

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

THE EARLY IRISH SAINTS PARTNERSHIP OF PARISHES
BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25TH OCTOBER 2026

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Some weeks ago, I said that the Parish Pastoral Council would shortly present a progress report on our Building Hope goals. Having met earlier this week, the PPC has agreed that this will take place at Mass on the weekend of 14/15th November. A number of forthcoming initiatives are a response to suggestions we received from parishioners through the surveys we conducted at Mass in the summer and autumn of 2025. In particular, under the pillar Welcome and Inclusion, we are introducing a monthly **Family Mass** at 11.00am on Sunday 15th November. We particularly want to encourage parents with young children. During the Mass, at the beginning of the liturgy of the Word two of our Family Mass group will bring children into the parish centre, where they will do some activities with them 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. 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 a usual celebration overwhelming, particularly children with autism. Music will be softer, lighting lower, and movement permitted.



In November we will also launch a **Focus on Five** campaign, directed at those who regularly or occasionally attend the Sunday Mass at 5.00pm. We want to enhance the quality of the celebration by encouraging members of the congregation to volunteer as a minister of the Word or of Communion, altar server or to develop a music ministry. In the absence of altar servers, members of the congregation can participate in carrying the processional cross and candles. Finally, November is the month where we traditionally remember our deceased loved ones. Our annual **Mass of Remembrance** for deceased parishioners will take place on Friday 13th November at 7.30pm.

Fr Richard



We had a very successful **Pilgrimage walk** around Swords last Saturday with parishioners from our partnership parishes, as well as from St. Columba's and from the Baptist church, including their pastor, Johnny Holland, participating. Over 50 people took part in the walk which took us from St. Colmcille's Well to St. Columba's Church, onto Swords Castle with its beautiful chapel, before returning to St. Cronan's for a short prayer. Our thanks to Andrea Patterson, who showed us around the beautifully restored St. Columba's church, and to Kieran Gargan, local historian and our very informed guide for the afternoon. Thanks also to our hospitality team for providing welcome refreshments.



A reminder that wintertime begins this weekend. A reminder to put your clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday night. Otherwise, you risk turning up at 8am for 9.00am Mass on Sunday!

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 (in St. Joseph's Room)

FRIDAY: 3pm—6pm

All our ceremonies are broadcast online at www.brackenstown-parish.com

Our annual Mass of Remembrance for deceased parishioners and loved ones takes place on 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.

From Wednesday 28th October, **Eucharistic adoration** from 6.00-9.00pm will move for the winter months from the church to St. Joseph’s. Adoration takes place in the church from 1030-11.30am (*except when there is a funeral*) on Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday and from 3.00-6.00pm on Friday.

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 Nic Reamoinn (organist) after Mass this Sunday.

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

Our parish conference of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** (SVP) is holding its monthly church gate collection after Mass next weekend, 31st Oct./ 1st Nov.

The Stacey Family would like to thank all who supported their recent Coffee Morning in aid of St Francis Hospice. The amount raised was €1440! Special thanks also to those who gave prizes for the raffle. Huge appreciation!

Bible Study - Old Testament - Genesis with Fr Dominik Domagala. The course runs once a month on Wednesdays at 8.00pm in **St Finian's Room, Malahide Parish Centre** starting on 21st October 2026 and ending in May 2027. There is no charge for attending this course. Further information from Ronan Reynolds on [087-2429540](tel:087-2429540).

Baptism preparation for children over 5, who have not yet been baptised, and their parents, continues at the 11.00am Mass this Sunday 25th October.

St. Finian's Community College Swords are hosting a *Future Pathways* Careers Fair on Wednesday 4th November 2026 from 10am-2pm in the school Sports Hall. We are delighted to invite locals to our school to meet over 50 exhibitors from Irish Universities, Colleges of Further Education, Apprenticeships, local industry and businesses in the community. No registration required, if you would like more information contact guidance@stfinianscc.ie.

Copies of our **annual statement of receipts and payments for 2025** are available at the back of the church. Many thanks to parishioners for your continued generosity and support of the parish. Our thanks too to our Parish Finance Committee for their diligent work in looking after the parish finances.

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.

Vocational Society of St. Joseph Monthly Meeting
When: Last Wednesday of every month, following 10:00 AM Mass
Venue: The Sacristy, St. Cronan’s Church Brackenstown (*Early Irish Saints Parish Partnership*). **About Us:** The Society of St. Joseph supports and promotes priestly and religious vocations within our parish partnership. **Member Roles include: Pray & Support:** Pray regularly for vocations and offer encouragement to those discerning. **Community Outreach:** Help raise awareness and organize local parish events. **Fellowship:** Meet monthly for prayer, reflection, and project planning. *All are welcome!* **Contact for Details:** Maurice O’Connor (Branch Secretary) [086 835 0000](tel:0868350000)

LEGION OF MARY:
Religious Goods & Literature: Children’s books, The Order of Mass Congregational Cards, Candles, Statues, Bibles etc. all available in main porch after Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses.
The Rosary: Praying for a special intention? Praying for peace? The ‘Rosary Statue’ was blessed for use in the homes of the parish at the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to pray the Rosary and have the statue in your home for a week, or get more information, please contact the Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass.

<p>PARISH PRIEST FR. RICHARD SHEEHY 087 2412459 RICHARDESHEEHY@GMAIL.COM PARISH CHAPLAIN FR. JOSEPH HAO P.C. 01 8401188 BRACKENSTOWNPARISH@GMAIL.COM PERMANENT DEACON DECLAN COLGAN 01 8401188 BRACKENSTOWNPARISH@GMAIL.COM PARISH SECRETARY LOUISE DONNELLY MON TO FRI. 9:30AM – 1:00PM 01 8401188 BRACKENSTOWNPARISH@GMAIL.COM PARISH OFFICE HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30AM - 1:00PM REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 20016166</p>	<p>SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS</p> <p>Recently Deceased Maureen Breen Mary Foster</p> <p>Month's Mind Mary Sheehan Sean Pepper</p> <p>Anniversaries Sean Bentley (1A) Frances Browne (3A) Paddy Callery (3A) Tony McCarthy (12A) Margey Markey Andy McHugh John Cantwell Mark Farrell Rose Fernie Pat, Eileen & Michael Howard Margaret & John Murtagh Patricia Foley (BR)</p>	<p>THIS WEEK 10 AM MASSES</p> <p>Mon David Mongan (MM) Margaret & John Murtagh (A)</p> <p>Tues Health Intention Iris Ann Lee (RD)</p> <p>Wed Christopher Farren (RD)</p> <p>Thur Rita MacCarthy (RD)</p> <p>Fri Sheila Pentony (A) Sean Cousins (A)</p> <p>Sat Michael & Annie O'Reilly (A) Patrick & Mary Cullen (A)</p>
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