ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

THE EARLY IRISH SAINTS PARTNERSHIP OF PARISHES

BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8TH NOVEMBER 2026 YEAR A



On Thursday 12 November

7:30pm

St. Cronan's Church
Brackenstown Parish

Join us as we celebrate Taizé Prayer Around the Cross

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Our monthly **Taizé Prayer** takes place next Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm, followed afterwards by Alpha for teenagers.

Family Mass



at 11:00am on Sunday 15th November

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The **Family Mass Team** will meet at 6pm on Monday 9th November in the parish centre. Anyone who like to be involved is welcome to come.

November this year is going to be a month of innovation, as we pilot a number of new initiatives. A new style **Family Mass** will take place at 11.00am next Sunday 15th November. At the beginning of the liturgy of the Word, two of our Family Mass team will bring children into the parish centre, where they will lead some activities related to the theme of the readings. The children will rejoin their families in time to participate in the Offertory of the Mass. Parents will be asked to sign consent forms in advance, so that their children may participate in this. These forms will be available on tables around the church. We hope to celebrate a Family Mass on one Sunday morning each month. The following Sunday 22nd November at 5.00pm, a **Sensory Friendly Mass** will be celebrated. This is a gentle, calm Mass for those who may find the usual celebration overwhelming, particularly children with autism. Music will be softer, lighting lower, On Sunday 22nd November at 5.00pm, a **Sensory Friendly Mass** will be celebrated. This is a gentle, calm Mass for those who may find a usual celebration overwhelming, particularly children with autism. Music will be softer, lighting lower, readings shorter and movement permitted. This initiative has worked well in other parishes, and we hope to run it on an occasional basis in St. Cronan's. Finally, our **Focus on Five** campaign in November aims to invite those who regularly or occasionally attend the Sunday Mass at **5.00pm** to help enhance the quality of the celebration by volunteering as a minister of the Word or of Communion, as an altar server or assist with developing a music ministry. In the absence of altar servers, members of the congregation can participate in carrying the processional cross and candles. May the Lord bless these and other new initiatives...!

Fr Richard

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The first 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 10th and Wednesday 11th November from 7-8.00pm.

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Annual Share Appeal Sunday takes place weekend 7th /8th November. This Share Appeal Sunday is used to fund central diocesan services, support financially struggling parishes, and advance pastoral renewal.

Our monthly *Grow in Love* Mass in preparation for **First Communion and First Reconciliation** will take place at 6pm this Saturday and 5.00pm this Sunday 7/8th November.

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 the **Funeral Ministry Team** will take place at 2pm on Monday 9th November in the parish centre.

Our annual Mass of Remembrance for deceased parishioners and loved ones takes place next Friday 13th November at 7.30pm. In a particular way, we remember parishioners who have died over the past 12 months. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the parish centre. All are welcome.

Anam Cara's next **Bereavement Information Evening** will centre around where creativity intersects with grief with renowned author and psychotherapist, Sasha Bates. This event is open to all parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement. This event will take place online on Thursday 19 November at 7pm. Bereaved parents are warmly invited to register here: Register here for Anam Cara Online Bereavement Information Evening

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.

LEGION OF MARY:

Frank Duff 46th Anniversary Mass: in St Saviour's Dominican Church, Dominick St. Lower on Saturday 14th November at 3pm. All are welcome.

Religious Goods suitable for family homes. Baptism gifts/candles, statues, Bibles, children's books and more available at Repository on Saturday evenings & Sunday mornings.

The Parish Pastoral Council will present a progress report on our **Building Hope** short/medium/long term pastoral goals at Mass next weekend of 14/15th Nov

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.

Eucharistic adoration from 6.00-9.00pm on Wednesdays 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 Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays and from 3.00pm-6.00pm on Fridays.

We are also 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 NicReamoinn (organist) after Mass this Sunday.

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Pray for the Souls in Purgatory

A day of prayer for the Souls in Purgatory at Emmanuel House, Clonfert on Sunday 15th November. Bus departs St. Cronan's Church at 8:15am and the County Council Offices at 8:30am. All are welcome. Contact Nora at 018404247 or 0863292329.

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

Anniversaries

Joan Kelly (11A)
Christine Barnes
Florrie O'Keeffe
Colette Savage
Dcsd Members of Kelly & Rooney Families
Patrick & Jane McCabe

THIS WEEK
10 AM MASSES

Mon Winifred Kirwin (A)
Irene Healy (A)
Eileen Adams (A)

Tues Dcsd Members of Buckley Family

Wed Patsy Mongan (RD)

Thur Special Intention

Fri Gerry, Daniel, Nathan & Mary
Sinead Maughan (R)
Breda Kane (1A)

Sat Seán O'Connor (RD)