

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

THE EARLY IRISH SAINTS PARTNERSHIP OF PARISHES
BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS + DRYNAM, RIVER VALLEY + DUBLIN AIRPORT & DONABATE, PORTRANE + BALHEARY

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4TH OCTOBER 2026

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‘Whatever happened to Building Hope?’ This was a question put recently to a member of our Parish Pastoral Council. The question is both pertinent and timely. Just over a year ago, we engaged parishioners in a series of questionnaires over four months as part of Building Hope, a diocesan wide initiative aimed at developing dynamic communities of faith and mission. In tandem with the other parishes in our partnership (Swords, River Valley and Donabate), we undertook to

seek feedback from our respective parish communities on a particular weekend each month. Each of the monthly questionnaires was focussed around one of the four pillars of the Building Hope Initiative, namely: building up faith filled communities; fostering co-responsibility and servant leadership; an emphasis on welcome and inclusion; and with a particular focus on social justice. Our Parish Pastoral Council examined the feedback we received on each of the four pillars and, based on the many suggestions and ideas that emerged, drew up a set of short/medium and longer term goals under each heading. In May the Pastoral Councils from all the partnership parishes met together to review progress on implementing these goals, and next Saturday there will be a second gathering to review progress to date. Following that it is planned to engage directly again with parishioners on a weekend in October, so that we can review our progress on developing a parish and a partnership which seeks to reach out and welcome, is developing greater lay leadership and training for ministry, sees social justice as an inherent part of the Gospel and puts faith in the mystery of Christ at the centre of everything.

Fr. Richard



ENROLMENT MASS

For children and their parents preparing for



First Communion and First Reconciliation

Saturday 3rd October at 6.00pm &
Sunday 4th October at 5.00pm

The **Enrolment Mass** for children and their parents who are preparing for **First Communion and First Reconciliation**, will take place this Saturday 3rd October at 6.00pm and Sunday 4th October at 5.00pm. Parents of any children preparing for First Communion, and who have not yet been baptised, should contact the parish office ASAP, as we are organising special Baptism preparation for the children and parents beginning on Sunday 18th October at the 11.00am Mass.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

STARTING MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER



THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

The King and His Kingdom

Bible study continues this Monday at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

We are looking at Matthew's Gospel, which we follow at Mass each Sunday this year.

The **ANNUAL BIG CLEAN OF THE CHURCH** takes place this Saturday 3rd Oct at 12 noon. Gloves and cleaning equipment provided, along with coffee and croissants. Just bring a generous spirit, good humour and a willingness to 'muck in'!

ALL HANDS ON DECK!

ANNUAL BIG CLEAN UP

SATURDAY
3RD OCTOBER
at 12:00 noon



Baptism

A Preparation meeting for parents of children who will be baptised in the coming months takes place this Sunday 4th October at 12 noon in the parish centre. Godparents are also welcome to attend.

SUNDAY MASSES: 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

The *Seeds of Faith* classes for children, who attend a school other than a Catholic school, and who wish to prepare for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation, continue each Tuesday from 3.00-4.00pm. Registration is online, and the fee for the classes is €150 for the year.



Taizé Prayer Around the Cross

On Thursday
8 October

7:30pm

St. Cronan's Church
Brackenstown Parish

Join us as we celebrate
Taizé Prayer Around the Cross

www.brackenstown-parish.com

Our monthly **Taizé Prayer** will take place in the church on Thursday 8th October at 7.30pm. It will be followed by Alpha for students from Coláiste Choilm and Loreto River Valley.

The **Finance Committee** will meet on Monday 12th October at 8.45pm.

Our **Liturgy Group** will meet at 7.00pm on Thursday 15th October in the parish centre.

The **Enrolment Mass** for children and their parents who are preparing for **Confirmation**, will take place next Saturday 10th October at 6.00pm and Sunday 11th October at 5.00pm.

A meeting of the parish **50th Jubilee committee** will take place next Thursday 8th October at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

All members of the **Pastoral Councils** in Swords, River Valley, Donabate and Brackenstown are invited to a meeting to review our Building Hope goals on Saturday 10th October from 10.30am-12.30pm in the parish centre.

Family Mass



A meeting of the **Family Mass** group will take place on Monday 12th October at 6pm in the parish centre. All are welcome!

A coffee morning A chance to practice and improve your Irish in BASE every Tuesday morning from 11am to 12 noon. To book, phone 01 890 2593 or email Jenny.baseswords@gmail.com



We are planning a guided, ecumenical **Pilgrimage walk** with parishioners from our partnership parishes, tracing our spiritual and monastic roots in the Swords area. The walk will begin at St. Cronan's well at 2pm on Saturday 17th October and conclude with a short prayer and refreshments at St. Cronan's Church.

LEGION OF MARY:

OCTOBER CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION takes place on 6th October at 7pm followed by Mass. All welcome!

VISIT THE RELICS OF ST THERESE AND STS LOUIS & ZELIE MARTIN

The Legion of Mary Morning Star Avenue, D07 VA03 on Friday 2nd Oct at 1pm for procession on Morning Star Avenue, followed by reception of the relics by Archbishop Dermot Farrell and Mass at 3:30pm. Saturday 3rd Oct Mass at 10am and Mass and Benediction at 5pm celebrated by Bishop Paul Dempsey.

THANK YOU for the donations of €990 for the trip to Lourdes.

Calmness Within—Gentle Yoga with Caroline on **Thursday's** in St Cronan's Parish Centre. Contact Caroline for more information and to register on 0876913028. Cost €15 per class or €50 for 4 Week Block.

Mat Yoga: 9:45am - 11:00am

Chair Assisted Yoga: 11:15am— 12.15pm

Mat Yoga: 7pm—8:15pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
9:30am - 1:00pm
Registered Charity Number
20016166

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Walter Galvin
Jackelin Santana

Anniversaries

Mick Hanrahan (5A)
Annie McManus
Jimmy & Bridie McNally
Bernie (21A) & Michelle Maguire
Eamonn Traynor
Esther Halpin
Dylan Brophy (BR)
Margaret Morandeira (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon Anne Hanlon (RD)
Nick Halligan (9A)
Tues Anne Hanlon (RD)
Special Intention
Brenda O'Keeffe (4A)
Wed Marian Movement for Priests
Thur Seamus O'Brien (RD)
Fri Dcsd Members of Buckley Family
Sat Anne Hanlon (RD)
Seamus O'Brien (MM)
Fr Roy Drummey (BR)
Bimbo Babatunde (2A)

Please note Mass Intentions must be booked into the parish office at least a week in advance of the Mass date