

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

KING OF THE UNIVERSE

23RD NOVEMBER 2025

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The Liturgical Year climaxes this Friday with the feast of Christ the King. Our whole liturgical year which begins with a season of Old Testament expectation and eschatological (end of time) hope (Advent), celebrates the birth of Jesus (Christmas), remembers his passion and death (Lent and Holy Week), celebrates his resurrection and sending of the Holy Spirit (Easter and Pentecost) and lives out these mysteries in the daily life and mission of the Church (Ordinary time), culminates with our proclamation of Christ as King: the centre and goal of our lives. Although the liturgical cycle is the same each year, we experience it differently each time, both because the readings at Mass follow a three year Sunday and two year

weekday cycle, and because we are in a different place in our own life and faith journey. Our efforts to know, love and follow Christ are ever new, inspired by his grace already at work in our lives, and encouraged by our prayer with and for one another and for all of God's people. This is what it means to be Church: continually receiving and reaching out.

This Friday 21st November, we celebrate our annual Mass for those from the parish who died in the past year. Many, though not all, of the funerals took place in our church. This annual Mass of remembrance has become a very important event in our calendar, as we light a candle in memory of each of those who have died and reach out in support to their families and loved ones. Families will often say that the days around the funeral of a loved one pass in a blur of shock and numbness, and it is only months later that the reality of their loss sinks in. The annual Mass in November is an acknowledgement that grief is a journey, and it offers an opportunity for the parish community to show continued support to those who are grieving, to pray for those who have died, and to reaffirm our hope in the resurrection.



*'Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them,
and may they rest in peace, Amen.'*

Fr Richard

Members of our parish Funeral Ministry Team, who recently underwent diocesan training to become **Funeral Leaders**, will be commissioned at the 11.00am Mass this Sunday 22nd November, feast of Christ the King.

Copies of our **Financial Report for 2024** are available on tables at the back of the church. Parishioners are welcome to take a copy with you. Many thanks to parishioners for your generous support of your parish throughout the year.

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will present feedback from the recent questionnaire relating to the 4th pillar of the **Building Hope Diocesan Initiative, Social Justice**, at all Masses this weekend. A summary of the responses to each of the four pillars: welcome and inclusion, faith, servant leadership and social justice are available for all to view on the blue notice board at the back of the church. The Parish Pastoral Council will meet next Saturday 29th November to analyse the feedback from all the questionnaires and propose the beginnings of a pastoral response, both as a parish and in partnership with the other parishes in our area who have participated in this consultation.

