

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

EASTER SUNDAY

20TH APRIL 2025

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Rejoice!
HE IS RISEN!



THE PARISH CLERGY AND PASTORAL COUNCIL
WISH ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS A VERY
HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER!

We celebrate Easter this year at a time of great uncertainty in our world. The tragedy of war and conflict continues in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan and so many other countries, leading inevitably to civilian casualties and to the hardship brought about by displacement and lack of access to food, water and medical facilities. With the recent

change in the geo-political landscape and a looming trade war, reflected in anxiety on global stock markets and among the business community in Ireland and around the world, future international relations never seemed more unpredictable. None of this helps humanity in tackling the other great crisis: the increasing impact of climate change and our faltering efforts at addressing necessary lifestyle changes.

What does it mean to celebrate Easter in this context? It doesn't mean that everything will somehow sort itself out, that these issues will simply go away. What it does mean is that we are called to face those challenges and our responsibilities towards future generations with hope and courage. The God we believe in is a God who walks with us and gives us strength to deal with the challenges which life throws at us. In Jesus Christ we encounter a God who has entered the human condition and experienced the depths of suffering and of abandonment but who has faced it with love, forgiveness and trust. As people of faith, we believe that God has raised Jesus up and that he lives in us now through his Holy Spirit. This is what enables us to live with hope and trust and to witness to others to the hope and joy that resurrection faith brings. Christ is risen, Alleluia!

A sincere word of thanks to all who have prepared and participated in the liturgies for Holy Week and to those who have cleaned the church. We wish parishioners and visitors every Easter joy and blessing!

Fr Richard

Yu Xin Wang, will receive the sacraments of Christian Initiation this Saturday at the Easter Vigil, while her twin sister, Yu Tong Wang, will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. We pray for them both as we prepare to welcome them into our Christian community.

Many thanks to Alison Barker who facilitated a weekly reflective readings of the Sunday Scriptures throughout the season of Lent.

The parish **Easter card**, timetable of ceremonies and Easter Offering envelope are available for collection on the tables around the church. Please take one for yourself, and perhaps also for a neighbour who may be unable to attend the church but would like to follow the services on the webcam. Many thanks to all those parishioners and visitors who have already returned Easter Offerings, which form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese.

For the first time since before Lent, we will also celebrate **Baptisms** during the 11.00am Mass on Easter 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 FRIDAY: 3pm—6pm
All our ceremonies are broadcast online at www.brackenstown-parish.com

The annual diocesan **Pilgrimage to Knock** will take place on Saturday 26th April (Easter Saturday). We are planning once again to organise a bus for Knock for the parishes in our partnership. Our parish office is now taking bookings!!

Please pray for the children in our parish who will celebrate Confirmation in the week beginning **27th April**.

This Sunday we enter the most solemn week in the Church's year, **Holy Week**. The timetable of Holy Week and Easter services are listed below:

Filled Trocaire Lenten boxes can be left into the sacristy after Masses

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Anniversaries
 Kay Savage
 Niamh Curry
 Mary Ellen, Jack, Pat & Dick Delamere
 Martina Harley (A & BR)

Brackenstown Parish – St. Cronan's Church
St Cronan's is part of the partnership of Parishes of Swords, River Valley, Donabate & Brackenstown

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE 2025

PALM SUNDAY 13TH APRIL:
 Vigil Mass: 6:00pm Sunday Mass: 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm
 Blessing of palms outside the church before each Mass

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY 14TH TO 16TH APRIL
 Mass 10:00am

MONDAY 14TH APRIL
 A Christian presentation of the Seder Meal 7.30pm

TUESDAY 15TH APRIL
 Reconciliation Service for the Swords Partnership of Parishes (location Brackenstown) 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00-9.00pm

HOLY THURSDAY 17TH APRIL
 Morning Prayer: 10:00am
 Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm
 Watch and Pray: 8.45pm – 9.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY 18TH APRIL
 Morning Prayer: 10:00am
 Children's Stations of the Cross: 12 noon
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00pm
 Outdoor Way of the Cross 5.00pm. (The stations will take place at various locations around the parish)
 Taizé Prayer around the Cross: 7.30pm

