

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

14TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

9th JULY 2023

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Reflection

Summer is a time to take a break from familiar routine. With schools closed, people avail of the opportunity to go on a family holiday, in Ireland or abroad. Some teenagers head off to the Gaeltacht or summer camp, many of those who have just completed Leaving Cert exams head away together, while full time third level students head off to the US or Canada on J1 visas, which allow them to work and travel for up to four months. For the vast majority of young people, these are positive experiences which create lasting memories. Sadly, as we saw in recent weeks, things can sometimes go wrong, and parents can receive the devastating news that their son or daughter has died abroad. Our hearts go out to the families of the two young men who lost their lives while on holiday in Greece this week. It is every parent's worst nightmare. We can only pray for them, for the classmates of the two young men, and for the whole school community who have to come to terms with this unexpected tragedy. In this country we have a great tradition of pulling together at times of sadness and loss.

May those who mourn the loss of these two young people experience the comfort of such solidarity and prayerful support at this time.

Fr. Richard.

Fingal Host Information Roadshow is an information evening for anyone who is hosting or interested in hosting displaced people from Ukraine in Irish Homes. Organised by Helping Irish Hosts, the Information Roadshow will take place in The Riasc Centre, Feltrim Road, Swords, K67 PX85 from 7.00-9.00pm on Wednesday 19th July. This is a free event and tickets to reserve your place can be got on [eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie)



Our next **HOST INFORMATION ROADSHOW** is coming to...

Fingal

in partnership with

Caritas Centre
Phone Call
Fingal Charities
Council

The Riasc Centre
Feltrim Road, Swords K67 PX85

Wednesday, July 19th, 2023 7:00 - 9:00 pm

www.helpingirishhosts.com

Many thanks to parishioners and visitors for your contributions last weekend to the **Peter's Pence** collection for the Pope's charitable ministry.



We congratulate the parents and families of the children who will be baptised in our church this weekend.



The Saint Vincent de Paul Monthly Collection is after all Masses 8th & 9th July

ALL IRELAND GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE

The National Grandparents Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock will take place on Sunday 23rd July

Bus leaves St Cronan's Church at 8:15am and Fingal County Council Offices at 8:30am

Contact Nora on 8404247 or 086 3292329

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Sincere thanks to the parishioners of St. Cronan's Church for your generosity. €1431.09 was collected which will help sick pilgrims travel with the pilgrimage in September. If anyone would still like to contribute, you can do so at the Legion of Mary table in main porch.




World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2023

The third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will take place on Sunday, July 23, just days before the start of World Youth Day in Lisbon.

The registration forms for **First Communion and Confirmation 2024** are now available on the parish website at [brackenstown-parish.com](https://www.brackenstown-parish.com).

Parents of children who are going into 2nd class or 6th class in September and who wish their child to make their first Communion or Confirmation next year are invited to complete the online form to register their child.



SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION FOR 2024

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

IN ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH BRACKENSTOWN PARISH



Summer Dues 2023

Summer Offering Envelopes are available at the church entrances. Summer Offerings form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PRIESTS

Archdiocese of Dublin

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

There is a **Commissioning Mass**, for those travelling to Lisbon to participate in the **World Youth Day**, in St Paul's Church, Arran Quay on Monday 17th July at 7:30pm. Archbishop Dermot Farrell will be the main celebrant. Out of a total of 53 young people travelling from the Archdiocese, 3 are from Brackenstown and a total of 6 from the Swords/Donabate partnership. Let's support them with our prayer.



The **Parish Pastoral Council** is inviting volunteers to become part of a *church cleaning group*, who will on a rota basis assist with keeping our beautiful church clean. If interested, please give your name and contact details to the parish secretary. A general clean-up of the church and its precincts will take place on Saturday 26th August from 12 noon. All volunteers welcome!



SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased
Tommy Howard
Caroline Cooney
Mary Crosbie
Mary Flood Norton
Marie Gavney
Daniel Malone

Month's Mind
Eileen Prow

Anniversaries
Paddy Ryan (1A)
Odette Caughey (10A)
Fr. John O'Connell
Eamonn Snr &
Eamonn Jnr Madden
Andrew, Mary, Bernard,
Andrew Jnr, John, Johanna &
Kathleen Cawley
Donal Cronan (BR)

BUDGET FINANCE STATEMENTS A meeting of the **Parish Finance Committee** will take place on Monday 10th July at 7.30pm.

