ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

5TH OCTOBER 2025

YEAR B



One of the great riches of our parish community is that it is made up of people of so many different nationalities, ethnicities and linguistic backgrounds. Whatever our respective cultural backgrounds, we find at the table of the Eucharist our unity in Christ, where, as St. Paul reminds us in the letter to the Galatians, 'there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither male nor female...for you are all one in Christ Jesus' (Gal. 3:28).

An International Mass, to celebrate this unity in diversity

in our community, will be celebrated at 11.00am this Sunday 5th October. Parishioners of various nationalities will contribute to the liturgy through music, dance, traditional dress, prayers in a number of different languages and liturgical practices unique to their particular culture. It promises to be a colourful and joyful expression of our shared Christian faith. Parishioners are also invited to present some food typical of their country or ethnic background in the parish centre immediately after the Mass, so that we can enjoy a 'tasting'. Bring a friend or family member, and together let us celebrate our life and community in Christ!



The parish welcomes new **Altar Servers**. Any child who would like to become an altar server is invited to come with their parent/guardian to a rehearsal in the church at 5.15pm (before the 6.00pm Mass) this Saturday 4th October. The only requirement to become an altar server is for the child to have

made their First Holy Communion. Parents will also be asked to sign a consent form. Merry Zacharias, a member of our Pastoral Council and Parish Safeguarding representative, looks after the Altar Servers.

Our **Children's Choir** is enrolling new members. The children's choir sing at the monthly *Grow in Love* Mass on Saturday

evenings in preparation for First Communion. Any parent whose child is interested in joining should come and talk with Andrea after the 6.00pm Mass this Saturday.



The Annual Candlelight Procession In honour of our Blessed Lady

Will be held here in St. Cronan's Church

Monday, 13th October



(Feast of Our Lady of Fatima)

At 7.00pm

in Church Grounds
(weather
permitting)
And will be followed
by Holy Mass
Candles available in
Church
Please honour of
Our Blessed Lady
by your presence

A Cake Sale,
Raffle & Coffee
Morning in aid of
St Francis Hospice
will take place in
St Cronan's
Pastoral Centre
on Sunday 12th
October after
11:00am Mass

Contributions of home baking, cakes, pastries etc are most welcome. Your support would be greatly appreciated for this great cause



in aid of St Francis Hospice

12TH OCTOBER
AFTER 11AM MASS

CAKE SALE, RAFFLE & ST FRANCIS HOSPICE MERCHANDISE ON SALE ON THE DAY

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH BRACHENSTOWN PARISH



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

Meetings for parents of children in **Gaelscoil Bhriain Boroimhe**, who wish to make their Confirmation in the coming year, will take place at 7.00pm and 8.00pm on Thursday 9th October in the parish centre. It is essential that at least one parent/guardian of each child attend the meeting, where the parish programme of preparation will be outlined.

The **Mass of Enrolment** for the children in our parish who are preparing for the sacrament of **Confirmation** in the coming year will take place **at 6.00pm on Saturday 11**th **and 5.00pm on Sunday 12**th **October.**

Weekly after school religion classes for children attending Swords or Thornleigh Educate Together or Broadmeadows Community National schools, and who wish to receive the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation, continue each Tuesday at 3.00pm in the parish centre. (*Exceptionally, one class meets on Wednesdays at Broadmeadows CNS at 3.00pm.*) The **Seeds of Faith** diocesan programme of preparation consists of 28 one hour classes each year over **two years** for each sacrament. Parents need to register for these classes on the front page of the parish website. The cost for the year is €150, which can be paid using the Donate button on the front page of the website. Parents must accompany their child to the parish centre on Tuesday at 2.55pm, where rooms will be allocated to each class.

We wish to remind parents who wish their child to celebrate the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation in 2026 that they need to register their child through the parish website as soon as possible. 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 €40 needs to be made separately by clicking on the 'Donate' icon, also on the front page of the website.

An adult from the parish has requested to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This would be a great time for any other adults seeking Confirmation to come forward. If you are an adult who has not been confirmed, or if you know such an adult who is interested in exploring the possibility of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the parish office for further information.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Wednesday 15th October at 7.30pm** in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We respectfully remind parents that when accompanying their children to school in the mornings or collecting them after school, they are asked <u>not</u> to drive into the car park. This is for the safety of all, but especially for children attending either the schools or the play schools, and it is the reason why the barrier remains in the lowered position at times of school start and finish. Many thanks to everyone for your cooperation with these arrangements!

The marriage and relationship education and counselling agency, Accord Dublin, has changed it's name to Relationship Care. The mission, vision and values of Accord Dublin in providing our marriage and relationship care services to all in need across the greater Dublin area remain steadfast and unchanged; working with agencies of the Catholic Church and the public, private and charities sectors, caring for individuals and couples facing the challenge of marriage and relationships and helping to sustain and enrich positive relationships.

Relationship Care: A new name, a new chapter; the same trusted support, delivers professional, accessible, and preventative support for individuals and couples experiencing difficulties in their relationships. Building on six decades of experience, we are now launching **The Couple Therapy Centre**, a dedicated space for marriage and relationship counselling. Their focus is on relationships believing strong, healthy relationships are central to child and adult mental health and wellbeing. Research indicates that multiple Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) significantly increase the risk of mental health disorders, substance abuse, and chronic diseases in adulthood. Parental conflict and relationship instability are among the strongest predictors of ACEs, highlighting the critical need for early intervention and support for couples.

Frank Duff Prayer Meeting

You Pray... Reflect.. Share... Tuesday, 7th October 8:00pm-9:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre, St Cronan's Church. You'll be most welcome. Please invite a friend. The Rosary, reading & reflection on next Sunday's Gospel and a little background information about Frank Duff will be included. Prayer Group promotes devotion to the Servant of God, Frank Duff.

Annual Candlelight Rosary Procession followed by Mass

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Pope Leo XIV lamented the "ruins wrought by murderous hatred" and invites the faithful to join in praying the Rosary every day during October to invoke God's gift of peace. You are invited to pray for your intentions through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother on **Monday 13th October 7:00pm** in St Cronan's grounds & Church.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Declan Carolan Cathy Skelton Brigid McGrath

Anniversaries

Eamonn Traynor (3A)
Anthony Hunt (10A)
Bernie Maguire (20A)
Knel Deeb
Michael Hanrahan
Annie McManus
Bridie & Jimmy McNally
Augustine & Elie Marcos
Margaret Morandeira (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon Annie McManus (A)
Bridie & Jimmy McNally (A)
Margaret Morandeira (BR)

Tues Birthday Intention

Wed Andrew Gorman (A)

Thur Peter Dunne (RD)
John & Amelia Galvin (A)

Fri Special Intention
Bimbo Babatunde (R)

Sat Mary Murphy (2A) James Darcy (A) Jenny Black (4A)

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it **Bridget 085 2812985**

Sunday 6th to Saturday 19th October Please phone from 6pm-8pm "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

Swords Memory Cafe is a free monthly cafe for people with dementia, their carers, family members and the wider community. It is held on the third Thursday of each month in Fingallian's GAA club between 10.30am - 12.30pm.

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

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