

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3RD AUGUST 2025

YEAR C

Jubilee of Youth

28 July 2025 - 3 August 2025



DICASTERY FOR EVANGELIZATION
RETURNING FOR EVANGELIZATIONAL OPERATIONS
REGARDING EVANGELIZATION IN THE WORLD



Around half a million young people from over all over the world, among them 600 from Ireland, including about 20 pilgrims from Dublin, are participating in the **Jubilee of Youth** in Rome, as one of the events marking the universal Church's Jubilee year. Between the 28th July and the 3rd of August, the Vatican and Rome will host a series of events dedicated to young

Catholics from at least 146 countries. For many of the Irish young pilgrims, it will be their first experience of meeting so many people of their own age from all over the world who share the gift of faith, which will no doubt give them great encouragement for their own faith journey when they return home. The Jubilee began with a Mass of welcome in St Peter's Square on Tuesday evening, after which Pope Leo drove through the square to meet the young people. Addressing them, he said: "You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world! And today your voices, your enthusiasm, your cries — all of them for Jesus Christ — will be heard to the ends of the earth! The world needs messages of hope. You are that message, and you must continue bringing hope to everyone. Let us walk together with our faith in Jesus Christ. And our cry must also be for peace in the world. Let us pray for peace, and let us be witnesses of the peace of Jesus Christ, of reconciliation — this light of the world that we are all seeking."

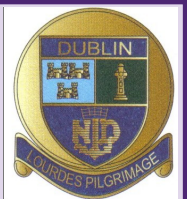
On Friday, the Circus Maximus will host a Day of Penance in which 200 stations will be made available for pilgrims to hear confessions. Saturday will be dedicated to music, with groups taking turn to entertain the crowd on a stage set up at Tor Vergata. The Jubilee of Youth will culminate in a Mass on Sunday 3rd August at Rome's Tor Vergata. Around a thousand parishes, schools and families will provide accommodation and breakfast for pilgrims in addition to a large hostel capable of hosting about 25,000 people set up at the Fiera di Roma. The Youth Jubilee will incorporate World Youth Day this year, as announced in 2023 by the late Pope Francis.

If you wish to follow the Dublin contingent, you will find them on the Office for Mission and Ministry Facebook page at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/OfficeforMissionandMinistry>

Fr Richard



Many thanks for your support for the recent collection of the Associate Pilgrimage to Lourdes, organised by the Legion of Mary. The funds raised by the collection assist sick pilgrims in participating in the Dublin Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes which takes place this year from 4th-9th September. The total raised is €1,139.26.



Tommy and Eileen Murtagh, travelled with the coach to Knock on Sunday last for the **National Grandparents Pilgrimage**. A wonderful day was had by all and so well organized by Nora Griffin. Tommy and Eileen would to thank everyone on the bus who was so helpful and kind in offering their help. They had the added bonus of having their photo taken with Dana,

who was singing in the choir in the Basilica in Knock.

A preparation meeting for parents of children who will be baptised in the coming weeks will take place this Sunday 3rd August in the parish centre, immediately following the 11.00am Mass

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

Monday 4th August is a public holiday. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am.

Next Sunday 10th August, members of our **Parish Pastoral Council** will present feedback from the questionnaires which parishioners filled out at Masses last weekend. On the following Sunday 17th August, the PPC will give a brief presentation on the second *Building Hope* pillar: Building a community of Faith. A meeting of the **Parish Centre Committee** will take place on Monday 11th August at 6.30pm in the parish centre.

Friday, 15th August, **Feast of the Assumption of Mary**, is a holy day. A vigil Mass will be celebrated in St Cronan's Church at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th August, and Mass on Friday 15th will take place at 10.00am. Masses in St Colmcille's Church, Swords are Vigil (14/08) at 6:30pm and at 10:00am (15/08) and Masses in St Finian's Church, River Valley are 10:00am and 7:00pm (15/08).

Fr. Derek Farrell, parish priest in Garristown and the Naul, has recently compiled a CD of his music, entitled *Something More*. A copy can be purchased for €15 from the Legion of Mary stall in the church porch after Mass any Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

Summer Offerings envelopes will be available at the back of the church. Summer Offerings form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese.

