

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1ST OCTOBER 2023

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## Reflection

As you will have noticed, new seating has been installed in our church during the past week. The beautiful seating, installed by *Irish Contract Seating*, is made from White Ash and is in symmetry with the altar, ambo, lectern and candle stands already installed in the sanctuary. This completes the final stage of our planned renovation of the church furniture, which was interrupted during Covid, and it is an appropriate way to prepare for the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church in four years' time. Apart from the pews, there are also a number of individual seats, which have arm rests, which are intended to facilitate parishioners who may have



agility issues. The chairs can, if needed, also be used for facilitating a small class group for catechesis. The planned installation of the new pews was suddenly brought forward by ICS, hence the lack of prior notice. Memorial plaques were removed from the pews which were replaced and will later be mounted on a memorial board along the wall of the church.

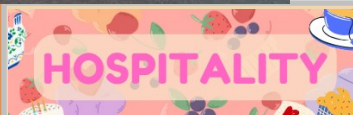
Fr. Richard



## Taizé Prayer Around the Cross

On the First Friday of each month, we will celebrate Taizé Prayer Around the Cross in St. Cronan's Church at 7:30pm  
Next Taizé Prayer: Friday 6th October  
[www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

A The first meeting of a parish Care for Creation committee will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 8.30pm in the parish centre. Anyone interested in becoming involved is invited to the meeting.



## HOSPITALITY

There was a good turn out at our gathering for tea/coffee in the pastoral centre after 10.00am Mass last Wednesday, organised by our Hospitality Committee. This will continue each Wednesday. It is also hoped to invite parishioners and visitors to tea/coffee in the parish centre after **11.00am Mass on Sunday** once a month, as this will build up our sense of community and particularly give us an opportunity to welcome and get to know new parishioners. However, for this to be possible, the Hospitality Committee will need the assistance of a number of new volunteers. Hopefully once a month is not too big a commitment for most people, so we hope that several parishioners will come forward to assist. Please contact the parish office or Mary O' Callaghan if you are willing to take part.

The monthly preparation meeting for parents (and godparents) of children who will be baptised in the coming weeks will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm in the church.



The Young Adult Choir sing at Mass on the first and second Sundays of each month and are happy to welcome new members. Please come to their next rehearsal which is on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the church.

The Adult Choir have also resumed singing at Mass on the third and fourth Sundays of each month. They also are very happy to welcome new members.



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 & 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)

**After school religion classes** for children attending Swords Educate Together, Thornleigh Educate Together and Broadmeadows Community National schools, and who are preparing for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation will begin on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 3.00pm** in the Parish Centre.



**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased**

Cathy MacAlevey  
Edward Monaghan  
Denise Brennan

**Anniversaries**

Matt Bohan  
Tommie Crosbie  
Baby Saoirse Crosbie Fitzpatrick  
Bernie Maguire (18A)  
Eamon Traynor (1A)  
Brenda O'Keeffe (1A)  
John O'Brien



A number of children have recently expressed interest in serving Mass. Merry Zacharias, a member of the parish PPC, has volunteered to coordinate this important ministry in the church. Please let the parish office know if your child would like to become an altar server. Training will begin in early October.

**The Bible Timeline-understand the entire Bible!**

St. Cronan's Parish will offer **The Bible Timeline** beginning on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 to 9.00 pm**. Participants will meet every week to view a 50-minute video presentation followed by a group discussion and an opportunity to ask questions. For more information or to register, please contact Louise in the Parish office tel. 01 8401188 or email [brackenstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com)

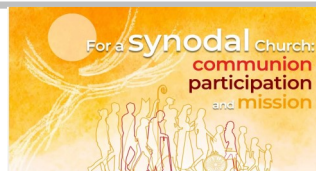


**10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK**

**Mon** Charles McCarthy & Kathleen Kelly (3A)  
**Tues** Frank Slocket (RD)  
**Wed** Marian Movement for Priests  
**Thur** Michael Hanrahan (2A)  
**Fri** Holy Spirit  
**Sat** Special Intention

A meeting of the **Funeral Ministry Team** will take place at 2.00pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October in the Parish Centre.

**The Synod on Synodality – Communion, Participation and Mission**, opens in Rome on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Archbishop Dermot Farrell and the Diocesan Synodal Committee are keen that this moment of opportunity be used to build on the considerable interest shown last year when people of the Archdiocese participated in the initial stages of the Synodal process. A letter from the Archbishop is provided for reading at Mass this weekend and a newsletter will be sent to parishes each week for distribution at Sunday Mass. To prepare for the opening of the Synod in Rome, an ecumenical **Taize Prayer service** will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in Christ Church Cathedral.



**A Sip of Support Meeting Group in B.A.S.E.**  
**A Grief Support Group Starting 6 September 2023**  
**Weekly Meetings every Wednesday 7-8pm**  
Email: [haveasipswords@gmail.com](mailto:haveasipswords@gmail.com)

**CASA CHARITY COLLECTION**

Caring and Sharing Association ("CASA") will hold charity collections at St. Cronan's Church, Swords on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023. CASA is a volunteer led organisation, established in 1981, whose goal is to develop friendship and social outlets for adults and children with disabilities through a variety of social events and activities. CASA has over 20 local groups nationwide, each group holding regular social events with one volunteer to support each member at all our events and activities. CASA also organises Pilgrimages to Lourdes for its members and partners with development bodies in Kenya to support people with disabilities there. Your donations are invaluable in helping us to continue our activities and to make a difference to those who need it. Without people's generosity, it would be impossible for us to continue our work supporting people with disabilities. Thank you.

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group**

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it  
**Kay - 086 2209297**  
**Sunday 1st October to Saturday 7th October**  
*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"*



**Tap and Go Machine**

Many thanks to parishioners for your continued generous contributions to the weekly Mass collections and to the Family Offering through weekly envelope or regular standing order. Parishioners and visitors who don't carry cash may contribute to the Mass collections by using the Tap and Go machine at the entrance to the church. We have recently installed a second Tap and Go machine, which facilities parishioners and visitors who wish to make a contactless donation for candles or towards the parish maintenance costs.

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

**Registered Charity Number**  
20016166

**Christian Meditation in Brackenstown Parish Centre every Monday at 11:00am**  
Meditation is a spiritual discipline, a discipline of Presence. It is about awakening to one's true self. It is about silence, the silent Presence of God. Research has shown that Meditation benefits us at a physical, mental, cognitive and emotional level. It reduces blood pressure, helps us cope with stress and aids insomnia to mention but a few. The fruits/ benefits of Meditation: Peace, love, joy, patience, understanding, kindness, goodness, freedom and self-control. Galatians:5:22. Contact Marian Burke for more info 0879703640



**Legion of Mary**

**Legion of Mary Weekly Meetings**

Tuesday (10:30 am in St Joseph's Room at Priest's house with Crosscare sign) and Wednesday (7:30 pm in St Cronan's Parish Centre, Brackenstown). New members welcome. Junior Legion meets Friday (5:00-6:00 pm in St Cronan's Parish Centre, Brackenstown). Meetings also on Monday (7:00 pm in Swords) and Thursday (7:00 pm in River Valley).