

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27TH JULY 2025

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Many thanks to parishioners and visitors who participated last weekend in the survey during Mass in relation to the theme of 'welcome and inclusion', one of the four pillars of the **Building Hope** initiative for renewal of Christian life and faith in our parishes and partnership, and across the diocese. Some 375 people completed the questionnaires across our four

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weekend Masses, and a similar survey was carried out at Masses in the other parishes in our partnership (River Valley, Swords & Drynam, and Donabate). We are very pleased with the honesty of the feedback, and there were some very thoughtful suggestions as to how we might become a more welcoming and inclusive parish community. At a time when some elements in our society are becoming less welcoming, even hostile, towards minority groups, striving to be a welcoming and inclusive community of faith provides important moral leadership. A more detailed report on the feedback we received will be presented by the Pastoral Council to parishioners in August, before we address the second Building Hope pillar: Building a community of Faith.

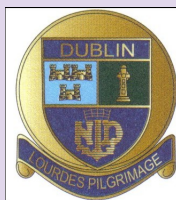
It is hard to watch each evening the scenes of destruction in Gaza, the relentless killing and bombing, the images of children suffering from malnutrition, the faces of despair of their parents, the exhaustion on the faces of the doctors and first responders working in impossible conditions to try to alleviate the suffering and tend to the injuries. We can only pray that more pressure will be brought to bear, so that an adequate amount of food aid is distributed in a safe way. We also pray for an immediate end to the violence, and for a just and lasting peace for all the peoples of the Middle East.

*Fr Richard*

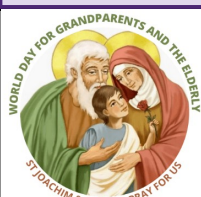


*Congratulations to Sean Walzer & Robyn Mulcahy who celebrated their marriage on Thursday. We wish the happy couple every blessing for the future!*

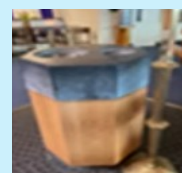
Many thanks for your support last weekend of the Associate Pilgrimage to Lourdes, organised by the Legion of Mary. The funds raised by the collection assist sick pilgrims in participating in the Dublin Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes which takes place this year from 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September.



**Baptisms will take place this Saturday and Sunday 26th & 27th July at 12.00noon**  
**The next Parent Preparation Meeting will take place on Sunday 3rd August.**



The **National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock**, celebrating World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July. A bus departs from St. Cronan's church at 8.15am and from Swords Co. Council offices at 8.30am. Contact Nora at 01/8404247 or 0863292329 for details.



**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](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

## BLESSING OF GRAVES — FINGAL AREA

Sunday	20th July	3:30 pm	Donabate	Mass
Friday	15th August	7:30 pm	Garristown	Prayers
Friday	15th August	6:30 pm	Ballyboughal	Prayers
Sunday	17th August	3:00 pm	Balscadden	Mass
Sunday	7th September	4:00 pm	The Naul	Prayers

### Registration is Now Open



Families who wish their child to celebrate the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation in 2026 are invited to register their child through the parish website at the earliest opportunity. Either click on this link <https://www.brackenstown-parish.com/sacrament-registration> or on the front page of the website, click on the box **'Registration is Now Open for**

**First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2026'**, then fill out and submit the drop down form. The registration payment of €50 needs to be made separately by clicking on the **'Donate'** icon, also on the front page of the website.

Parents who would like their child to celebrate the sacraments of **First Communion or Confirmation in 2027** and whose child attends a non-Catholic school, are invited to register their child for after school religion classes which begin this September using this link: <https://platform.payzone.ie/customer/10007/product-list>, and choosing the **'Religious Education Classes'** section.

We are getting some work done in St. Joseph's room, so apologies in advance for any disruption to parish groups which use the facility.

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

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.

### 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, Parish 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 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Come and See Meetings!

Legion of Mary hold meetings on Tuesday 10:30-11:45am in St Joseph's Room and Wednesdays 7:30-9:00pm in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre. Junior Legion: Fri 5:00-6:00pm. All welcome to attend any meeting at your convenience.

### 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

Ilona Artimovica  
Eric Barrett  
Patrick Byrne  
Patrick Donnelly

### Month's Minds

Eileen Warnock

### Anniversaries

Willie Cawley (1A)  
William Stacey (2A)  
Pat Leyden (13A)  
Sean McCartan (20A)  
John Hallissey (38A)  
Mary Kate & Martin Coen  
Seamus Griffin

## 10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Special Intention
Tues	Richard & Seamus Colgan (A)
Wed	Dermot Heaslip (RD)
Thur	Special Intention
Fri	Ilona Artimovica (RD)
Sat	Special Intention

### 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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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
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9:30am - 1:00pm

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