

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

THE EARLY IRISH SAINTS PARTNERSHIP OF PARISHES

BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS + DRYNAM, RIVER VALLEY + DUBLIN AIRPORT & DONABATE, PORTRANE + BALHEARY

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6TH SEPTEMBER 2026

YEAR A



Living Water Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

The beginning of September has seen a significant change in the weather and, as I write these words, there is a decidedly autumnal feel! This month also sees the return of teachers and pupils to our schools, which inevitably involves heavier traffic on the roads and inevitable congestion at certain times. Perhaps the main virtue asked of us all at this difficult time of adjustment is patience and respect for other

people on the roads. As you will see from the notices below, this is also the time when we are beginning our sacramental preparation for First Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation, hence the number of parent meetings taking place this coming week. We ask parents, who have not yet done so, to register their child for **First Communion or Confirmation** next year ASAP on our parish website, and to pay the registration contribution of €50. Parents of children who attend a school other than a Catholic school, are invited to also register their child for the Seeds of Faith preparation classes which take place weekly from October to May over two years for both First Communion and Confirmation. Registration for these classes is online. September is also **Care for Creation** month, which reminds us of our responsibility to care for our planet for the sake of the generations who will come after us. It is an encouragement to use our cars less, to car pool where possible, and to be mindful of our energy use. We have made consistent efforts over the past few years to reduce the frequency of lawn mowing and to allow a portion of the church grounds to return to nature so as to encourage bio-diversity and the growth of bee pollinator plants. In the past year we also engaged Transition Year students from Coláiste Choilm and St. Finian's to work with us on some Laudato Si projects. More on this soon as we journey towards the feast of St. Francis of Assisi...!

Fr. Richard

Brackenstown Parish

Welcome

BACK TO SCHOOL

We Invite

PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO A

Blessing of your Child's School Bag

When:

Sunday 13th September
at 11.00 am Mass

Where: St. Cronan's Church,
Brackenstown

Refreshments Afterward in
the Pastoral Centre

Our monthly Hospitality Sunday
resumes next Sunday 13th September
in the parish centre following
11.00am Mass.

Also, Wednesday morning coffee
mornings have resumed after



The Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.00pm resumes this Saturday 5th Sept. We thank parishioners for your understanding while the vigil Mass was suspended in July/August.

A **Baptism** preparation meeting for parents of children, who will be baptised in the coming weeks, takes place in the parish centre this Sunday 5th September immediately following 11.00am Mass.

Our Mass with **Blessing of schoolbags**, which was due to take place this Sunday, will now take place next Sunday 13th September at 11.00am Mass. Parents and children, particularly those starting school for the first time, are invited to attend and bring their school bags.