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

Parishioners and visitors are invited to reflect together in a prayerful way on the Gospel reading for the four Sundays in Advent. Beginning next Tuesday 25th November, we will gather each Tuesday in the church from 7.00-7.30pm to read together the Gospel for each of the four Sundays of Advent. Copies of the Gospel will be made available to participants.	SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS Recently Deceased Breda Kane Month's Mind Sean Bentley Anniversaries Richard Nugent (3A) John Kerins (4A) Paddy Barrett (10A) John O'Hare Brid McGuinn Dymphna McCusker Nuala Ryan Olive Morgan Tom Freeney, Tom Freeney Jnr & Dcsd Members Freeney & Buckley Families Eamonn Madden (60BR)												
The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland. The survey is school specific and needs to be responded to by all parents and prospective parents locally. It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic education for their children, and the support for sacramental preparation available in Catholic schools, would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parent of a Primary school student. The survey can be accessed at www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey. It closes on Tuesday, December 16.	10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK <table><tr><td>Mon</td><td>John Dolan (RD) Mark Brody (BR)</td></tr><tr><td>Tues</td><td>Alice Cairns (RD) Souls in Purgatory</td></tr><tr><td>Wed</td><td>Deceased Members of Legion of Mary</td></tr><tr><td>Thur</td><td>James & Kathleen Kiernan (A) Patrick & Brigid Dempsey (A) Michael & Bridget Kelly (A) & Dcsd Family Members Patrick & Eileen Byrne (A) & Dcsd Family Members</td></tr><tr><td>Fri</td><td>Charlotte, Vincent & Fintan Delamere (A) Special Intention</td></tr><tr><td>Sat</td><td>Caitriona Dixon</td></tr></table>	Mon	John Dolan (RD) Mark Brody (BR)	Tues	Alice Cairns (RD) Souls in Purgatory	Wed	Deceased Members of Legion of Mary	Thur	James & Kathleen Kiernan (A) Patrick & Brigid Dempsey (A) Michael & Bridget Kelly (A) & Dcsd Family Members Patrick & Eileen Byrne (A) & Dcsd Family Members	Fri	Charlotte, Vincent & Fintan Delamere (A) Special Intention	Sat	Caitriona Dixon
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Our Christmas card, timetable of services and Christmas Offering envelope are available for collection on tables at the entrances to the church. We would appreciate your assistance in delivering the cards to parishioners (especially neighbours) who may be housebound but who would like to receive them, so that they can follow our Advent and Christmas services on the webcam.	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 <i>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"</i>												
Altar List of the Dead envelopes are available on tables around the church. Those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead are remembered at Mass throughout November and on the First Friday of every month for the next year.	PARISH PRIEST Fr. Richard Sheehy 087 2412459 richarddesheehy@gmail.com PARISH CHAPLAIN Fr. Joseph Hao P.C. 01 8401188 brackenstownparish@gmail.com												
The annual diocesan collection for the Dublin Council of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place on the weekend of Sat/Sun. December 7/8th.	PERMANENT DEACON Declan Colgan 01 8401188 brackenstownparish@gmail.com												
Teams of Our Lady Annual Mass: Sunday, December 7th, at 12:30pm, in St. Vincent de Paul Church, Marino, Dublin D09 KN83. After Mass there will be tea & coffee and a social gathering. All are welcome. For more info., contact Paola & Paolo (dublin.tol.ie@gmail.com) or visit www.teamsfourlady.ie.	PARISH SECRETARY Louise Donnelly Mon to Fri. 9:30am – 1:00pm 01 8401188 brackenstownparish@gmail.com												
Registration is now open for the second intake of the Diocesan Certificate in Young Adult Ministry – #YML. Running over six Saturdays, the aim of this Diocesan Certificate is to build up the capacity of Youth Ministry and Youth Ministry Leadership throughout the Archdiocese of Dublin. It is a highly practical course where participants are given new experiences and key resources, including gaining vital skills to put into practice in their local context, while also being grounded in key church documents such as Christus Vivit. For more information please contact natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie. Registration is open at: https://forms.office.com/e/Et8sXCxNtC	PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 9:30am - 1:00pm Registered Charity Number 20016166												
To mark the 400th anniversary of the birth of Saint Oliver Plunkett, and the 50th anniversary of his canonisation, RTÉ Television and BBC NI Television will each broadcast a programme on Sunday 23 November 2025 with Mass on RTÉ 1 at 10.55 am: Canon Eugene Sweeney celebrates Mass in Saint Peter's Church, Drogheda, with the global premiere of a specially composed Mass of the Bells by Irish composer, Michael Holohan. Prayer and Reflection on BBC 1 at 11.30 am: We join the faithful gathered at Saint Patrick's Catholic Cathedral, Armagh, for a special evening prayer service to mark the 50th anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Oliver Plunkett. The service is led by Archbishop Eamon Martin.													
 Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards available from the Parish Office They are €5 each and the intentions of these cards will be remembered at our Christmas Masses 													
All Night Vigil to Knock Shrine: Sunday 7th December Bus Departs St. Cronan's Church at 6:15pm and Council Offices, Swords at 6:30pm. Contact Nora for further details on 8404247 or 086 3292329.													
Religious Goods - Suitable for families Christmas Nativity sets, Christmas items, Christmas cards, Advent Calendars, Baptism gifts/items, Statues, ornaments, children's colouring books and lots more available at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.	 Legion of Mary												



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