

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24TH AUGUST 2025

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ST CRONAN'S CHURCH
BRACKENTOWN PARISH

BLESSING OF SCHOOL BAGS!

**SATURDAY
6TH SEPTEMBER
AT 6PM**

This past week saw the reopening of secondary schools in our parish and across the country, while on Friday students received the long awaited Leaving Cert. results. Hopefully, most students will be happy with what they achieved and, at least, are now in a position where they can make clearer decisions about the next step. In the coming week, primary schools will also reopen, and many pupils will be beginning school for the first time as Junior Infants. Such transition moments can be challenging for both pupils and parents, but they are also filled with new opportunities.

We invite parents of Junior Infants, who will be starting school for the

first time, to our traditional 'Tea and Tears' in the parish centre from 9.00am-10.00am on Thursday 28th August. We will also celebrate a special Family Mass with Blessing of Schoolbags on Saturday 6th Sept at 6.00pm. All school children and their families are welcome, especially those beginning school for the first time. Refreshments will take place after Mass in the parish centre.

As 6th year students from both Colaiste Choilm and Loreto College Swords prepare to travel to Lourdes as volunteers with the Dublin Diocesan and Oblate pilgrimages respectively in the coming weeks, we plan to have a send off blessing for them at one of our Masses next weekend.

Fr Richard



This Sunday 24th August will be a Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza and for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

There will also be a meeting of the **Family Mass** group at 6.30pm on Monday 25th August to plan the Family Mass with blessing of school bags on 6th September. We will be delighted to welcome new members to the children's choir and new parent volunteers.

A meeting of ministers of the Eucharist and Sacristans will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 25th August in the church. It is planned to discuss some changes which will be made to the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass.

We are currently recruiting new members for our **Children's Choir**. Rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday 3rd September** and will continue each Wednesday from 4.00-5.00pm.



Many thanks to parishioners and visitors for your participation in our questionnaire on the **second Building Hope pillar: Building a Community of Faith** at Mass last weekend. We had some 340+ responses with some very interesting ideas and suggestions. We will present a summary of the feedback at Mass in the coming weeks.

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

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.brackentown-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.**

A Mass for the 25th anniversary of the **Catholic Grandparents Association** will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Dempsey on Monday 8th September at 10.30am in the Church of the Holy Child, Whitehall. Refreshments will be provided after the Mass.

The celebration of Baptism takes place this Saturday and Sunday at 12 noon. Many congratulations to the parents and godparents of the children who are being welcomed into our parish community through the sacrament of Baptism!

A Charity Ceilí, with Fíor Ceilí, Set Dancing & Social Dancing in aid of Derrybeg Church, Gweedore which burnt to the ground on 21st April this year, will be held in **St Colmcille's GAA**, Swords on **Friday 5th September** from 8:30pm to late. Music by Raymond Loney and admission is €10. Contact Grace on 087 9549066 for further information.

Summer Offerings envelopes will be available at the back of the church. 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.

Calmness Within Yoga & Meditation for Beginners in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre:

Starting: **Tuesday 9th September** from 9:30am to 10:45am & **Thursday 11th September** from 7pm—8:15pm.

Calmness Within Gentle Chair Yoga in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre:

Starting: **Tuesday 9th September** from 11:15am to 12:15pm.
4 Week Class €50 or pay as you go €14.

Contact Caroline for more information on 087 6913028.

St Cronan's Bridge Club in Swords Senior Citizens Day Centre, Every Thursday at 7.30pm from September. €5.00 for the night (Tea, Coffee and Biscuits provided). Float available if you have no partner. All levels welcome. €25 for membership for the year. Great for any age to have a friendly night out and make friends!

Youth Conference for Young Adults Saturday 30th August 2025

"On Mission with Mary". De Montfort House, Morning Star Avenue, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7. 9:30am -5:30pm. Legion of Mary will sponsor 1 young adult.

Full details from member of Legion of Mary at weekend Masses.

Pre-Booking www.eventbrite.ie (search "On mission with Mary") Tickets: €20.

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

Wayne Riley
Thomas Fox
Angelina Grant

Month's Mind

Patrick Byrne
Joe O'Reilly

Anniversaries

Bridget (1A) & Noel O'Connell
George & Mary Mulligan (10A)
Kathleen Corrigan
Cora Duffy & Marie Healy
Martin Feehan
Kathleen & James Smith
Tommy O'Connor
Anthony Boylan
Kathleen, Patrick, Kitty, Jack, Noel,
Georgie & Pete Cowley
Patrick & Kathleen O'Reilly & Dcsd
Family Members
Andrew & Mary Cawley & Dcsd
Family Members
Joan Kelly (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon Tracy Pentony, Fenton Howell
& Margaret Jackson (A)
Tues Willie Crosbie Snr. (A)
Wed John Murnaghan (A)
Thur May Shinnors (A)
Fri Joe O'Reilly (RD)
Sat Fíodhna Callanan (RD)

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it

Please phone Terri

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"I ask you Lord to be kind to them now,
who were always kind to me here"

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