SUNDAY MASSES: 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

Meetings for parents of children in Rang a Do in Gaelscoil Bhriain Boraimhe who would like to make their First Communion in 2027 will take place at 7.00pm and 8.00pm respectively on Tuesday 8th September in the parish centre.	A meeting for parents of children in 1st class in Swords Educate Together, Thornleigh Educate Together and Broadmeadows Community National School, who would like to make their First Communion in 2028 , will take place at 7.00pm on Wednesday 9 th September in the parish centre to introduce the <i>Seeds of Faith</i> programme.
A meeting for parents of children in 2nd class in Swords Educate Together, Thornleigh Educate Together and Broadmeadows Community National School, who would like to make their First Communion in 2027 , will take place at 8.00pm on Wednesday 9th September in the parish centre.	A meeting for parents of children in 5th class in Swords Educate Together, Thornleigh Educate Together and Broadmeadows Community National School, who would like to make their Confirmation in 2028 , will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 10 th September in the parish centre to introduce the <i>Seeds of Faith</i> programme.
A meeting for parents of children in 6th class in Swords Educate Together, Thornleigh Educate Together and Broadmeadows Community National School, who would like to make their Confirmation in 2027 , will take place at 8.00pm on Thursday 10 th September in the parish centre.	Our monthly Taize Prayer resumes next Thursday 10 th September at 7.30pm in the church. We invite parishioners and visitors to experience this candlelit, reflective prayer, accompanied by the chants from the <i>Taize</i> ecumenical community in France.
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will resume their monthly churchgate collection after all Masses this weekend, 5 th /6 th September. Since this is the first church gate collection in several months, we ask parishioners to be particularly generous. We welcome the new members of the SVP conference, and we thank the parish volunteers who regularly assist with the monthly outdoor collections.	The Annual General Meeting for all parish and external groups who hold meetings or activities in the Parish Pastoral Centre takes place this Monday 7 th September at 7.30pm (<i>tea/coffee available from 7.00pm</i>). A representative of each group must attend.
Parishioners may have noticed that the repainted statues of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette have been returned to the Grotto. Many thanks to all who were involved in the repair and improvements to the grotto over the summer months.	We appreciate the cooperation of parishioners and parents with the new car park arrangements, which are being taken in the interest of the safety of children and of our parishioners. The entrance barrier remains in the lowered position between 8.30am and 9.30am each morning and between 1.00pm and 3.00pm each afternoon. Parishioners wishing to attend 10.00am Mass will not be able to access the car park <u>before</u> 9.30am any weekday morning. In the middle section of the car park, which backs onto the railings of the walkway, parishioners are asked to reverse their car into the parking spot, so as to make it both easier and safer when they wish to drive away after Mass.
A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will take place on Monday 7 th Sept at 9pm.	LEGION OF MARY: KNOCK BUS Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday 27th September, 7:45 am departing from St Cronan's Church. Contact Brona on 086 2104151.
We thank all parishioners and visitors who contributed to Summer Offerings .	Prayer Meeting on Tuesday 8th September 8pm—9pm in Parish Pastoral Centre. Rosary, reading from Sunday's Gospel and information on Frank Duff included. All welcome.
On behalf of CASA , I would like to thank the parishioners of Brackenstown Parish most sincerely for allowing us to hold charity collections at St. Cronan's Church, Swords, on 22nd and 23rd August 2026. I am delighted to inform you that we raised €677.00. The proceeds from our collections enable us to continue our work with people with disabilities and their families and every donation we receive truly makes a difference.	
B.A.S.E. Classes: Classes start from Monday 14th September with Creative Writing Group 10am—12pm; Crochet/Knitting 7:30pm—9:30pm; Sign Language (ISL) 7pm—8pm (deposit €40). Tuesday is Basic Conversational Irish 10am—11am. Wednesday is Art Advanced 9:30am –11:30am; Crochet/Knitting 11:45 am—1:45pm. Thursday is Flower Arranging 10:30am—12:30pm. Friday is Art for Beginners 10am—12pm. Classes are 10 week terms (€100 and over 65's €65) except for Sign Language is 8 weeks (€80). Enquiries: Phone 01 8902593 or email jenny.baseswords@gmail.com.	

PARISH PRIEST	SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS	10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK
Fr. Richard Sheehy 087 2412459 richarddesheehy@gmail.com	Recently Deceased Liam Galvin	Mon Noeleen Harford (RD)
PARISH CHAPLAIN Fr. Joseph Hao P.C. 01 8401188 office@brackenstown-parish.com	Month's Mind Tara Lunney	Tues Edmund Van Esbeck (RD)
PERMANENT DEACON Declan Colgan 01 8401188 office@brackenstown-parish.com	Anniversaries Joe McDonagh (2A) Liam Campbell (3A) Rene O'Reilly (6A) Daniel Delaney Ita McArdle John Mullen Judith Giltinane Bridget & Larry Reid Larry Kinsella (BR) 2 x Healing Intentions	Wed Healing Intention
PARISH SECRETARY Louise Donnelly Mon to Fri. 9:30am – 1:00pm 01 8401188 office@brackenstown-parish.com		Thur Audrey Armstrong (RD) Healing Intention
PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 9:30am - 1:00pm Registered Charity Number 20016166		Fri Len O'Sullivan, Pat Bonas & Martin Godfry (RD) Martin Morrissey (A)
		Sat Special Intention

Please note Mass Intentions must be booked into the parish office at least a week in advance of the Mass date