

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

PASSION SUNDAY

29 MARCH 2026

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We are about to enter the holiest week in the church's year, as we prepare to celebrate the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our Holy Week liturgies move from the reflective mood of the service on Wednesday through the dramatic representation of the Last Supper (Holy Thursday) and the passion and death of Jesus (Good Friday) to the celebration of resurrection at the Easter Vigil and the quiet joy of Easter Sunday. We begin this Sunday with the blessing of palms outside the church and the reading of the Gospel account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, before processing into the church and listening to the full account of Jesus' passion presented in Matthew's Gospel. Although we celebrate Holy Week every year, we experience it differently this year, partly because of our concern at what is going on in the world around us and the terrible suffering brought about for so many people because of conflict or poverty, but also perhaps because our own lives have been touched in the past year by suffering, loss or diminishment in some form. As we live through these mysteries in Holy Week, which celebrate God's extraordinary love for us revealed in Jesus, may the light of Easter bring hope to the dark places in our lives.

See below the schedule for our services for Holy Week. Please join us for as many of the Holy Week liturgies as you can, so that as a community we renew our faith in the God who in Jesus gave his life in love for us and now shares his risen life with us. Our parish **Easter Card, with details of all the Holy Week services, and Easter offering** envelope are available at the back of the church. Parishioners are invited to pick up a card on any of the tables around the church and also to deliver them to any housebound parishioner who may wish

to receive them. Just a reminder that our liturgies, including all the services in Holy Week are available for viewing on our webcam, which can be accessed via the parish website [www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

Fr. Richard

A *Grow in Love* Mass in preparation for **First Communion** will take place at 6.00pm this Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and at 5.00pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

St. Cronan's Parish Care for Creation group is organising a **Green Awareness Event** in the Pastoral Centre after 11 am Mass this **Palm**



**Sunday, 29/03/26.** Information will be available on actions that you can take in your own household to help nature and do your bit to enhance biodiversity. The late Pope Francis, in his encyclical *Laudato Si*, tells us that the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor are two sides of the one crisis, as the Climate Crisis affects the poorest in the Global South. What can we do? Retrofitting your home is one of the most effective ways to cut household energy bills and reduce carbon emissions. Information will be available on energy-saving measures in the home and available grants for energy-saving home improvements.



Brackenstown Parish – St. Cronan's Church

St Cronan's is part of the partnership of Parishes of Swords/Drynam, River Valley, Donabate/Portrane/Balheary & Brackenstown

## Holy Week & Easter Timetable 2026

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Mon 30th March – Wed 1st April:  
following 10:00am Mass

### Good Friday 3rd April:

10:30am–11:30am, 4:00pm–5:00pm

### Holy Saturday 4th April

10:30am to 11:30am.



All our liturgies are also available online at [www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

### Palm Sunday 29th March

- Vigil Mass 6:00pm
- Sunday Mass: 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

### Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 30th +31st March, + 1st April

- Mass 10:00am

### Tuesday 31st March

- Mass 10:00am
- Reconciliation Service for the Swords Partnership of Parishes in St. Finian's Church, River Valley 7.30pm

### Wednesday 1st April

- Mass 10:00am
- Service of the Seven Last Words on the Cross 7.30pm

### Holy Thursday 2nd April

- Morning Prayer 10:00am
- Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.30pm
- Watch and Pray: 8.45pm – 9.30pm

### Good Friday 3rd 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.
- Taizé Prayer around the Cross: 7.30pm

### Holy Saturday 4th April

- Morning Prayer 10:00am
- Easter Vigil 9:00pm

### Easter Sunday 5th April

- Easter Mass 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

### Easter Mon 6th April – Sat 11th April

- Mass 10:00am

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)

**Summer time** begins this Sunday 29th March. Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday! Apologies, we put it in early last week!!

During the weekdays of Lent the partnership of parishes are putting on an **extra Mass at 8.00am** in St. Colmcille's church. The Mass will be celebrated this Holy Week from Monday-Wednesday only.

The **Bible study group** continues our study of Matthew's Gospel this Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

A meeting of **Ministers of the Word** involved in the Holy Week liturgies will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm (for Holy Thursday Mass); 7.15pm for Good Friday celebration of the Passion) and 7.30pm (for the Easter Vigil) in the church.

