

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025 YEAR C

## 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.

As parishioners are aware, we are engaged with the diocesan Building Hope initiative and are currently in Year 1 of a three year implementation plan 2025-2027. Following parish consultation across the whole diocese a few years ago, four key pillars emerged as central to the Building Hope Initiative of developing parishes which are vibrant and faith filled: Welcome and Inclusion, Faith, Servant Leadership and Social Justice. Together with the other parishes in our partnership (Swords and Drynam, River Valley, Donabate and Portrane), we have agreed to address one of these pillars each month at weekend Mass and to seek the wisdom of parishioners through a questionnaire as to how we might progress each of these areas in our parish. In July we focussed on 'Welcome and Inclusion'; in August we looked at 'Faith'. This Sunday after Communion, a member of our Parish Pastoral Council will give a

brief summary of the feedback from last month's questionnaire on Faith. Next weekend, 20th/21st September, members of our PPC will address the pillar for this month: 'Servant Leadership', which reminds us, following Christ's example of washing the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper, that, for Christians, leadership is always connected with service. Finally, in October, we will address the fourth pillar, 'Social Justice'. We appreciate the huge response of parishioners to the questionnaires, which will help us discern what will enable us to move forward to build the Church of the future, a Church which is active and continually reaching out to serve the needs of the community. We plan to put up a display at the back of the church, so that parishioners can read the summary of each of the consultations so far.

Fr Richard

The Irish Bishops' Conference has published a Pastoral Letter entitled: **Why Sunday Matters: An Invitation to Reflect on Sunday Mass**. Some copies of the Pastoral Letter are available at the back of the church, or it can be downloaded [HERE](#)

Our annual general cleaning of the church and grounds takes place this Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 1.00pm. All parishioners are invited to join us for this annual thorough cleaning of our church. It should only take an hour or two, and cleaning materials will be provided.

**Meetings for parents of children in St. Cronan's Junior School, who would like their child to celebrate the sacrament of First Communion in 2026, will take place at 7.00pm and 8.00pm this Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September in the parish centre.**

**Meetings for parents of children in Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe, who would like their child to celebrate the sacrament of First Communion in 2026, will take place at 7.00pm and 8.00pm this Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September in the parish centre.**

## ALL HANDS ON DECK! ANNUAL CLEAN UP

We invite all willing volunteers to join us in a thorough cleaning and tidying of the church and its environs  
**Saturday  
13<sup>th</sup> September  
at 1:00 pm**  
Gloves and cleaning materials will be provided

St. Cronan's Church  
Brackenstown 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](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

