

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025 YEAR C

## REFLECTION

The Irish Bishops' Conference has published a Pastoral Letter entitled: **Why Sunday Matters: An Invitation to Reflect on Sunday Mass.** We might well wonder if the Bishops are addressing their remarks to the already converted? You wouldn't be reading these lines if Mass were not already a significant part of your weekend. They write in the opening paragraph that they are addressing their comments also to those who no longer practise, in the hope that they might consider returning to Mass. That aside, the Pastoral Letter invites those of us who do attend Mass regularly to reflect on why we go and what difference it makes in our lives. I spent a year living in northern (mainly Lutheran) Germany in the early 1980s. I discovered to my cost the first weekend that all shops closed at midday on Saturday for the rest of the weekend. If my German housemates had not helped me out, I would have gone hungry that weekend! Sunday had a completely different feel to the rest of the week. The only sound to be heard on Sunday morning was that of church bells summoning people to worship in whatever denomination they belonged to. In many ways Sunday today feels just like any other day of the week, except that there is no school and many people are off work. That makes it all the more important for people of faith to make time to come together to pray, to listen to God's word and to celebrate Eucharist. Our lives have become so busy and often stressful that we could easily neglect our faith and then discover that over time it has weakened. Sunday Mass offers us a moment and a space to encounter Christ present in our gathering, in the Word of God proclaimed and in our Communion together. Nourished in this way, we find the inspiration and encouragement to live the Gospel as service to others in the week that follows. It is through our participation in the Sunday Eucharist and being sent out from there that we become Church. The Bishops' reflections are timely, just as we have been reflecting with our partnership parishes over the past weeks how we can become more welcoming and inclusive as a parish and reach out to those who are housebound and cannot attend Mass in person. Some copies of the Pastoral Letter are available at the back of the church, or it can be downloaded at: [To download a copy of Why Sunday Matters as a PDF, please click here](#)

Fr Richard



**ST CRONAN'S CHURCH  
BRACKENSTOWN PARISH**



**BLESSING OF  
SCHOOL BAGS!**



**SATURDAY  
6TH SEPTEMBER  
AT 6PM**

We will celebrate a special Family Mass with Blessing of Schoolbags this Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept at 6.00pm. All school children and their families are welcome, especially those beginning school for the first time. Refreshments will take place after Mass in the Parish Centre.

### The Hospitality Team are Back!

They organise tea & coffee in the Parish Centre after 10.00am Mass each Wednesday and every second Sunday of the month, after the 11am Mass. New members would be greatly appreciated! All are welcome.



The St Vincent de Paul Church Gate collection takes place this Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September and they have a contactless machine for anyone who wishes to use it. Your support is greatly appreciated.



### Join us Carlo Acutis Canonisation Celebrations in Dublin DATE: 7th September 2025

**LOCATION:** Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Cityquay Parish

**9AM - 11AM Canonisation Event** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Including live-stream of the Canonisation in Rome -- *Limited Tickets Available*

**11.30 AM Celebratory Mass** at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church With *archbishop Paul Dempsey & Music by Shalom Choir - ALL WELCOME*

**1.30 PM Celebrations** at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Testimonies, Blessings, Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition, etc.

[Get your event tickets here for the canonisation live stream](#)



**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)

Parents who would like their child to celebrate the sacrament of **First Communion in 2027** and whose child attends a non-Catholic school, are invited to a meeting at 7.00pm this **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September** in the parish centre. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the Seeds of Faith programme, which consists of 28 weekly preparation classes each year over two years. A similar meeting for parents in Year 2 of the preparation will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm. Parents should also register their child for the classes on the parish website at: <https://platform.payzone.ie/customer/10007/product-list> and choosing the **'Religious Education Classes' section**.

Parents who would like their child to celebrate the sacrament of **Confirmation in 2027** and whose child attends a non-Catholic school, are invited to a meeting at 7.00pm this **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September** in the parish centre. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the Seeds of Faith programme, which consists of 28 weekly preparation classes each year over two years. A similar meeting for parents in Year 2 of the preparation will take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm. Parents should also register their child for the classes on the parish website at: <https://platform.payzone.ie/customer/10007/product-list> and choosing the **'Religious Education Classes' section**.

