

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 3 MAY 2026

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Since coming to St. Cronan's parish nearly four years ago, I have been impressed with the number of parishioners who are involved in some form of pastoral ministry, whether as ministers of the Word or Eucharist, as sacristan or altar servers, members of baptism, funeral or hospitality teams, as volunteers with St. Vincent de Paul or members of our various choirs. For each of these individuals, their involvement is an expression of

their commitment to the future of the parish. However, despite the comparatively high number of people who are actively involved in some way, it still represents a small proportion of those who attend Mass on a regular basis. Nor should lay ministry be seen somehow as the preserve of the 'elect' or those who have been doing it for years! By virtue of our baptism and membership of this faith community, all are called to active participation in the life of the Church. Each one of us has a responsibility to ensure that our faith is lived and celebrated in a way that attracts other people to Christ and to our parish. Along with the PPC, I continually try to encourage new people to get involved in some form of service or ministry in the parish.

Two weeks ago we celebrated Volunteer Sunday, where after the 11.00am Sunday Mass parishioners were invited to chat with representatives from the many different parish groups and ministries over tea/coffee in the parish centre, so as to discern where their baptismal gift might best serve the mission of the parish. A number of parishioners, who had not previously been involved, signed up to participate in one or more activities. However, if you missed the opportunity, it is not too late. Just contact the parish office any weekday morning or talk to one of the clergy or PPC members if you would like to become involved. The Diocesan Office for Mission and Ministry continually offers training to parishioners involved in baptism or funeral ministry or who serve the liturgy as ministers of the Word or Eucharist. A significant number of our parishioners have in recent years participated in the Pathways and Catechesis programmes, which support personal faith development and training for pastoral ministry.

Fr. Richard

This weekend marks Lay Ministry Sunday, with its theme Building faith-filled communities. The **Lay Ministry Appeal**, which replaces the Share collection, funds the courses and training mentioned above. As Archbishop Dermot notes, 'Thanks to your contributions, the diocese can now offer subsidies to participants of the Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry Leadership **and Pathways programme**'. Your support is deeply appreciated!

Archdiocese of Dublin

**Building
Faith-filled
Communities**

**You can play
your part**

**LAY
MINISTRY
APPEAL**



A **Preparation Meeting** for parents of children who will be baptised during the month of May takes place this Sunday 3rd May at 12.00noon in the parish centre, following the 11.00am Mass. Tea/coffee will be provided. Godparents are also welcome to attend, as are parents of children who will be baptised in subsequent months.

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

Our weekly exploration of **St. Matthew's Gospel** continues each Monday at 7.30pm in the parish centre. The study centres around a video presentation, followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion. St. Matthew's Gospel is the one that we are reading at Sunday Mass this year.

As part of the St. Finian's Community College student leadership programme, **Transition Year students** are offering to meet parishioners to assist them with getting the most out of their devices (mobile phone, tablet, iPad etc). The students are offering this assistance under the supervision of their teacher in the parish centre. Please let the parish office know if you would be like to take part.

Many thanks to parishioners and visitors who have returned **Easter Offerings**. Easter offering envelopes are available on tables around the church.

If there any outstanding **Trocaire Lenten boxes at home**, we ask parishioners to return these as soon as possible to the parish office or sacristy. Many thanks for your generous contributions!

The family of the late Breege McGuinness would like to thank their friends and families who supported them through their sad time.

The Diocesan Office of Mission and Ministry are taking applications for both the **Pathways and Catechesis courses** for the coming year, which will start in September. A significant number of our parishioners have participated in these programmes over the past few years and found them very helpful in engaging in ministry in the parish. For more information, see the posters on our notice boards or on our website.

CHY Tax Refund Scheme

CHY forms for 2025 were posted earlier this year to parishioners who meet the qualifying criteria. If you received a form and have yet to return it we ask that you please do so at your earliest convenience. We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those parishioners who help fund the running costs of the parish. Your support is very much appreciated. *Parish Finance Committee*

The annual Diocesan **Sacraments Conference** takes place on June 20th from 10am to 3pm at St Paul's, Arran Quay. Cost €10 per person. To register, please email angela.mcgarry@dublindiocese.ie. Places are limited. This year's conference explores the various roles of Parish, School and Family as we accompany families on the journey of Sacramental Preparation. All parish pastoral workers, catechists and parish sacramental teams are warmly invited.

There are still some places available for our **Partnership Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi**, which includes 2 nights in Assisi and 3 nights in Rome from 14-19th September. The pilgrimage is open to parishioners and friends from the parishes of Swords & Drynam, 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 **Friday 1st May**. **Contact the parish office to get the link** to book for the pilgrimage directly online.

Congratulations to the Transition Year students from both Colaiste Choilm and St. Finians Community College took part in an **Action Day** on Thursday as part of the Laudato Si Awards programme! Under the guidance of Paddy O' Byrne, from our Care for Creation Committee, the students created a 'hotel' for insects and planted seeds to attract bees, thus facilitating pollination.

Novena to the Holy Spirit – a dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin, will take place from 17th – 25th May, beginning on the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, continuing through Pentecost to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

BEGINNERS YOGA WITH CAROLINE

Mat Yoga: Tuesdays 9:30am-11am; Thursdays 7-8:15pm. Chair Yoga for Arthritis and Mobility issues Tuesdays 11:15am-12 noon. 4 Week Block €50 or €14 per class. Contact Caroline 087 691 3028

LEGION OF MARY:

Holy Mass for Anniversary of Venerable Edel Quinn 11am Saturday 9th May 2026 in St. Saviour's Church, Dominick Street, Dublin 1

Religious Goods- Suitable for families

Confirmation and Holy Communion cards, prayer books, beads, medals and rosettes. Also Baptism cards and candles, motorist prayers, key rings, children's books and lots more at repository Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

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	Recently Deceased		Mon John, Margaret & Niamh Curry (A) Special Intention
	Maura Keegan Kevin Nolan Madeleine Blacklock		Tues Phyllis Curry (88 BR)
	Month's Mind		Wed Marian Movement for Priests
	Anniversaries		Thur Pat Stones (RD) Seamus Mongan (27A)
	Mary Gallagher (1A) William McKittrick (36A) Kathleen, Stephen & Patrick O'Brien Mai Logan Heber McMahon Jim Keith Pat Kearns Briege McGuinness Esther & John Halpin		Fri Pat McGonigle (RD)
			Sat FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE