

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19TH JULY 2026

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One of the major documents of the late Pope Francis was *Laudato Si (Praise be to you)*, adopted from the opening words of St. Francis of Assisi's Canticum of the Creatures. Addressed to all humanity, it is a call to embrace a commitment to care for our common home. The conference of Irish Bishops has asked that 30% of church grounds be used to promote bio-diversity. On behalf of our parish Paddy O' Byrne, chairperson of our Care for Creation committee, recently registered our parish with the Laudato-Si movement, confirming that 'this registration expresses our shared institutional commitment to journey toward integral ecology in the spirit of Laudato Si'. We understand that participation in the Laudato Si' Action Platform invites us to engage in a process of ecological conversion, integrating this commitment into the life and mission of our

institution. We embrace this opportunity with commitment and hope, and look forward to ongoing participation as we seek to live out the call to integral ecology through concrete actions to care for our common home and the most vulnerable'.

The parish was recently awarded a silver medal from Eco Congregation Ireland for our practical initiatives to promote care for creation over the past two years. Additionally, the parish has been enrolled for the Laudato Si' Action Platform in recognition of our achievements in biodiversity enhancement and energy saving, see application letter below:

Dear Laudato Si' Action Platform Team,

On behalf of St Cronan's Church, I hereby formally confirm that our enrolment in the Laudato Si' Action Platform has been made as an institutional commitment representing the entirety of our institution. Our enrolment was submitted by Paddy O'Byrne on April 9, 2026, acting on behalf of our institution in the sector of: Parish. Through this confirmation, we affirm that the enrolment reflects the official commitment of our institution as a whole.

As the authorized representative of St Cronan's Church, I confirm that this registration expresses our shared institutional commitment to journey toward integral ecology in the spirit of Laudato Si'. We understand that participation in the Laudato Si' Action Platform invites us to engage in a process of ecological conversion, integrating this commitment into the life and mission of our institution.

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With gratitude and in communion,

Sincerely, Paddy O'Byrne,

Representative St Cronan's Church

Fr. Richard

As we approach our 50th Jubilee year in 2027, one of our projects is to undertake essential repairs and improvements to the Grotto and the statues of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette. Parishioners wishing to donate to this project can pick up a donation envelope on the tables at the back of the church and from the parish office. You can also donate online, using the Donate button on the website and choosing the "Grotto Restoration Appeal" button. Any support that you can give will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette pray for us!



We welcome those who are visiting the parish during these fine sunny days and especially if you are able to join our congregation at Sunday Mass. It is always uplifting to see new faces among the more familiar ones. We hope you enjoy your visit with family or friends in the Swords area. We also wish those of our regular parishioners who may be travelling in the coming days safe travels and an enjoyable holiday!

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

welcome to
**ST. CRONAN'S
CHURCH**

• WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR VISIT •

SUNDAY MASSES: 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

We are now registering children for the sacraments of **First Communion and Confirmation** next year. Parents of children who would like to receive either sacrament in 2027 are asked to register their child ASAP on our parish website, and to pay the registration contribution of €50.

<https://www.brackenstown-parish.com/sacrament-registration>

Parents of children who attend a school other than a Catholic school, are invited to also register their child for the *Seeds of Faith* preparation classes which take place weekly from October to May over two years for both First Communion and Confirmation. Registration for these classes is also online.

<https://www.brackenstown-parish.com/religionclassregistration>

There are just three places left for our **PARTNERSHIP PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI from 14-19th September**. Anyone interested needs to apply within the next few days before booking closes. If you are interested in taking part, contact the parish office as soon as possible to access the link that will allow you book online.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENTS

Due to priests across the partnership taking holidays at different times and being in need of cover for weekend Masses, the Saturday vigil Mass at 6.00pm is being suspended throughout July and August. Parishioners who wish can attend a Saturday Vigil Mass in any of our partnership parishes (see times listed below) Our three Sunday Masses at 9.00am, 11.00am and 5.00pm will continue as normal. The vigil Mass will resume at 6.00pm on Saturday 5th September. *Please note any Masses booked for the Saturday Vigil Masses during July and August will be included with the Sunday Mass Intentions.*

Envelopes for **Summer Offerings** are now available at the entrances to the church. Summer offerings form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese. Thank you for your continued generous support!

THE DIOCESAN OFFICE OF MISSION AND MINISTRY are taking applications for both the **Pathways** and **Catechesis** courses for the coming year. A significant number of our parishioners have participated in these programmes over the past few years and found them very helpful for engaging in parish ministry.

The **National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock** in celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, will take place on Sunday 26th July. A bus departs from St. Cronan's Church at 8.00am and from Swords County Council offices at 8.15am. Please contact Nora at 01/8404247 or 0863292329 for details.

Schedule of Masses/Prayers in Fingal Cemeteries 2026

Saturday 18th July	3:00 P.M.	St Catherine's Portrane	Prayers
Sunday 19th July	3:30 P.M.	Donabate	Mass
Sunday 19th July	7:00 P.M.	Ballymadun	Prayers
Sunday 26th July	7:00 P.M.	Grallagh	Prayers
Friday 15th August	6:30 P.M.	Garristown	Prayers
Friday 15th August	7:30 P.M.	Ballyboughal	Prayers

SUMMER SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY VIGIL MASS IN ST CRONAN'S CHURCH DURING JULY & AUGUST

ST CRONAN'S CHURCH
SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Sunday 9:00am; 11:00am & 5:00pm

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIMES
IN OUR PARTNERSHIP PARISHES

ST. FINIAN'S CHURCH, RIVER VALLEY
Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm

ST. COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, SWORDS
Saturday Vigil Mass at 6:30pm

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DONABATE
Saturday Vigil Mass at 6:30pm

FAITH 'N' FUN

3 WEEK PROJECT

FREE - to all aged 6 - 11 years

in St. Cronan's
Pastoral Centre
Brackenstown
Road, Swords

Thursdays
30th July
6th August
13th August
2pm - 4pm

Play,
Learn
and
Grow...
Together!

with much, much,
more so come
along and find
out more...

Organised by Legion of Mary
Registration Forms available in
Main Porch of St. Cronan's Church
Parish Office Phone No: 01 8401188

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:30am - 1:00pm

Registered Charity Number 20016166

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Anne Collins

Robert Walsh

Anniversaries

Patrick Byrne (1A)

Anne Browne (10A)

Gerry Bates

Patricia Russell & Dcsd Members of McKenna &

Russell Families

Andrew & Mary Cawley & Dcsd Family Members

Mary Cassidy

Niall Monks (BR)

10 AM Masses This Week

Mon Leo Bracken (A)
Healing Intention

Tues Special Intention

Wed Margaret & Cyril O'Neill (A)
Catherine Croke (RD)

Thur Anne Pauline Cox (nee Reynolds)
(7A)

Fri Christopher Martin (A)

Sat Special Intention