<p>Parents 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 <a href="https://www.brackenstown-parish.com/sacrament-registration">https://www.brackenstown-parish.com/sacrament-registration</a> or on the front page of the website, click on the box <b>'Registration is Now Open for First Holy Communion &amp; Confirmation 2026'</b>, then fill out and submit the drop down form. The registration payment of €40 needs to be made separately by clicking on the <b>'Donate'</b> icon, also on the front page of the website.</p>		<b>SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS</b>  <b>Anniversaries</b> Catriona Harford (1A) Noel Cullinan (1A) Rosie, Joe & Vera Ryan Brian & Pat Lyons Ann Cawley Michael Smith John & Hannah Conroy Margaret & Annie Doyle Brendan Farrell Thomas Crosbie John Keaney & Deceased Family Members	
<p>We congratulate the parents of children who will be baptised in our church this Saturday and Sunday at 12noon.</p>		<b>10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK</b> <b>Mon</b> Patrick Stafford (A) Martin Lawrence (BR) Special Intention Health Intention <b>Tues</b> Angeline Grant (RD) <b>Wed</b> John and Kathleen O'Connor (A) Patrick Byrne (BR) Patricia McGuirk (A) Sean Forrest (RD) <b>Thur</b> Angeline Grant (RD) <b>Fri</b> Fred Curtis (2A) Special Intention <b>Sat</b> Peter & Anne Smith (A)	
<p><b>The Parish Pastoral Centre Committee AGM</b> will take place on <b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm</b>. All parish/community groups and other organisations who wish to use the facilities of the Parish Centre in the coming year are expected to have a representative at the meeting so that licence agreements can be signed, insurance checked and fire regulations outlined. Refreshments will be provided at the meeting.</p>		<p>Summer Offerings envelopes are available at the back of the church. <b>Summer Offerings</b> form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese.</p>	
<p>A meeting of the <b>Parish Liturgy Committee</b> will take place on <b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm</b> in the parish centre. The main focus of the meeting will be to plan the <b>International Mass and festival of food</b>, which will take place at 11.00am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Parishioners of various nationalities are invited to contribute to the liturgy (ie: music, dance, traditional dress etc), as well as to present some food typical of their country or ethnic background in the parish centre after the Mass.</p>		<b>Bethany Bereavement Support Group</b> offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it <b>Please phone Terri on 8403243, or Brid on 086 6006397</b> <i>"I ask you Lord to be kind to them now, who were always kind to me here"</i>	
<p>The annual collection for <b>Crosscare</b>, the Diocesan Social Care Agency, takes place next weekend 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> September and replaces the second (Share) collection at Mass. Parishioners who may not be able to contribute on those dates can support the annual appeal online at: <a href="http://www.crosscare.ie">www.crosscare.ie</a></p>		<b>PARISH PRIEST</b> <b>Fr. Richard Sheehy</b> <b>087 2412459</b> <b>richarddesheehy@gmail.com</b>  <b>PARISH CHAPLAIN</b> <b>Fr. Joseph Hao P.C.</b> <b>01 8401188</b> <b>brackenstownparish@gmail.com</b>  <b>PERMANENT DEACON</b> <b>Declan Colgan</b> <b>01 8401188</b> <b>brackenstownparish@gmail.com</b>  <b>PARISH SECRETARY</b> <b>Louise Donnelly</b> <b>Mon to Fri. 9:30am – 1:00pm</b> <b>01 8401188</b> <b>brackenstownparish@gmail.com</b>  <b>PARISH OFFICE HOURS</b> <b>Monday - Friday</b> <b>9:30am - 1:00pm</b>  <b>Registered Charity Number</b> <b>20016166</b>	
<p>A family picnic will be held in Marley Park, Grange Road, Rathfarnham Dublin 16 this Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept from 2.30pm. Engaged or married couples and families are very welcome. The picnic is organised by Teams of Our Lady, a movement which promotes the spirituality of married couples. More details available from Fr. Richard or from their website: <a href="http://www.teamsireland.com">www.teamsireland.com</a></p>		<b>Legion of Mary</b> 	
<p>Our annual diocesan <b>Safeguarding Sunday</b> takes place this year on the weekend of Saturday/Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> September. Our parish safeguarding representatives, Mary-Liz O' Donoghue and Merry Zacharias will address parishioners at each Mass that weekend.</p>		<b>Patrician Meeting</b> <b>"How do you serve the Mystical Body of Christ?"</b> Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 7:30pm-9:15pm. You'll be most welcome. Please invite a friend. Refreshments at interval.  <b>Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock 28th September</b> Bus will leave St Cronan's Church 7:45am. Bus will stop for light refreshments and dinner. Alternatively bring packed lunch. €25 Bus only. €15 for <18years. Names of pilgrims should be given to members of Legion of Mary after weekend Masses.	
<p><b>An inspiring Talk by Ger Brennan</b>, the new Dublin Senior Football Manager whose faith has been a guiding light helping him navigate life's challenges and triumphs. In St Sylvester's Parish Centre Malahide on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm. All welcome.</p>		<b>Silent Christian Meditation in Brackenstown Parish Centre every Monday at 11am.</b> Meditation is a spiritual discipline, a discipline of Presence. It is about awakening to one's true self. It is about silence, the silent Presence of God. Research has shown that Meditation benefits us at a physical, mental, cognitive and emotional level. It reduces blood pressure, helps us cope with stress and aids insomnia to mention but a few. For more information contact Marian Burke 0879703640. The fruits/ benefits of Meditation: <b>"Peace, love, joy, patience, understanding, kindness, goodness, freedom and self-control"</b> Galatians:5:22	
<p><b>Calmness Within Yoga &amp; Meditation for Beginners</b>            in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre            Starting: <b>Tuesday 9th September</b> from 9:30am to 10:45am  <b>Thursday 11th September</b> from 7pm—8:15pm.  <b>Calmness Within Gentle Chair Yoga</b>            in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre            Starting: <b>Tuesday 9th September</b> from 11:15am to 12:15pm.            4 Week Class €50 or pay as you go €14.            Contact Caroline for more information on 087 6913028.</p>		<p><b>BASE, Brackenstown Road</b>  <b>Phone: 01 5902593</b>  <b>Email: jenny.baseswords@gmail.com</b>            10 week Classes (100) Over 65's €65            Sign Language Class ISL—8 Week Course €80            Classes include Creative Writing; Crochet/ Knitting, Chair Yoga, Yoga, Art &amp; Flower Arranging. <b>Contact Jenny for times and more information.</b></p>	