

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD 7TH JUNE 2026 YEAR A

Just a few weeks ago the parish flags and bunting were indicating that we were celebrating something special: First Holy Communion. We have invited the First Communicants to join us for Mass this Saturday evening at 6.00pm or Sunday at 5.00pm, and they may even be wearing their First Communion outfits! But today's liturgical feast is not just about those who recently celebrated their First Communion. It's a feast day for all of us, because it is about who we are, who we are called to become. We receive Christ as Eucharist at Mass in order to become his risen Body in the world today. Our Communion is with God in Christ and with one another. As St Teresa reminds us in her beautiful prayer: 'Christ has no body now but yours...'

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the diocese has now invited the parishes forming a partnership to choose a name for their partnership. Each parish will retain its individual name, but choosing an umbrella name invites us to develop a stronger sense of working for mission as part of a wider partnership of several parishes. Our respective Pastoral Councils have come up with three possible options, and we invite parishioners to choose one of these three names at each of the weekend Masses next Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June. At each Mass, a member of the PPC will give a brief explanation of the process, then parishioners will be invited to tick only one of three names presented to them on a slip of paper. All the votes at each Mass across all the churches in the partnership will be counted together, and the result announced following approval by the diocese.

The three proposed names are the following:

- 1) **Blessed Francis Taylor:** a native of Swords, around 1550, a prominent Catholic politician and merchant in Dublin in the late 16th century. Imprisoned for his faith, he died in Dublin Castle in 1621. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II on September 27, 1992.
- 2) **Saint Eithne** is a relatively obscure figure, but recorded in the earliest Irish martyrologies, as the daughter of **Baite**. Connected to the area of **Swords**, she is commemorated with her sister, Sodelb on **March 29th**.
- 3) **Early Irish Saints** -this name includes all the early Irish saints who have given their names to our respective churches: St Patrick (Donabate), St. Ita (Portrane), St. Colmcille (Swords), St. Finian (River Valley), St Cronan (Brackenstown).

At this time, we pray for all those who have begun their Leaving and Junior Certificate exams. May God grant them gifts of wisdom, calm and perspective!

Student's Prayer

As I begin to study for the exams I face I ask you Lord for the courage and grace to meet this challenge and do my best, to stay calm and focused during every test.

This prayer I make to you today, Help me Lord and with me stay.





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PARISH INTERNATIONAL DAY

Many Cultures, One Faith, One Family in Christ.

DATE
Sunday, 28th June 2026

TIME
Starts at 11:00 AM

VENUE
St. Cronan's Church
Brackenstown Road,
Swords, Co Dublin,
K67 FK22

INTERCULTURAL MASS
Prayers and singing in different languages.

Fr. Richard

A meeting to welcome **new parish volunteers** takes place this Sunday 7th June immediately following the 11.00am Mass in the parish centre. Refreshments will be provided.

A **Baptism** preparation meeting for parents/godparents of children who will be baptised during the month of June will take place at 12 noon this Sunday 7th June in St. Joseph's.

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

Training for new and continuing **Ministers of the Word** for all the parishes in our partnership will be provided by Peter Siney from the Diocesan Office of Mission and Ministry **from 7.30-9.30pm on Thursday 18th June** in the church. Tea/coffee available from 7.00pm in the coffee dock.

Training for new and continuing **Ministers of Holy Communion and Sacristans** for all the parishes in our partnership will be provided by Peter Siney from the Diocesan Office of Mission and Ministry **from 7.30-9.30pm on Thursday 25th June** in the church. Tea/coffee available from 7.00pm in the coffee dock.

The Diocesan Office of Mission and Ministry are taking applications for both the **Pathways** and **Catechesis** courses for the coming year. A significant number of our parishioners have participated in these programmes over the past few years and found them very helpful for engaging in parish ministry.

An International Mass, to celebrate the cultural diversity in our parish, will take place at **11.00am on Sunday 28th June**. It will be followed immediately by a celebration of music, food and dance from our various cultures in the parish centre.

JOB VACANCY: PARISH SECRETARY

Job Title: Parish Office Secretarial Role for Swords Parish

Job Location: Parish Office, The Parochial House, Seatown Road, Swords K67 PX62

Reports to: Parish Priest

Job Purpose: Provide administrative and secretarial services for the Catholic Parish of Swords and its faith community. This is a 1-year fixed term contract, and a 6-month probation period will apply. It is a part time-time role 5 days a week Monday to Friday; 25 hours per week; 5 hours a day (9am - 2pm). Full job description can be found on the parish website www.swordsparish.ie

Applications by email only, with a covering letter, curriculum vitae, and names of two referees, to: Fr. John Daly Parish Priest – email address: john.daly@dublindiocese.ie with email subject line: Application for Parish Office Secretarial Role. The closing date for receipt of applications is **Friday 19th June** at 5pm. Enquiries to: john.daly@dublindiocese.ie

Our annual **Mass with Anointing of the Sick** will take place at 5.00pm on Sunday 5th July. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the parish centre.

A meeting of the **Pastoral Centre Committee** will take place at 6.30pm on Friday 12th June in the Nunnery.

Trócaire thanks the people of Brackenstown Parish for taking the time and care to give €4,289.56 for their Lenten Campaign.

The **Annual Diocesan Sacraments Conference** takes place from 10am to 3pm on June 20th at St Paul's, Arran Quay. Cost €10 per person. To register, please email angela.mcgarry@dublindiocese.ie. Places are limited. This year's conference explores the various roles of Parish, School and Family as we accompany families on the journey of Sacramental Preparation. All parish pastoral workers, catechists

St. Cronan's Junior National School are recruiting for 2 very important roles - firstly a part time secretary. The position has been advertised on Educationposts.ie and more details can be found at the school. The second position is some substitute cleaners to cover leave/holidays etc. Anyone interested can contact the school.

Some **religious books**, which have been donated by a parishioner, have been left at the back of the church. They will be available over the next week for parishioners and visitors to help themselves to a book or two and take them home. Please do not return the books!

Schedule of Masses/Prayers in Fingal Cemeteries 2026

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| Sunday 7th June | 1:45 P.M. | Malahide | Prayers |
| Sunday 7th June | 4:00 P.M. | Baldungan | Prayers |
| Sunday 7th June | 3:00 P.M. | Fingal | Prayers |

LEGION OF MARY:

Religious Goods Suitable for families

Prayer books, beads and medals. Also Baptism cards and candles, motorist prayers, key rings, children's books and lots more at repository Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Pray...Reflect...Share at Frank Duff Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, 9th June 8:00pm-9:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre, St Cronan's Church. You'll be most welcome. Please invite a friend. The Rosary, reading & reflection on next Sunday's Gospel and a little background information about Frank Duff will be included.

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SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Theresa Daly
Brendan Farrelly

Month's Mind
Betty Minihane
Maura Keegan

Anniversaries
Joe O'Loughlin
Gary Gegan (2A)
Annie & Thomas Fagan
Andrew McKay
Eileen Prow

Barney McNally
Patrick (1A), Mary & Edward Cawley
Annie McManus (BR)
Special Intention

10 AM Masses This Week

Mon James Sammon (46A)
Special Intention
Tues Elsie Shackley (1A)
Wed Orla O'Brien O'Sullivan (7A)
Mary Lowndes (2A)
Thur Special Intention
Fri Special Intention
Sat Special Intention