

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

22 MARCH 2026

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## 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.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.

St Kevin, pray for us. St Brigid, pray for us.

The Partnership Pastoral Council met earlier this week. The Partnership Pastoral Council is made up of one or two representatives of each of the Parish Pastoral Councils from the four parishes: Swords/Drynam, River Valley, Donabate/Portrane/Balheary and Brackenstown, plus the clergy from these parishes. Whereas Parish Pastoral Councils meet monthly, the Partnership Pastoral Council meets every two months or so. Our main task is working out how we can advance the goals of the Building Hope initiative. Following the feedback from parishioners to the four Sunday presentations and surveys we carried out simultaneously across the different parishes last summer/autumn, we have been working at identifying short/medium/long term priorities and goals under each of the four pillars: faith

filled communities; servant leadership; welcome & inclusion; and social justice. At a recent extended meeting of the Partnership Council, we shared our respective goals and priorities with one another and set timelines for meeting these objectives. On the Second Sunday of Easter each parish will give an updated report to their parishioners on the goals and timelines we have set ourselves and what will be required to meet them.

As we come together on this second last Sunday of Lent, we are busy organising our liturgies for Holy Week, which are a wonderful invitation to enter into the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our parish **Easter Card, with details of all the Holy Week services, and Easter offering** envelope are available. Parishioners are invited to pick up a card on any of the tables around the church and also to deliver them to any housebound parishioner who may wish to receive them. Just a reminder that our liturgies, including all the services in Holy Week are available for viewing on our webcam, which can be accessed via the parish website [www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

Fr. Richard



A **Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi**, which includes 2 nights in Assisi and 3 nights in Rome from 14-19<sup>th</sup> September, is open to parishioners and friends from the parishes of Swords, 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 **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. You are advised to first **contact the parish office to get the link** to book for the pilgrimage directly online.

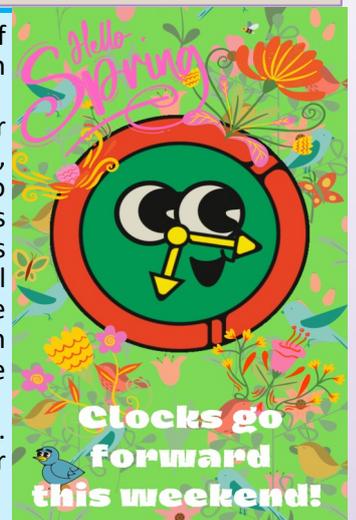
During the weekdays of Lent the partnership of parishes are putting on an **extra Mass at 8.00am** in St. Colmcille's church. The Mass will be celebrated by different priests from the partnership of parishes each day.

mary's  
meals

On behalf of the Dublin Volunteer Group for Mary's Meals,

we would like to thank you so much for your very generous donation to last weekend's collection. Your contributions will provide a daily meal for a whole school year to many children in the three schools that we support.

We are very grateful to Fr. Richard and the parish team for their assistance. Thank you.



