

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20TH JULY 2025

YEAR C

## Ordinary Time St. Luke's Gospel



"Go and do the same  
yourself"

(Good Samaritan Luke 10:37)

You may have seen this poster on the road outside the church near the flagpoles. This is the poster for Ordinary Time, which we celebrate from now until the end of November. What makes this poster unique for this year is the image of the winged ox and the quote from the Good Samaritan which only appears in Luke's gospel.

This is the fourth poster since Ash Wednesday. The poster for lent was purple, the Holy Week one was mixture of red and white. Red for Palm Sunday and Good Friday and white for Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday. Then we had the Easter Poster for the 50 days of Easter. Now we have the green for Ordinary Time. We are used to having these liturgical colours on the banners and vestments and Altar cloths inside the church, so these posters are a way of letting us know when passing the church what liturgical season we are in.

The main image in this poster is a winged ox which represents Luke. This image of the Winged Ox symbolises Sacrifice, Service and Strength in Luke's Gospel. That may seem very strange, however there is a winged animal for each of the four Evangelists, these symbolic representations are from visions in Ezekiel (1:10) and Revelation(4:7). You may see these images in some churches, eg in Holy Child

Whitehall the four winged animals are in the four corners of the high ceiling over the sanctuary.

Between now and November we will read Luke's gospel in a semi continuous way each Sunday. Last week we heard in chapter 10 the inspiring parable of The Good Samaritan. Today we continue in chapter 10 where we hear about Martha and Mary. Next Sunday the gospel will be from chapter 11 which includes the Our Father. The following week we hear from chapter 12 where amongst other stories is the parable of the rich man. It's a bit like watching a series or doing a jigsaw, when it all comes together you get the full picture.

I hope this poster helps to remind us to put into action the Gospel of Luke, that like the symbolism of the ox we will be people of Sacrifice, Service and Strength who can put into action the words of Jesus:

*"Go and do the same yourself"*

**Dermot Nestor**

Many thanks to all who participated in and helped organise our Mass with anointing of the Sick last Sunday. It was a lovely liturgy, and it was very heartening to see a number of parishioners present who had not been able to attend Mass in person for some time. Many thanks to our Liturgy group, who planned the Mass, our Parish Pastoral Council, who looked after the welcome and stewarding, our music ministry, Order of Malta and hospitality team who provided a welcome cup of tea and home baking afterwards!

The Dublin Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place this year from 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September. To assist sick pilgrims in attending, an annual outdoor collection for the **Associate Pilgrimage** will take place **this weekend of 19 & 20 July**. Thank you in anticipation of your generous support!



### Let's Reflect on the Pillar of Welcome and Inclusion

**Question 1:** (Tick yes or no)

Do you feel our parish is welcoming:

When you come to Mass?	Yes	No
In Parish life outside of Mass?	Yes	No
During Sacramental Preparation?	Yes	No
When you are volunteering?	Yes	No
When you are in need?	Yes	No

**Question 2:** (Tick yes or no) Do you feel our parish is inclusive of all Parishioners? **YES/NO**

**Question 3:** How can we be a more welcoming and inclusive church and parish?

Last month over two successive Sundays, members of our Parish Pastoral Council addressed parishioners at Mass on the diocesan Building Hope Initiative, the aim of which is to renew our faith life and to enable parishes to work more effectively in partnership. Our Partnership Pastoral Council has agreed that we will focus each month on one of the four pillars in the Building Hope Planning Resource. This Sunday members of our Pastoral Council will introduce parishioners to the first of those pillars, Welcome and Inclusion, and at the end of Mass we will be invited to respond to a short questionnaire in relation to this topic. We invite parishioners and visitors to respond to the questions openly and honestly. It will only take a few minutes, and your feedback is very important to us, so that we can grow as a community of Christian life and faith. Many thanks for your participation.

**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.brackentown-parish.com](http://www.brackentown-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. A message from the Archbishop 'For parishioners' and [a note on the tax refund scheme can be found here.](#)

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.

Students from Loreto College thank the parishioners of St Cronan's Church for supporting their Church Gate Collection last weekend. The amount raised was €1,733.00.

## 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**

Archdiocese of Dublin  
OFFICE OF MISSION AND MINISTRY

## Pathways

EXPLORING FAITH & MINISTRY

**Who?**  
This two-year course is aimed at Adults of all ages looking to explore and grow their faith through inputs and small group sharing. Especially for members of PPCs and those in parish ministry

**When?**  
Thursday evenings from 7.15pm to 9.15pm  
25<sup>th</sup> September 2025 to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Where?**  
DCU St Patrick's Campus  
Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education  
Drumcondra Road Upper, Dublin 9

**Cost**  
€300 per year

For more information please visit [www.missionministry.ie/pathways](http://www.missionministry.ie/pathways) or contact [peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:peter.siney@dublindiocese.ie)

**PRESENTERS**  
Sean Goan  
Mary Kirk  
Fr John Joe Spring  
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Teresa Menendez  
Fr Pat O'Donoghue  
Natalie Doherty  
Fr Gareth Byrne  
Patricia Carroll  
Peter Siney

Scan the QR code to Register online

## SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

### Recently Deceased

John McSweeney  
Luke McLoughlin  
George Lawless

### Anniversaries

Kathleen Doyle (1A)  
Niall Monks (3A)  
Bernie O'Leary  
Anne Browne  
Dcsd Members of Judge & Maloney Families  
Dcsd Members of Ryan Family  
Bridget & Pat Connolly  
Mary Cassidy

## 10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Leo Levins (Rem)
Tues	Margaret & Cyril O'Neill (A)
Wed	Healing Intention
Thur	George Lawless (RD)
Fri	Sr. Philomena Butler (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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