

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

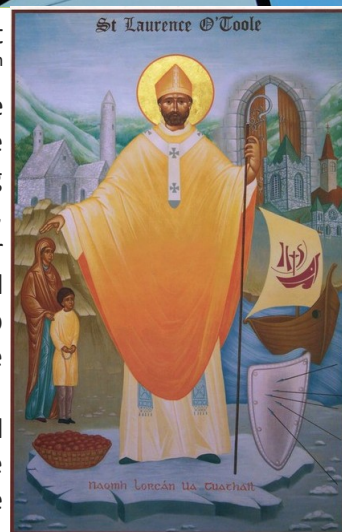
PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16TH NOVEMBER 2025

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This weekend, **St Mary's Pro-Cathedral** celebrates its bicentenary. Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead a special celebration of Mass at the Pro-Cathedral this Friday 14th November, feast of St. Laurence O' Toole, patron of our diocese. We also mark this year the 800th anniversary of the canonisation of St Laurence, who was Archbishop of Dublin at the time of the Norman invasion and who died in the town of Eu in Normandy in 1180. Among those taking part in the Mass on Friday will be a small delegation from the town of Eu, whose church is dedicated to St. Laurence. Archbishop Dermot Farrell led a similar delegation from the diocese on pilgrimage to Eu earlier this year. St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral was dedicated on 14th November 1825. It is the cathedral church of the Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, and it is where priests and lay representatives from every parish in the diocese gather with the Archbishop each year on Holy Thursday for the celebration of the Mass of Chrism. It is also the home of the Palestrina (boys) choir and St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral Girls' Choir. RTE's Nationwide featured a programme earlier this week on the history of the Pro-Cathedral, and as has been publicised, Archbishop Dermot Farrell has applied to Rome for St. Mary's to be granted full cathedral status. Apart from the Mass on Friday, a Hope Concert will take place on Saturday 15th November at 7.00pm.



St. Laurence O'Toole
Born: 1128, Kilkea, Ireland
Died: 14 November 1180, Eu, Normandy
Canonised: 11 December 1225



St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Bicentenary Weekend

Marking the 800th Anniversary of St Laurence O'Toole's Canonisation

As parishioners are no doubt aware, the government has launched a nationwide survey of parents to ascertain their views regarding school patronage. The survey is school specific but is open to parents and guardians of children who will enter primary school in the coming years, as well as parents and guardians of children currently attending primary school. It is also open to primary school staff and members of school boards of management. 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 those who wish for sacramental preparation within school would have their voice heard also. For these reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent or prospective parent of a primary school student.

Don't leave it to somebody else to do it on your behalf. The survey can be accessed on <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/> and participants will be asked for their Eircode.

Fr Richard

Fr. Brian McKitterick will be celebrating Mass in our church this Sunday 16th November to mark the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. The Mass will be at 1.30pm, and all are welcome. We congratulate Fr. Brian, who is a native of the parish, on his silver jubilee!

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.

The annual **Mass for Parishioners** who died during the past year will take place on **Friday 21st November at 7.30pm**. All parishioners are invited to come to the Mass and avail of an opportunity to remember deceased loved ones. Refreshments will be provided in the parish centre immediately after the Mass.

St Cronan's Church
Brackenstown Parish

Annual Mass of Remembrance

21st November 2025
at 7:30pm



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 first ever **#YouthCon** to mark the annual World Youth Day is happening on Saturday, **November 22nd 2025 from 10am to 6pm** in St Patrick's College - DCU, Drumcondra. The day is open to all **young adults aged 18-35** and features **Fr Joe McGrath** on the theme of **'Encountering Christ Together'**. After lunch, there are opportunities to learn where you can live out your faith locally from speed inputs, some time together for prayer, and & to make new connections. The day finishes with the celebration of Mass for the feast of Christ the King. Tickets include lunch and refreshments, so head to Eventbrite at: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1814418838589?aff=oddttdtcreator>
All queries can be sent to natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie



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 next 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 next step will be for the Parish Pastoral Council to analyse the feedback from 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.

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

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.

Blessings with the First Class relics of **St Thérèse** will take place at St. Thomas the Apostle, Laurel Lodge, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 on Saturday 15th November 12pm- 8pm & Sunday 16th Nov. 8.30am- 1.30pm. Confessions 4.30pm - 6pm.

Operation Smile Ireland is hosting a special event, **Carols by Candlelight**, on **Tuesday, 9th December at 7:30 PM** in **St. Therese Parish Church, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin**. This festive evening will feature performances by **The Ranelagh Singers, Gonzaga College Trad Band, Gonzaga College Jazz Band, and guests**.

Date: Tuesday, 9th December 2025; **Time:** 7:30 PM; **Venue:** St. Therese Parish Church, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin; **Tickets:** Adults €10.00 / Children Free
Booking: www.operationsmile.ie/carols or pay at the door

A family would like to rehome their labrador retriever. Unfortunately family circumstances have changed and we are unable to continue caring for him. He is microchipped, fully vaccinated and is registered with the kennel club of Ireland as a purebred labrador retriever. He is 5 years old. He has no health concerns. He is very gentle with children, and fully house trained, no accidents! For further information, please contact the parish office.

Patrician Meeting 'Why did Jesus come?'

There will be insights from the Nicene Creed, the gospels and the saints. All are most welcome. **Thursday 20th November at 7:30pm in Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Centre**. Refreshments will be offered during interval.

Religious Goods - Suitable gifts 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

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Alice Cairns

Month's Mind

Gerry Shanahan

Anniversaries

Michael Nugent (1A)

Paddy Barrett (10A)

Madge Taaffe (24A)

Eileen Boles

Chris Barnes

Valerie English & Dcsd Family Members

Dcsd Members Mulkearns Family

Freda Heaslip

Patrick O'Donovan

John Kissane

Paddy McManus (BR)

Special Intention

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Maura Hughes (A) Tom Freaney (A)
Tues	Paddy McManus (BR) Maoliosa & Liam MacCourt (A)
Wed	Deceased Members of Legion of Mary
Thur	Austin O'Malley (A) Eilish Duffy (BR) Special Intention
Fri	Frank Halpin (RD) Br. Ambrose
Sat	Tom Walsh (Rem)

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"

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