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>The <b>Bible study group</b> resumes their study of Matthew's Gospel this Monday 23rd March at 7.30pm.</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS</b>  <b>Recently Deceased</b>          Jamie O'Rourke          Paul Malone          Caroline Hamilton (nee Culleton)          Michael Ahern</p> <p><b>Month's Mind</b>          Vincent Donnelly</p> <p><b>Anniversaries</b>          Maureen Doolan (1A)          Gerald (1A) &amp; Maura (10A) Foran          Doreen McKittrick (3A)          Frank Fitzgerald (5A)          Marie McCardle (10A)          Paddy Harrington (10A)          John &amp; Kathleen Kelly &amp; Dcsd          Members of Kelly &amp; Halton          Families          Alphonsus Snr, Alphonsus Jnr &amp;          Raymond Skelton          William &amp; May Nolan          Seamus &amp; Bridget Doherty          Vincent Newman</p>	
<p>The third and final monthly <b>Confirmation Connect programme</b> for candidates and their parents preparing for Confirmation takes place on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March at 7.00pm in the church.</p>		
<p>The <b>Parish Pastoral Council</b> will meet at 8.00pm on Wednesday 25th March.</p>		
<p>Our <b>Parish Liturgy Group</b> will meet at 6.30pm on Thursday 26th March.</p>		
<p>Our monthly <b>Taize Prayer around the Cross</b> take place this Thurs 26th March at 7.30pm. The Alpha group will meet directly afterwards in the parish centre.</p>		
<p>A Grow in Love Mass in preparation for <b>First Communion</b> will take place at 6.00pm on Saturday 28th and at 5.00pm on Sunday 29th March.</p>		
<p>As part of the St. Finian's Community College student leadership programme, <b>Transition Year</b> are offering to meet parishioners after weekday Mass on Friday mornings in the coming weeks to assist them with getting the most out of their devices (mobile phone, tablet, iPad etc). The students will offer this assistance under the supervision of their teacher in the parish centre. Please let the parish office know if you would be interested in this initiative.</p>		
<p>This year's Trocaire Lenten campaign focuses on a young mother in rural Rwanda supporting three generations, highlighting themes of resilience, climate injustice, and dignity. <b>Trocaire packs</b>, including the annual <b>Lenten box</b>, are available around the church.</p>		
<p><b>DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE</b> led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell will take place on SATURDAY 25th APRIL 2026. A coach is being organised for the partnership of parishes. Cost of Coach is €30.00 per person. More details from the Parish Office.</p>		<p><b>10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK</b></p>
<p>We had some excellent talks at the recent <b>Novena of Grace</b>. If you missed one, most of them have been recorded and can be viewed by clicking on the webcam icon on the top right hand corner of our website <a href="http://www.brackenstown-parish.com">www.brackenstown-parish.com</a>, scroll down to recordings and click on whichever recording you wish to hear.</p>		<p><b>Mon</b> Briege McGuinness (RD)          Mary Siney (5A)          Tommy O'Keeffe (A)          Vincent Donnelly (MM)</p>
<p>About <b>100 Sick or Assisted Pilgrims</b> will form a very important section of our annual Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in September. <b>Accueil Notre Dame</b>, the special place of welcome for the Sick located in the Shrine opposite the Grotto, will house our Sick Pilgrims. A dedicated team of Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and several hundred Helpers of all ages will travel with us from Dublin to care for our Assisted Pilgrims from their arrival at Dublin Airport, during their time in the Lourdes and until they depart the airport on our return. <b>Enquiries about travelling as a Sick/Assisted Pilgrim should be made to the Pilgrimage Office, 51 Home Farm Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9. Deirdre Daly, Administrative Secretary <a href="mailto:deirdre.daly@dublindiocese.ie">deirdre.daly@dublindiocese.ie</a> / 01 8087555 or to John Flaherty, <a href="mailto:john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie">john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie</a> 01 8087557</b></p>	<p><b>Tues</b> Arthur McGinnis (RD)          Elizabeth Clarke (A)          Maeve &amp; Pat Scanlon (A)          Tommy &amp; Annie Sullivan (A) &amp;          Dcsd Family Members          Bridie Sullivan (RD)          Bartle &amp; Nancy Savage (A)</p>	
<p>St. Cronan's Parish Care for Creation group is organising a <b>Green Awareness Event in the Pastoral Centre after 11 am Mass on Palm Sunday, 29/03/26</b>. Information will be available on actions that you can take in your own household to help nature and do your bit to enhance biodiversity. The late Pope Francis, in his encyclical Laudato Si' tells us that the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor are not two separate crises but are two sides of the one crisis. The Climate Crisis is affecting the poorest in the Global South. What can we do? Retrofitting your home is one of the most effective ways to cut household energy bills and reduce carbon emissions. The government have allocated €558 million in 2026 for such upgrades including a new windows and doors grant, for eligible houses. There will have information on energy-saving measures in the home and available grants for energy-saving home improvements. Please let the parish office know if you would like to join the Care for Creation group or if you are available to help at on the 29th.</p>	<p><b>Wed</b> Brian Fagan (1A)          Special Intention</p>	
<p>Jo and Martina would like to thank parishioners for your very generous contributions to last Sunday's tea party in aid of Motor Neurone Disease.</p>	<p><b>Thur</b> Des Newman (RD)</p>	
<p>An evening of <b>Taize Prayer</b> with Taize brother, Br. Jean Marie will take place in Christchurch Cathedral, Wood Quay, D.2 at 7.30pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.</p>	<p><b>Fri</b> Lorraine Tallon (8A)          Special Intention</p>	
<p><b>The Spirituality of Sacred Scripture:</b> You are invited to a talk by Fr Maurice Colgan OP on The Spirituality of Sacred Scripture at St. Sylvester's Parish Centre, Malahide at 8pm on Tuesday, March 24th.</p>	<p><b>Sat</b> Michael O'Neill (RD)</p>	
<p><b>Volunteers Required</b> to distribute free Catholic paper "The Key". Please contact the Legion of Mary members at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.  <b>RELIGIOUS GOODS—SUITABLE FOR FAMILIES</b>          Confirmation &amp; Communion Cards, Prayer Books, Beads, Medals and Rosettes.          Also Baptism Cards and Candles, Motorist Prayers and Key Rings, Children's Books and lots more available at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.</p>	<p><b>PARISH PRIEST</b>          Fr. Richard Sheehy          087 2412459  <a href="mailto:richardsheehy@gmail.com">richardsheehy@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>PARISH CHAPLAIN</b>          Fr. Joseph Hao P.C.          01 8401188  <a href="mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com">brackenstownparish@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>PERMANENT DEACON</b>          Declan Colgan          01 8401188  <a href="mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com">brackenstownparish@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>PARISH SECRETARY</b>          Louise Donnelly  <b>Mon to Fri. 9:30am – 1:00pm</b>          01 8401188  <a href="mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com">brackenstownparish@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>PARISH OFFICE HOURS</b>  <b>Monday - Friday</b>  <b>9:30am - 1:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Registered Charity Number</b>  <b>20016166</b></p>	



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