Cross Parish Alpha Taster Session
13th of July - Donabate
The Alpha course will be running in person this Autumn for a series of weeks and we wanted to give you a chance during the Summer to sample what it might be like. So join us on Thursday 13th of July in Donabate Community Centre from 7:45 to 9pm, for tea/coffee and chats about Alpha and Faith! As always our invitation to you is to come and see! We look forward to seeing you there! If you've any questions just pop us an email to: crossparishalpha@gmail.com

The **Blessing of Graves** takes place in the following cemetery's: **Sunday, July 9:**
The Ward Cemetery at 3:00pm
Flemington Cemetery at 4:00pm
Sunday, July 16:
Donabate Cemetery at 3:30pm
Sunday, July 23:
Kileek Cemetery at 3:00pm
Ballymadun Cemetery at 7.00pm
Sunday, July 30:
Grallagh Cemetery at 6:30pm

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon For all Lay people who work in our parish
Tues Roger Keane (A)
Wed Kevin Kelly (RD)
Thur Con Carroll (1A)
Fri Special 60th Birthday Intention
Sat Patricia Russell & Gerry Bates & Dcsd members of Russell & McKenna Families

Catechesis Course
Starting this September the Office of Mission and Ministry will be offering a **Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis**. This is a modular course over seven Saturdays in St Paul's, Arran Quay.
Part One of the course explores Foundations in Catechesis with four modules:
Module One: The Vocation of the Catechist – Called to Share Faith; Module Two: Catechesis and the RCIA
Module Three: Catechesis, Method and Content; Module Four: Catechesis, Prayer and Liturgy
Part Two of the course explores Catechesis in Practice with three modules
Module Five: Accompanying Families for Baptism; Module Six: Accompanying Families for Holy Communion
Module Seven: Accompanying Families for Confirmation. On completion of the course participants will receive the Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis. Assessment will be done through journaling. To register or for more information please contact patricia.carroll@dublindiocese.ie.

We have accumulated a number of 'lost' personal items (mostly hats, scarves and other clothing items) over the past few months. If uncollected by the Friday 7th July, they will be donated to one of the local charity shops. Also, a bracelet has been found in the Church Car Park—please contact the parish office.

Applications are now open for the next intake of participants for **Pathways**. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Upp. Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9, on Thursday, September 28 (7pm – 9.30pm). Pathways is a two-year, one-evening-a-week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work. The cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means. Places are limited so early application is advised. For more information, visit www.missionministry.ie or contact Eileen Houlahan, Director, Pathways Programme at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie.



Bethany Bereavement Support Group offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it
Brid - 086 6006397
Sun 9th July—Sat 15th July
Please phone after 6pm
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

Rooms in the parish centre are available during the summer months for outside groups to book. Contact Paul Moreland, secretary of the Parish Pastoral Centre Committee, for more information or to make a booking at: paulmoreland6@gmail.com or phone the parish office any weekday morning at: 01/8401188.



PRAYING THE ROSARY
Legion of Mary The Legion of Mary is an untiring advocate of the rosary championing a better understanding of it, a stronger commitment to praying it and a deeper appreciation of its power. Listen to a 2.42 min clip by Bishop Robert Barron on [Why Pray the Rosary? - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...). As part of our outreach, the "Rosary Statue" was blessed for use in the homes of the parish at the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to have the statue in your home for a little time, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in the main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.

FAITH 'N' FUN
Bible Stories, Crafts & lots more fun things to do!
FREE - to all aged 6 - 11 years
In St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre
Brackenstown Road, Swords

Tuesdays
Tuesday 25th July
Tuesday 1st August
Tuesday 8th August
2pm - 4pm

Play, Learn and Grow... Together!

Organised by Legion of Mary
Registration Forms available in Main Porch of St. Cronan's Church
Parish Office Phone No: 01 8401188

RELIGIOUS GOODS

The Legion of Mary attaches great importance to portraying our Catholic faith in a way that pleases the senses and mind aesthetically. They have a wide selection of beautiful religious goods on sale for Baptism. Rosary Beads, Candles, Children's Books, Statues and Holy Water Fonts are available in Church Porch after weekend Masses. A variety of Catholic Papers & Magazines are available in the bookrack at the back of the Church.

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