HOLY SATURDAY 19TH APRIL
 Morning Prayer: 10:00am
 Easter Vigil: 9:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY 20TH APRIL
 Easter Mass 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

EASTER MONDAY 21ST APRIL - SATURDAY 6TH APRIL:
 Mass at 10:00am

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 27TH APRIL:
 Vigil 6:00pm, Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm
 Divine Mercy Devotion 3:00pm concluding with Mass at 5:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession):
Monday 14th – Wed 16th April: following 10:00am Mass
Good Friday 18th April: 10:30am-11.30am, 4:00pm-5:00pm
Holy Saturday 19th April: 10:30am to 11:30am.

All our liturgies are also available online at www.brackenstown-parish.com

cross + care Youth Work

Volunteers Needed for a New Summer Project in Brackenstown!

Are you interested in setting up a Summer Project for young people in your area this July or August? This is a fantastic opportunity to create a fun, engaging, and supportive environment for local youth! What's involved? Organising a 5-day project (running over a week or weekends) Providing a variety of fun activities for young people How will Crosscare support you? Training & guidance—Garda Vetting—Access to grant funding With over 30 years of experience working with young people and volunteers in Swords, Crosscare is here to help you bring this summer project to life! Join us for an information meeting:

Date: Thursday, 24th April
Time: 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Venue: Brackenstown Parish Centre
For further information: Contact Denise at Crosscare on 086 820 5958

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

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| Mon | James Pentony & Mary King (A) |
| Tues | Dcsd Members of Hanlon & McDaid Families Patsy Russell (RD) Patsy McKeon (RD) |
| Wed | 60th Birthday Intention |
| Thur | Healing Intention |
| Fri | Intentions for those who supported the family of the late Rita Dempsey (RIP) |
| Sat | Brian Fagan (RD) |

Grief Support Group
 weekly meetings every Wednesday 7pm to 8pm. We hope to offer a listening ear to anyone who is dealing with or living with grief. *Contact email: haveasipswords@gmail.com*

Traveller Outreach Addiction Service: This is a free and confidential drug and alcohol treatment service providing addiction support to the Traveller Community and their families in North Dublin. Opening hours: 9.00am-5.00pm. To speak to a member of the team, contact: 01/6991077. For more information contact: travellersupport@coolminetc.ie.

Just after Easter we say goodbye to Catherine Hamilton, who has been assisting in the parish office for the past 18 months. Catherine has always been very helpful to parishioners, who drop into the office looking to get a Mass card signed, and generally in taking some of the burden of a busy parish office off Louise. Unfortunately her training scheme has come to an end, but we wish Catherine every success and blessing for the future. We invite parishioners to join us after 10am Mass on Easter Wednesday, when we can say farewell to Catherine.

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"



GENTLE YOGA WORKSHOP

April 26th 9:15am-12pm
 Brackenstown Parish Church Centre

Breathwork ★ Yoga ★ Meditation

CONTACT CAROLINE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT ON 0876913028

Swords Memory Cafe for people living with dementia, their carers, family members and those interested in fostering a dementia inclusive community in Swords – hold a free Cafe on the third Thursday of each month in Fingallian's GAA club between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

Prayer Resources for the Jubilee Year can be found at <https://dublindiocese.ie/jubilee2025/>
 The January edition of *Mission & Ministry Matters* is available by clicking here

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
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Registered Charity Number
 20016166

Patrician Meeting - The Christian meaning of human suffering
 There will be insights on suffering as a gateway to hope and glory from the Book of Job, Sts. Paul, Thérèse and John Paul II and how you can accompany those who suffer. All are most welcome. **Thursday 24th April at 7:30pm in Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Centre.** Refreshments will be offered during interval.

Religious Goods- Suitable for the home.
 Baptism, Confirmation and Communion gifts/items, Statues, ornaments, children's colouring books, bibles and lots more available at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.



Legion of Mary