Following a request from the Holy See, Archbishop Farrell has this year asked that we take up a **collection on Good Friday for the Holy Land, Pro Terra Sancta**. This collection takes place in dioceses throughout the world. We are invited to pray and to collect funds for the Catholic community in the Holy Land and for the maintenance of the Holy Places there. The collection on Good Friday will take place at the church door after the ceremonies.

The **Trocaire Lenten box** can be returned to the parish office or sacristy from this weekend. This year's Trocaire Lenten campaign focuses on a young mother in rural Rwanda supporting three generations, highlighting themes of resilience, climate injustice, and dignity. Many thanks for your contributions.

As part of the St. Finian's Community College student leadership programme, **Transition Year** students are offering to meet parishioners after weekday Mass on Friday mornings in the weeks immediately following the Easter holidays to assist them with getting the most out of their devices (mobile phone, tablet, iPad etc). The students will offer this assistance under the supervision of their teacher in the parish centre. Thank you to those parishioners who have already signed up. Please let the parish office know if you would be like to take part.

A **Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi**, which includes 2 nights in Assisi and 3 nights in Rome from 14-19<sup>th</sup> September, is open to parishioners and friends from the parishes of Swords, River Valley, Donabate and Brackenstown. The cost of €1,495 per person sharing includes return flights to Rome with Aer Lingus, half board accommodation in Rome and Assisi, air conditioned coach throughout the pilgrimage and assistance of a Marian Pilgrimages representative. For more details, look out for the posters and flyers. To reserve a place, parishioners are asked to book directly with Marian pilgrimages with a non-refundable deposit of €400 per person by **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. You are advised to first **contact the parish office to get the link** to book for the pilgrimage directly online. This is a reminder that you are asked to book with a deposit this coming week!

**DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE** led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell will take place on SATURDAY 25th APRIL 2026. A coach is being organised for the partnership of parishes. Cost of Coach is €30.00 per person. More details from the Parish Office.

About **100 Sick or Assisted Pilgrims** will form a very important section of our annual Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in September. **Accueil Notre Dame**, the special place of welcome for the Sick located in the Shrine opposite the Grotto, will house our Sick Pilgrims. A dedicated team of Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and several hundred Helpers of all ages will travel with us from Dublin to care for our Assisted Pilgrims from their arrival at Dublin Airport, during their time in the Lourdes and until they depart the airport on our return. **Enquiries about travelling as a Sick/Assisted Pilgrim should be made to the Pilgrimage Office, 51 Home Farm Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9. Deirdre Daly, Administrative Secretary [deirdre.daly@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:deirdre.daly@dublindiocese.ie) / 01 8087555 or to John Flaherty, [john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie) 01 8087557**

**Volunteers Required** to distribute free Catholic paper "The Key". Please contact the Legion of Mary members at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

**RELIGIOUS GOODS—SUITABLE FOR FAMILIES**

Confirmation & Communion Cards, Prayer Books, Beads, Medals and Rosettes. Also Baptism Cards and Candles, Motorist Prayers and Key Rings, Children's Books and lots more available at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.



Legion of Mary

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased**

Pat McGonigle  
Larry Donnellan

**Anniversaries**

Gerard Kavanagh (1A)  
Michelle McGuire (2A)  
George Barnes (4A)  
Anne Dynes (4A)  
Mary O'Connor (27A)  
James(40A) & Jim Jnr(5A) Kavanagh  
Mary Fitzpatrick (50A)  
Mina & Joe McGlynn  
Bernadette & Jim McConville  
Anna Walsh  
Leo Levins  
Brendan Cunningham  
Brendan O'Reilly  
Niamh Oglesby  
Adeline & Bill McNamara  
William Craig  
Elizabeth Grace  
Dcsd Members Fitzpatrick & Duffy Families

**10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK**

Mon	Briege McGuinness (RD)
Tues	John & Kathleen O'Connor (R)
Wed	Marian Movement for Priests
Thur	Gráinne Flynn (RD)
Fri	Michael Doyle (RD)
Sat	MORNING PRAYER

Many thanks to all parishioners who supported the coffee morning for St. Francis Hospice, Raheny in Teresa McQuillan's home. The amount of €450 has been passed onto the Hospice.

A ring and a key have been found in the car part and were handed into the Church. Please contact the Parish Office.

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

**Registered Charity Number**  
**20016166**