***Confirmation Connect*** meetings for candidates and their families in preparation for Confirmation will take place in the church and parish centre on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th November from 7-8.00pm.

The parish **Finance Committee** will meet at 8pm on Tuesday 24th November

A meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will take place on Wednesday 25th November at 8.00pm.

We invite you to join us on the First Saturday of each month at 9:20 am for Rosary and Fatima prayers before Mass. For more information visit www.firstsaturdays.ie

LEGION OF MARY:

Religious Goods suitable for the home. Christmas cards, nativity sets and lots more. Also children's books & candles all available at Repository on Saturday evenings & Sunday mornings.

The Rosary: Praying for a special intention? Praying for peace? The 'Rosary Statue' was blessed for use in the homes of the parish at the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to pray the Rosary and have the statue in your home for a week, or get more information, please contact the Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass.

The next Mass in preparation for **Confirmation** takes place at 6.00pm next Saturday 28th November, First Sunday of Advent.

Once children have made their First Holy Communion, they are eligible to join our **Children's Choir** or to become an **Altar Server** at Mass. The Children's Choir sing once a month on Saturday/Sunday evening at the *Grow in Love* Mass in preparation for First Communion. They practise on the preceding Wednesday at 4.30pm in the Church. Altar Servers serve Mass at the Saturday vigil at 6.00pm, or on Sunday at 11.00am or 5.00pm, depending on their availability. They are not expected to be available every week. Before serving Mass a rehearsal will take place on Saturday at 5.15pm. Merry Zacharias coordinates the altar servers, and Andrea the servers. They are Garda vetted and have had child safeguarding training.

We also open to recruiting new members for our **Senior Choir** and **Young Adult Choir,** who sing on different Sundays at the 11.00am Mass. If interested in the Senior Choir, talk to Maria Lyle; if interested in the Young Adult Choir, talk to Orla Nic Reamoinn (organist) after Mass this Sunday.

Eucharistic adoration from 6.00-9.00pm has moved for the winter months from the church to St. Joseph's. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the church from 10.30-11.30am *(except when there is a funeral)* on Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday and from 3.00-6.00pm on Friday.

The Dublin Diocesan Child Safeguarding & Protection Service is looking to recruit two new volunteer child & vulnerable adult safeguarding trainers. Volunteer trainers have been fundamental to the success of the level and indeed the standard of safeguarding training in our Diocese, going all the way back to 2007. We are specifically looking for volunteer trainers who would deliver training in the following areas: Tallaght & Blessington deaneries and Fingal Deaneries. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the role, please contact: Garry Kehoe, Training & Compliance Manager, Dublin Diocesan Child Safeguarding & Protection Service at garry.kehoe@dublindiocese.ie and Mob: 0860841734

Envelopes for the **Altar List of the Dead** are available on tables around the church. Parishioners are invited to write on the slips of paper provided the names of deceased loved ones. These will be prayed for at Mass each day in November and on the First Friday of every month for the coming year. A discretionary offering may be placed in the envelope.

Christian Meditation continues in the tradition of St. Benedict and John Main every Monday from 11am to 12 noon in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre.

BEGINNERS YOGA WITH CAROLINE

Mat Yoga: Thursdays 9:30am-11am; Chair Yoga for Arthritis and Mobility issues Thursdays 11:15am-12 noon & Thursdays 7pm- 8:15pm. 4 Week Block €50 or €14 per class. Contact Caroline 087 691 3028.

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SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

RECENTLY DECEASED

Nuala Connolly
Barry O'Flynn
Catherine Johnson
John Daly

MONTH'S MIND

Maureen Breen
Colin McSherry

ANNIVERSARIES

John Kerins (5A)
Paddy O'Donovan (10A)
Paddy Barrett (11A)
Dick Nugent
Freda Heaslip
Maura Hughes
Thomas & Bridget Hickey
Madge Taaffe
John O'Hare
Breege McGuin
Dymphna McCusker
Nuala Ryan
Annie & John Conroy
Josie Noone
Sean McCusker (BR)
Eamonn Madden Jnr (BR)

THIS WEEK 10 AM MASSES

Mon Eamonn & Maureen Lawless (A)
Des Newman (RD)
Tues Charlotte, Vincent & Fintan Delamere (A)
Josephine Hyland (RD)
Pat O'Connor (RD)
Wed Terry Beamish (18A)
Bridie Lawless (RD)
Tony, Debra & Anthony Morris (A)
Thur Ellen Slattery (A)
David, Tom & Seamus Mongan (R)
Fri Patrick & Bridget Dempsey (A)
James & Kathleen Kiernan (A)
Brian Owen (6A)
Sat Paddy Barrett (11A)
Ritchey Maughan (MM)
Pearl Bryson (A)