

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

THE EARLY IRISH SAINTS PARTNERSHIP OF PARISHES

BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS + DRYNAM, RIVER VALLEY + DUBLIN AIRPORT & DONABATE, PORTRANE + BALHEARY

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11TH OCTOBER 2026

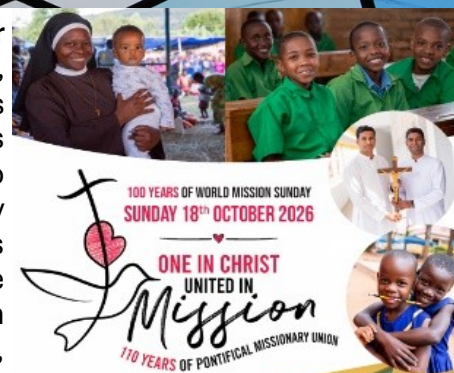
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Next Sunday, 18th October will be Mission Sunday...In his **Message for World Mission Day**, Pope Leo has chosen the theme "One in Christ, united in mission." He writes "for the whole Church to continue its missionary journey with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit requires hearts united in Christ, reconciled communities and a willingness to cooperate with generosity and trust. Being a Christian is not primarily about practices or ideas; it is a life in union with Christ. It means abiding in Christ, like branches on the vine. In this context, the Church's primary missionary responsibility is to renew and sustain unity among its members. In many situations, we encounter conflicts, polarization, misunderstandings and a lack of mutual trust. When this occurs even within our communities, it undermines our witness. The evangelizing mission that Christ entrusted to his disciples requires hearts that are reconciled and eager for communion.

The unity of disciples is not an end in itself; it is directed towards mission. Being "one in Christ" calls us to keep our gaze fixed on the Lord, so that he may truly be at the centre of our lives and communities. The more united we are in Christ, the better able we will be to carry out together the mission that he entrusts to us "So that the world may believe that you have sent me". It is through the witness of a reconciled, fraternal and united community that the proclamation of the Gospel acquires its full communicative power. Everyone, each according to their own vocation and condition of life, participates in the great work that Christ has entrusted to his Church...to make Christ's love visible and to invite everyone to encounter him.

In this context, we learn with sadness that the Loreto sisters will be leaving Swords at the end of this month. This brings to a close over 40 years of faithful service to the mission of the Gospel in Swords, in the areas of both education and parish ministry, particularly in River Valley parish. The great service of the Loreto sisters in the Swords area throughout this time will be acknowledged at the 12.00 noon Mass next Sunday 18th October in River Valley. In particular, we thank Srs. Josephine, Anna, Helena and Phil for their ministry and wish them every blessing for the future.

Fr. Richard



October and World Mission Sunday is a time for the faithful of the world to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas missionaries

Ecumenical Pilgrimage *WALK*

Meeting at St Cronan's Church Car Park, on Saturday 17th October at 2pm

Finishing in St Cronan's Church with a short prayer and a cup of tea!



St. Colmcille's Well



St. Columba's Church



Swords Castle



St. Cronan's Church

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE



CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS

FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS WHO ARE PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION, WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER AT 6.00PM
SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER AT 5.00PM.

ST CRONAN'S CHURCH, BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

We congratulate the families of the children who will be received into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend!

Our monthly Hospitality is this Sunday in the Parish

**Centre following 11:00am Mass
All welcome**



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. Colmcille's well at 2.15pm on Saturday 17th October and conclude with a short prayer and refreshments at St. Cronan's Church. Enroute we will visit St. Columba's Church and Swords Castle, including the church there.

Meet at 2pm in the car park at St. Cronan's Church.

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

This Saturday 10th October there will be a gathering of all the Parish Pastoral Councils in our **EARLY IRISH SAINTS PARTNERSHIP** (comprising Swords, River Valley, Donabate and Brackenstown) to review progress on our Building Hope short/medium and long-term goals. The meeting will take place from 10.30am-12.30pm in Brackenstown Parish Centre.

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.

Parents of any children preparing for First Communion or Confirmation, 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 next **Sunday 18th October at the 11.00am Mass.**



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

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.



Bible study continues each Monday at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. We are looking at Matthew's Gospel, which we follow at Mass each Sunday this year.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Wednesday 21st October at 7.30pm** 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 how recent their death was. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

LEGION OF MARY:

THE ROSARY Praying for a special intention? Praying for peace? The 'Rosary Statue' was blessed for use in the homes of the parish at the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to pray the Rosary and have the statue in your home for a week, or get more information, please contact the Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass.

PRAYER MEETING Tuesday, 13th October 8pm—9pm in Parish Pastoral Centre. Pray... Reflect... Share ... You'll be most welcome!

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Louie Kelly
Paul Kelly
Pat O'Brien
Angela McDaid
Donal Murphy

Month's Mind

Liam Galvin
Seamus O'Brien
Kathleen Fox

Anniversaries

Thomas Fox (1A)
Bimbo Babatunde (2A)
Mary Murphy (3A)
Jenny Black (5A)
Patrick Corr (70A)
Peter O'Neill (70A)
Michael Savage
Lynne Godfrey
Anne Hanlon
Fr Roy Drummey (BR)
Josephine Carty (BR)
Michael Cawley (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon Andrew & Mary Byrne (A)
Special Healing Intention
Patrick Collins (RD)
Tues Gerry, Daniel, Nathan &
Mary Sinead Maughan
Wed James Darcy (A)
Peggy Murphy (RD)
Thur Anne Hanlon (RD)
Jerry Shanahan (A)
Fri Peter McCormack (RD)
Rosemary Joseph (1A)
Mr Joseph (16A)
Sat Liam Galvin (RD)
Rita MacCarthy (MM)

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