

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**

**12TH MAY 2024**

**YEAR B**



We are invited to **join with every parish in the diocese in a Novena to the Holy Spirit** – a dedicated period of prayer, reflection and planning for the renewal of the Church in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The nine day period of prayer begins this Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, and runs through Pentecost, continuing to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Pentecost, which we will celebrate next Sunday, marks the beginning of the Church and the start of its mission. The Novena to the Holy Spirit is part of the Building Hope pastoral renewal process of prayerful listening, dialogue, planning and action. Recalling the example of the disciples after the Ascension, who persevered together in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we are warmly encouraged to join in prayer here at Mass or to pray the **BUILDING HOPE PRAYER** daily in

our home over the next nine days. A booklet containing a prayer and reflection for each of the nine days is available at the back of the church and will be used at daily and Sunday Mass. A small number of *Building Hope* Novena Prayer Cards will be available in the church, and the prayer is also printed here below for your convenience and is available on our website. Join in person or online ([www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com)) at the Monastery of St Alphonsus, Iona Road, for a prayerful Novena celebration, where music will be led by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group on Monday, May 13, at 8pm.

**Fr. Richard**

## The Building Hope Prayer



Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.  
You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts.  
We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family.  
Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another,  
in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation.  
May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.  
May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word,  
bringing forth truth, justice and peace.  
May the Holy Spirit working in and through us  
do much more than we can dare to imagine  
as we live out our baptismal calling in humble and loving service.  
We make this our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Hospitality Committee will host tea/coffee in the parish centre after **11.00am Mass this Sunday 12th May** Everybody welcome!

### ASSEMBLY POINTS

Entrance to Glasmore Park (from Rathbeale Road)

Bottom of steps from Elmwood

Junction Brackenstown Road & St. Cronan's Avenue

Junction Brackenstown Road & Brackenstown Avenue (top Rathbeale)

Please be at assemble point nearest you at 7:10pm

## ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION

**MONDAY 20TH MAY**

*Followed by Mass at 7:30pm*

*Celebrant Fr. Joseph Hao  
Co Parish Priest*



Children from 2<sup>nd</sup> class in St. Cronan's J.N.S. will celebrate the sacrament of **First Communion** this Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 10am and 12 noon respectively.

The diocesan appointments for the coming year were announced this week. We are sorry to learn that both Fr. Des Doyle and Fr. John Collins are moving on from River Valley and Swords respectively. Fr. Des is the new Co-Parish Priest for Malahide and Kinsealy, while Fr. John is joining the team at Balbriggan and the Naul as Team Assistant. We wish them both well in their new appointments and look forward to welcoming Fr. John Daly as PP of both Swords & Drynam and River Valley parishes.


