

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

EASTER SUNDAY

5 APRIL 2026

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Although we call ourselves 'believers', many of us go about our daily life often without giving much thought to what or in whom we believe. Holy Week, especially if we had the opportunity to experience the various liturgies over the past few days, invites us to look anew at the mystery of Jesus Christ and, in particular, at his passion and death. As we contemplate Jesus's sufferings, we cannot but think of the current turmoil across the world and of those who are going through their own Calvary because of exposure to war and constant bombardment, whether in Ukraine,

Gaza, or most recently in Iran and the Gulf states. We think too of friends or family members who have been visited by the cross in the past year through sickness, bereavement or personal struggles, and those whom circumstances force to live far away from family and loved ones. For people of faith, the cross is nevertheless a sign of hope, for through it Christ has overcome evil and redeemed humanity. The cross proclaims that love triumphs over hatred, that forgiveness leads to reconciliation, death yields to new life, and Good Friday is the road to Easter resurrection. The risen Christ walks with us through our various trials and holds out the promise of a new beginning.

Christ is risen, Alleluia!



Fr. Richard



St. Cronan's Church
Brackenstown Parish

St Cronan's is part of the partnership of
Parishes of Swords/Drynam, River Valley,
Donabate/Portrane/Balheary & Brackenstown

Easter Triduum 2026

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Good Friday 3rd April:

10:30am-11.30am, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Holy Saturday 4th April

10:30am to 11:30am.



All our liturgies are also available online at www.brackenstown-parish.com

Holy Thursday 2nd April

- Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm
- Watch and Pray: 8.45pm – 9.30pm

Good Friday 3rd April

- Morning Prayer 10:00am
- Children's Stations of the Cross 12 Noon
- Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00pm
- Outdoor Way of the Cross 5.00pm.
- Taizé Prayer around the Cross: 7.30pm

Holy Saturday 4th April

- Morning Prayer 10:00am
- Easter Vigil 9:00pm

Easter Sunday 5th April

- Easter Mass 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

Easter Mon 6th April – Sat 11th April

- Mass 10:00am

Fr. Joseph, Fr. Richard and Deacon Declan and the Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank all those who have been involved in the preparation and presentation of the beautiful liturgies during Holy Week. In particular, we would like to thank the Liturgy Group, our music ministry and choirs, sacristans, ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist, sanctuary florist, volunteer church cleaners, altar servers, and parish secretary. We wish you and your families a very happy Easter!

Many thanks to parishioners and visitors who have already returned Easter Offerings. The parish **Easter Card and Easter offering** envelope are available on tables around the church.

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 **Trocaire Lenten box** can be returned to the parish office or sacristy from this weekend. This year's Trocaire Lenten campaign focuses on a young mother in rural Rwanda supporting three generations, highlighting themes of resilience, climate injustice, and dignity. Many thanks for your contributions!

A meeting of the **Parish Finance Committee** will take place on Wednesday 8th April at 7.30pm.

Next Sunday, 12th April, the **Parish Pastoral Council** will present an update on the goals we are setting, following feedback from parishioners to the questionnaires last autumn as part of the Building Hope initiative.

- Divine Mercy devotions will take place in St. Cronan's Church at 3:00pm next Sunday 12th April, concluding with Mass at 5:00pm.
- Divine Mercy Sunday celebration will be held in St. Patrick's Church, Donabate on 12th April at 2pm with confessions and concludes with Holy Mass at 3pm.

We congratulate the families of the babies who will be welcomed into our community of faith through the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday.

As part of the St. Finian's Community College student leadership programme, **Transition Year** students are offering to meet parishioners after weekday Mass on Friday mornings in the weeks immediately following the Easter holidays to assist them with getting the most out of their devices (mobile phone, tablet, iPad etc). The students will offer this assistance under the supervision of their teacher in the parish centre. Thank you to those parishioners who have already signed up. Please let the parish office know if you would be like to take part.

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

Thanks to everyone who attended our Palm Sunday green awareness event in the pastoral centre last Sunday. We were very pleased with the fantastic turnout and a lot of good discussion points were covered on all things energy saving, reducing waste at home and helping biodiversity. Links below with helpful information:

<https://www.seai.ie/grants/home-energy-grants/one-stop-shop>

www.codema.ie/energyefficienthouse/

How to reduce waste in the home: [How to deal with waste at home - My Waste](#)

How you can help biodiversity: [Resources » All-Ireland Pollinator Plan](#)

A **Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi**, which includes 2 nights in Assisi and 3 nights in Rome from 14-19th September, is open to parishioners and friends from the parishes of Swords, River Valley, Donabate and Brackenstown. The cost of €1,495 per person sharing includes return flights to Rome with Aer Lingus, half board accommodation in Rome and Assisi, air conditioned coach throughout the pilgrimage and assistance of a Marian Pilgrimages representative. For more details, look out for the posters and flyers. To reserve a place, parishioners are asked to book directly with Marian pilgrimages with a non-refundable deposit of €400 per person. You are advised to first **contact the parish office to get the link** to book for the pilgrimage directly online. This is a reminder that you are asked to book with a deposit this coming week!

Anam Cara's next **Bereavement Information Evening for bereaved parents** will take place online on [Tuesday 14 April at 7pm](#). Our professional speaker this month is Bryan Nolan. Bryan has an M.A. in Healthcare Chaplaincy from DCU and is a Certified Healthcare Chaplain with specialisations in end-of-life, grief, and loss care. He has worked with the Irish Hospice Foundation for over 13 years. For many parents, it can feel strange or even scary to access supports, especially outside their known community. Bereavement Information Evenings are often the first point of contact for bereaved parents accessing supports like this, as there is no expectation to speak or even to have the camera on. All are very welcome to just listen and be assured in the knowledge that they are not alone. All Anam Cara events are free and open to parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement. Bereaved parents are warmly invited to register here: [Register here for Anam Cara Online Bereavement Information](#)

About **100 Sick or Assisted Pilgrims** will form a very important section of our annual Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in September. **Accueil Notre Dame**, the special place of welcome for the Sick located in the Shrine opposite the Grotto, will house our Sick Pilgrims. A dedicated team of Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and several hundred Helpers of all ages will travel with us from Dublin to care for our Assisted Pilgrims from their arrival at Dublin Airport, during their time in the Lourdes and until they depart the airport on our return. **Enquiries about travelling as a Sick/Assisted Pilgrim should be made to the Pilgrimage Office, 51 Home Farm Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9. Deirdre Daly, Administrative Secretary** deirdre.daly@dublindiocese.ie / 01 8087555 or John Flaherty john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie / 01 8087557.

Volunteers Required to distribute free Catholic paper "The Key". Please contact the Legion of Mary members at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

RELIGIOUS GOODS—SUITABLE FOR FAMILIES

Confirmation & Communion Cards, Prayer Books, Beads, Medals and Rosettes. Also Baptism Cards and Candles, Motorist Prayers and Key Rings, Children's Books and lots more available at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.



Legion of Mary

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Stephen Curran

Month's Mind

Pat McGonigle

Anniversaries

Dan Molloy (4A)

Aileen Smyth (5A)

Tony Murtagh

Nuala Ryan

Catherine McNally (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Jim Maguire (A)
Tues	Dcsd Members of Hanlon & McDaid Families Enda Rogers (A)
Wed	Mai Gargan (RD)
Thur	Arthur McGuinness (RD)
Fri	Vincent, Charlotte & Fintan Delamere (A) Ciaran Bishop (RD)
Sat	Terry Cronan (A) Pat McGonigle (MM)

The DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell will take place on SATURDAY 25th APRIL. A coach is being organised for the partnership of parishes. Cost of Coach is €30.00 per person. More details from the Parish Office.

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