Parents who wish their child to celebrate the sacraments of **First Communion or Confirmation in 2026** are invited to register their child through the parish website at the earliest opportunity. Either click on this link <https://www.brackenstown-parish.com/sacrament-registration> or on the front page of the website, click on the box **'Registration is Now Open for First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2026'**, then fill out and submit the drop down form. The registration payment of €40 needs to be made separately by clicking on the **'Donate'** icon, also on the front page of the website.

Our annual general cleaning of the church and grounds will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 1.00pm (*there are baptisms at 12 noon*). All parishioners are welcome to join us for this annual thorough cleaning of our church. It should only take an hour or two – many hands etc!

A meeting of the **Parish Liturgy Committee** will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in the parish centre. The main focus of the meeting will be to plan the **International Mass and festival of food**, which will take place at 11.00am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Parishioners of various nationalities are invited to contribute to the liturgy (ie: music, dance, traditional dress etc), as well as to present some food typical of their country or ethnic background in the parish centre after the Mass.

The annual collection for **Crosscare**, the Diocesan Social Care Agency, takes place on the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> September and replaces the second (Share) collection at Mass. Parishioners who may not be able to contribute on those dates can support the annual appeal online at: [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie)

A Mass for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **Catholic Grandparents Association** will be celebrated by Bishop Paul Dempsey on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am in the Church of the Holy Child, Whitehall. Refreshments will be provided after the Mass.

A family picnic will be held in Marley Park, Grange Road, Rathfarnham Dublin 16 on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept from 2.30pm. Engaged or married couples and families are very welcome. The picnic is organised by Teams of Our Lady, a movement which promotes the spirituality of married couples. More details available from Fr. Richard or from their website: [www.teamsireland.com](http://www.teamsireland.com)

We pray for those who are taking part in the **Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** this week. In particular we remember the 6<sup>th</sup> year students from Colaiste Choilm, who are participating as volunteers, and the students from Loreto College who will travel as volunteers with the Oblate pilgrimage the following week.

Please pray for the members of the **Dublin Diocesan Pastoral Council** which will have their inaugural meeting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**Calmness Within Yoga & Meditation for Beginners**  
in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre:  
Starting: **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September** from 9:30am to 10:45am  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September** from 7pm—8:15pm.  
**Calmness Within Gentle Chair Yoga** in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre:  
Starting: **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September** from 11:15am to 12:15pm.  
4 Week Class €50 or pay as you go €14.  
Contact Caroline for more information on 087 6913028.

**BASE, Brackenstown Road Phone: 01 5902593**  
**Email: [jenny.baseswords@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.baseswords@gmail.com)**  
10 week Classes (100) Over 65's €65  
Sign Language Class ISL—8 Week Course €80  
Classes include Creative Writing; Crochet/Knitting,  
Chair Yoga, Yoga, Art & Flower Arranging.  
**Contact Jenny for times and more information.**

**Frank Duff Prayer Meeting**  
Pray... Reflect.. Share... **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 8:00pm-9:00pm**. You'll be most welcome. Please invite a friend. The Rosary, reading & reflection on next Sunday's Gospel and a little background information about Frank Duff will be included.

**Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock 28th September**  
Bus will leave St Cronan's Church 7:45am. Bus will stop for light refreshments and dinner. Alternatively bring packed lunch. €25 Bus only. €15 for <18years. Names of pilgrims should be given to members of Legion of Mary after weekend Masses.



**Legion of Mary**

## SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

### Recently Deceased

Anne Fagan  
Wayne O'Rourke  
Chris Corcoran  
Veronica Hesnan  
Mark Brody

### Month's Mind

Nuala Collins  
Margaret Martin

### Anniversaries

Joe McDonagh (1A)  
Liam Campbell (2A)  
Rene O'Reilly (5A)  
Daniel Delaney (37A)  
Ita McArdle  
Eda & Zara Cafolla  
Larry O'Donoghue (BR)  
Special Intention

## 10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

**Mon** Special Intention  
**Tues** George Shaw (7A)  
Ellen Kelly (RD)  
**Wed** Marian Movement for Priests  
Birthday Intention  
**Thur** Jim Homes (RD)  
**Fri** Dcsd Members of Brady Family  
Special Intention  
**Sat** Leo Fernando (A)

Summer Offerings envelopes are available at the back of the church. **Summer Offerings** form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese.

### Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it  
**Please phone Terri on 8403243, or Brid on 086 6006397**

*"I ask you Lord to be kind to them now, who were always kind to me here"*

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

**Registered Charity Number**  
**20016166**