**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](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

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| <p>Children from 2<sup>nd</sup> class in Swords and Thornleigh Ed. Together and Broadmeadows C.N. schools will celebrate the sacrament of <b>First Communion</b> at 10am, while those attending Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe School will celebrate First Communion at 12noon, <b>next Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>.</p>   | <p><b>SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS</b></p> <p><b>Anniversaries</b><br/> Joan Hunt (10A)<br/> Robert MacCourt<br/> Peter Fox<br/> Josephine &amp; Michael Slevin<br/> Special Intention<br/> Roger Clancy (1A)<br/> Dermot &amp; Ann Clancy<br/> Sheila O'Shea<br/> John (A) &amp; Esther Halpin</p>  |            |  |             |                                |            |                    |             |  |            |                   |            |                  |
| <p>Many thousands of people across the country and abroad are participating this weekend in the annual <b>Darkness into Light</b> walk, including in Swords (River Valley), Donabate and Malahide. It is a wonderful expression of solidarity with those who are affected by or are close to someone who suffers with mental health issues. There are people in every community, including our own, who are affected by depression, anxiety or a sense of isolation.</p> <p>The purpose of a faith community is to affirm hope, no matter how dark a situation may seem, and to remind one another that we are never alone. Some helpful resources in relation to supports that are available locally have been left around the church.</p>  | <p><b>10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK</b></p>   |            |  |             |                                |            |                    |             |  |            |                   |            |                  |
| <p>Our parish partnership is planning a <b>Pilgrimage to Lourdes</b> from Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The cost of the pilgrimage for four nights and five days (inclusive of flights, accommodation and full board) is €735 per person sharing.</p> <p>A limited number of single rooms are available, and the single supplement is €40 per night. Booking forms are available at the parish office. As the pilgrimage is nearly half full at this stage, we are putting a provisional deadline for bookings or expressions of interest of Friday 31st May.</p>   | <table> <tr> <td><b>Mon</b></td><td>Martina Harley (23A &amp; BR)<br/>Thanksgiving Mass</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Tues</b></td><td>Dcsd Members of Shields Family</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Wed</b></td><td>Andrew Martin (RD)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Thur</b></td><td>Special Intention<br/>Ann Marie Mark (3A)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Fri</b></td><td>Thanksgiving Mass</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Sat</b></td><td>Dick Nugent (BR)</td></tr> </table>  | <b>Mon</b> | Martina Harley (23A & BR)<br>Thanksgiving Mass | <b>Tues</b> | Dcsd Members of Shields Family | <b>Wed</b> | Andrew Martin (RD) | <b>Thur</b> | Special Intention<br>Ann Marie Mark (3A) | <b>Fri</b> | Thanksgiving Mass | <b>Sat</b> | Dick Nugent (BR) |
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| <p>A half day of recollection for Ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist in the parishes of Swords, River Valley, Donabate and Brackenstown parishes is planned for Saturday June 22nd in Brackenstown Pastoral Centre from 10am to 1pm. This will be led by Peter Siney from the Office of Mission and Ministry. Please indicate to the parish office if you wish to attend.</p>  | <p>Mass with Anointing of the Sick will take place on Sunday 30th June at 5.00pm. More details later.</p> <p>Sincere thanks to parishioners who have returned their Lenten Trocaire boxes.</p>   |            |  |             |                                |            |                    |             |  |            |                   |            |                  |
| <p>The diocesan office of Mission and Ministry is organising a <b>Young Adult trip to the Camino</b> June 2024. Completing the last 110km of the Camino from Sarria to Santiago. Places are limited. If you wish to book, please fill out the form in the link: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/1GBviSd72R/">https://forms.office.com/e/1GBviSd72R/</a>. For more information, contact Natalie at <a href="mailto:natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie">natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie</a>.</p>  | <p><b>Bike Week in Fingal 11th-19th May</b> is fast approaching, time to get the bike out from the shed! There's a whole range of events listed on the webpage <a href="#">Bike Week   Fingal County Council</a></p>   |            |  |             |                                |            |                    |             |  |            |                   |            |                  |
| <p>This <b>Church-24 Survey</b> builds on previous surveys in 2001, 2013 and during the Covid-19 pandemic. <b>To take part, <a href="#">follow this link</a> or scan the QR code below.</b></p> <p>The Church-24 survey has three main objectives: 1. To listen to churchgoers on a range of long-standing issues and questions, particularly as they are being brought to light in the synodal process. 2. To explore some new issues that face us now, or soon will, but which were not talked about so much a decade ago, such as climate change, artificial intelligence, assisted dying or safeguarding procedures. 3. The Covid pandemic is over... or is it? What's happened to you and your faith community since lockdowns ended? <i>(Louise, can you please add in the QR code here?)</i> Please encourage others in your church and beyond to take the survey by sharing the above link and QR code. Further details attached and at <a href="https://www.yorks.j.ac.uk/the-church-24-survey/">https://www.yorks.j.ac.uk/the-church-24-survey/</a>.</p> | <p><b>Bethany Bereavement Support Group</b></p> <p>offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it</p> <p><b>Please phone Kay - 086 2209297</b><br/> <b>Sunday 12th to Saturday 18th May</b><br/> <b>Please phone from 6pm-8pm</b><br/> <i>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"</i></p>   |            |  |             |                                |            |                    |             |  |            |                   |            |                  |
| <p>Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a <b>Parent Evening for bereaved parents</b> on Wednesday 15th May at 7:15pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, 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 whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on <a href="mailto:info@anamcara.ie">info@anamcara.ie</a> or 085 2888 888 for any queries.</p>  | <p><b>CO PARISH PRIEST</b><br/> <b>Fr. Richard Sheehy</b><br/> <b>087 2412459</b><br/> <a href="mailto:richardsheehy@gmail.com">richardsheehy@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>PARISH CHAPLAIN</b><br/> <b>Fr. Joseph Hao P.C.</b><br/> <b>01 8401188</b><br/> <a href="mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com">brackenstownparish@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>PERMANENT DEACON</b><br/> <b>Declan Colgan</b><br/> <b>01 8401188</b><br/> <a href="mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com">brackenstownparish@gmail.com</a></p> |            |  |             |                                |            |                    |             |  |            |                   |            |                  |
| <p>The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free <b>Bereavement Support Line</b>. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. Visit <a href="http://www.hospicefoundation.ie">www.hospicefoundation.ie</a> for more information.</p>   | <p><b>PARISH SECRETARY</b><br/> <b>Louise Donnelly</b><br/> <b>Mon to Fri. 9:30am - 1:00pm</b><br/> <b>01 8401188</b><br/> <a href="mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com">brackenstownparish@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>PARISH OFFICE HOURS</b><br/> <b>Monday - Friday</b><br/> <b>9:30am - 1:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Registered Charity Number</b><br/> <b>20016166</b></p>   |            |  |             |                                |            |                    |             |  |            |                   |            |                  |
| <div>  <div> <p><b>Frank Duff Prayer Meeting</b></p> <p>You are invited to pray for your intentions through the intercession of Frank Duff on <b>Tuesday, 14th May 8:00pm-9:00pm</b> in Parish Pastoral Centre. The Rosary, a reading from Sunday's Gospel and a little background information about Frank Duff will be included.</p> <p><b>Religious Goods &amp; Literature</b></p> <p><b>Suitable gifts for families preparing for the Sacraments</b></p> <p>First Holy Communion gifts and Baptism gifts, children's books, The Order of Mass Congregational Cards, Candles, Statues, Bibles etc. all available in main porch after Saturday evening &amp; Sunday morning Masses. Having them in the home sanctifies the circumstances of family life.</p> </div> </div>  |  |            |  |             |                                |            |                    |             |  |            |                   |            |                  |