Pockets of Hope PILGRIMAGE SEASON "*Hope Does not Disappoint*" Only two more weeks to participate, as the pilgrimage season concludes on August 15th. Archdiocese of Dublin Stamp your route across the 4 churches: 1. St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row; 2. Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, City Quay 3. Our Lady of Lourdes, Sean McDermott Street 4. St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough Street Email pocketsofhope2025@gmail.com for more information.

MANRESA RETREATS

Looking to pause and reconnect with God? Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (Clontarf, Dublin) is offering the following retreats:

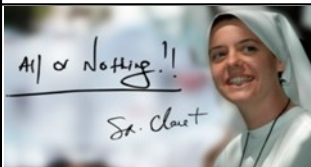
Take time to pause with an **Oasis Day**: a gentle one-day retreat of reflection and guided prayer, offering space for prayer, rest, and renewal. **Sat, 16 August.**

What Star Wars Teaches Us About Our Spiritual Journeys. **Fri-Sun, 5-7 Sept.** Join Eric A. Clayton – author of *My Life with the Jedi: The Spirituality of Star Wars* – for a unique weekend retreat exploring how the beloved saga can illuminate our own spiritual path. Through guided talks, reflection, and prayer, discover how storytelling, imagination, and Ignatian spirituality invite us to recognise the light within and follow the path God has for us.

Visit www.manresa.ie for more details.

SPRING SYNOD GATHERINGS:

In March 2025, synod gatherings took place across the 5 pastoral areas of the Archdiocese, along with a 6th youth synod gathering. Clergy, chairs of Pastoral Councils, Paris Synod Animators, and pastoral staff were invited, with around 300 people from the Diocese present at the gatherings. The National Synod Team provided 17 topics for discussion that had emerged from the first synod gatherings in 2022. The aim of the spring gatherings was to prioritise the topics that should be a focus from the Pre-National Synod gatherings, beginning in October 2025. The 'Conversations in the Spirit' method was used to discern on 3 aspects: What the 3 priorities are out of the list of 17 topics? And what are the priorities that the Holy Spirit is prompting us to recommend to the Pre-Synodal Assembly in October 2025? **The Dublin Diocesan Report and Top 10 Takeaways can be found at <https://dublindiocese.ie/synod2025/>.**



Save the Date! Faith 'n' Fun 14th-16th August 2025

The central figure of this year's Faith 'n' Fun is the inspirational Derry girl, Servant of God Sr Clare Crockett. Art, crafts, storytelling, games and song that speak to her distinctive way of reaching children. Registration forms available next weekend.

Youth Conference for Young adults Saturday 30th August 2025

"On mission with Mary". De Montfort House, Morning Star Avenue, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7. 9:30am -5:30pm. Legion of Mary will sponsor 1 young adult. Full details from member of Legion of Mary at weekend Masses.

Pre-Booking www.eventbrite.ie (search "On mission with Mary") Ticket: €20.

Religious Goods - Suitable for the home

Baptism gifts/items, Statues, ornaments, children's colouring books, bibles and lots more available at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.



**Legion
of
Mary**

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Joe O'Reilly
Angela Prouse
Margaret Brady
Rebecca Byrne
Mary O'Grady
Eileen Eccles

Anniversaries

Bridget (Phyllis) Byrne (5A)
Diana Ukutu (10A)
Christy Reilly
Catherine McNally
May & Jack Hughes and Dcsd
Family Members
Christy Martin
Gary Martin
John Pender (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon Catherine McNally (A)
Perlie McGreevy (1A)

Tues Joe O'Reilly (RD)

Wed Marian Movement for Priests

Thur Brena Jennings (2A)

Fri Eric Barrett (RD)

Sat Mary O'Grady (RD)

Prayer Resources for the Jubilee Year can be found at

<https://dublindiocese.ie/jubilee2025/>

The latest edition of *Mission & Ministry Matters* is available by [clicking here](#)

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it

**Please phone Terri on 8403243,
or Brid on 086 6006397**

*"I ask you Lord to be kind to them now,
who were always kind to me here"*

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