

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

15 MARCH 2026

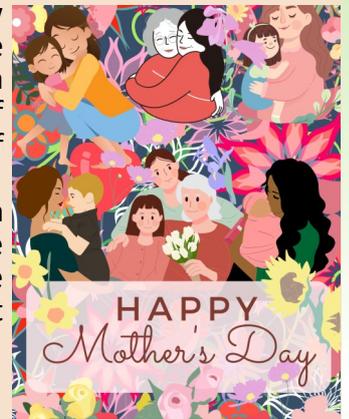
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Our **Novena of Grace** concludes this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Our final speakers this weekend are Conor Hickey, director of Crosscare, the diocesan Social Care Agency, who will address the subject of faith and addiction at the Saturday 6.00pm Mass, and Alice Leahy, founder and director of the Alice Leahy Trust, an organisation which cares for people who are homeless. Alice will speak at the 11.00am Mass on Sunday on The Outsiders. A Petitions Box has been placed at the foot of the altar, in which parishioners and visitors can leave their prayer intentions. A selection of these are read out anonymously at Mass each day during the Novena. For those who missed the Novena talks, 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 [www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com), scroll down to recordings and click on whichever recording you wish to hear.

This Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> is also **Mother's Day**, an opportunity to honour our mothers, living and deceased, and to celebrate the gift of motherhood. It is an opportunity to show appreciation to the person who brought each of us into the world and whose unconditional love gives us the greatest foundation in life, remembering that a thoughtful word or gesture can mean more than an expensive gift. We also think of expectant mothers and also mothers who have had the sad experience of the loss of a child.

On Tuesday, **St. Patrick's Day**, we celebrate our national saint. As well as being a national holiday and an opportunity for many to have an extended weekend, the feast day calls us both to remember with gratitude the generations of people whose faith has laid the foundation for our own, and to live our faith in such a way that it becomes a source of inspiration and hope for present and future generations.



Fr. Richard

There are two adults from our parish on a faith journey preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will be presented to the community during the 11am mass next Sunday 22 March. Please keep Maria and Leo in your prayers.

Our parish **Easter Card, timetable of Holy Week services and Easter offering** envelope are now 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.



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. **There is no 8am Mass in St. Colmcille's on St. Patrick's Day.**

'**Drink tea for MND/ALS Fundraising Tea Party**' this Sunday in aid of Motor Neuron Disease in the Parish Centre from 9.30am to 6.00pm.



mary's meals

This weekend Mary's Meals which is a school feeding programme charity will have a collection after all Masses. Mary's Meals feeds 3 million children every day in 16 of the world's poorest countries. For €22 a child can receive a meal each day for a year. Your donation will feed children, who may otherwise miss school to work, beg or scavenge for food, and miss out on gaining a precious education, which can be their ladder out of poverty. You make this life changing work possible, and we are so grateful for your support.

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)

**CHY Tax Refund Scheme**  
 CHY forms for 2025 were recently posted to parishioners who meet the qualifying criteria; we ask that parishioners please return these forms to the parish at your earliest convenience. We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those parishioners who help fund the running costs of the parish. Your support is very much appreciated.  
*Parish Finance Committee*

A meeting of the **Partnership Pastoral Council** will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in St. Finian's Church, River Valley.

The **Ceremony of Light** in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation for the boys and girls in Scoil Chronain SNS will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.

The **Bible study group** will not meet this Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March but will resume their study of Matthew's Gospel on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm.

As part of the St. Finian's Community College student leadership programme, **Transition Year** 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.

St. Cronan's Parish Care for Creation group is organising a **Green Awareness Event** in the Pastoral Centre after 11:00 am Mass on Palm Sunday, 29/03/26. 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.

Mass to pray for wellbeing and ministry of priests, seminarians and vocations will take place on Saturday 21st March at 11am in Sacred Heart Church, Yellow Walls. Celebrant is Fr Seamus McEntee, Vocations Director of the Dublin Diocese.

An evening of **Taize Prayer** 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.

**DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE** 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.

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. **Trocaire packs**, including the annual **Lenten box**, are available around the church.

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly **Parent Support Evening** on **Wednesday 18th March** at 7.30pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Dublin, D17 Y924. The 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](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**Volunteers Required**  
 Volunteers required to distribute free Catholic paper "The Key". Please contact the Legion of Mary members at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.

**RELIGIOUS GOODS—SUITABLE FOR FAMILIES**  
 Confirmation & 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.



Legion of Mary

**SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Recently Deceased**  
 Dylan Brophy  
 Pat McGonigle  
 Patrick Carroll

**Month's Mind**  
 Frank Moran  
 Catherine McAllorum

**Anniversaries**  
 Joseph Duff (1A)  
 Josephine Carty  
 Ambrose Dunne  
 Margaret Martin  
 Joe & Peg O'Reilly  
 Margaret Kane  
 John Heaslip  
 Dcsd Members of McTiernan Family  
 Ann Waters (BR)  
 Michael Rothwell (BR)  
 Lynne Godfrey (BR)  
 Pat Byrne (BR)

**10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK**

Mon	Hugh Patrick O'Reilly (A)
Tues	Brieger McGuinness (RD) Carmel O'Keeffe (A) Denise Brennan (3A)
Wed	Brieger McGuinness (RD)
Thur	Jimmy Kirwin (A) Eileen Clancy (A) Doreen McKittrick (3A)
Fri	Brieger McGuinness (RD)
Sat	Special Intention

Please the Parish Office will reopen on Wednesday 19th March

**BEGINNERS YOGA WITH CAROLINE**  
 Mat Yoga: Tuesdays 9:30am-11am  
 Thursdays 7-8:15pm  
 Chair Yoga for  
 Arthritis and Mobility issues  
 Tuesdays 11:15am-12 noon  
 4 Week Block €50 or €14 per class  
 Contact Caroline 087 691 3028

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday - Friday**  
**9:30am - 1:00pm**

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