

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

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

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30TH AUGUST 2026

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St. Cronan's JN and Scoil Chronáin SN schools reopened this week. After the long and wonderful summer holidays, it is great to see the return of the pupils. We hope everyone is rested and refreshed and ready for the vigour of a new school year. We think particularly of parents whose children are starting school for the first time as Junior Infants. This is a significant rite of passage, which we acknowledged this week with our 'Tea and Tears' invitation. We ask God's blessing on teaching and learning in all the schools in our parish and look forward to seeing pupils from the primary and secondary schools joining us for Mass on a regular basis. Our sacramental programmes will begin shortly too, and our parent meetings kick off in the coming week.

It is with the beginning of the school year in mind that we have made the recent adjustments to the timing of the raising and lowering of the entrance barrier. Parents are specifically asked not to try to enter the church car park in order to drop off or collect their child from school, so as to ensure that the car park is safe for both children being escorted on foot to school and for parishioners attending weekday Mass. The entrance barrier remains in the lowered position between 8.30am and 9.30am each morning and between 1.00pm and 3.00pm each afternoon. This means that parishioners will not be able to access the car park before 9.30am any weekday morning. The new arrangements have been communicated to parents through the schools, as well as to the management of both BASE and the Scouts Den. We have also been liaising with the Active Travel section of Fingal Co Council and the Community Gardai. We appreciate the cooperation of everyone with these new arrangements, which are being taken in the interest of the safety of children and of our parishioners, which is paramount. Parishioners are also asked, where possible, to reverse their car into a parking spot, so as to make it both easier and safer when they wish to drive off after Mass. We will also be seeking to address the issue of electric bikes and scouters. We have noticed several of these being propelled through the church grounds at reckless speed. We ask those using such vehicles not to do so through the church grounds at any time. We have seen the tragic results of irresponsible road use in the past couple of weeks. Let us do all we can to be mindful of one another's safety and to drive with extreme caution through the church grounds at all times.

Fr. Richard



6th year Students from Colaiste Choilm, who will be travelling to Lourdes as helpers with the Dublin Diocese in the coming week, will speak briefly after Communion at all Masses this Sunday and will hold an outdoor collection. We will also give the students a sending forth blessing at the 11.00am Mass.

ALL HANDS ON DECK! MONTHLY CLEAN UP

Many thanks to our Church Cleaning Group, who resumed our monthly church clean this Saturday 29th August. New volunteers always welcome.

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

Meetings for parents of children in Second Class in St. Cronan's JNS who would like to make their First Communion in 2027 will take place at 7.00pm and 8.00pm respectively on Monday 31 st August in the parish centre.	Meetings for parents of children in 6 th class in Scoil Chrónáin who would like to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Thursday 3 rd September at 6.00pm, 7.00pm and 8.00pm.
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 The Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.00pm will resume next Saturday 5th September	The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will resume their monthly church gate collection after all Masses next weekend, 5 th /6 th September.
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We are now <u>registering</u> 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. CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE.	Parents of children who attend a school other than a Catholic school, are invited to also register their child for the <i>Seeds of Faith</i> 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.
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We have completed repainting of the church porches and facade and of the parish centre during the past week. We have also put some new signage around the church grounds and will be improving the outdoor lighting in the coming weeks. We invite parishioners and users of the parish centre to notice that in the event of a fire (or fire drill), the assembly point is beside the big black gate close to the priests' houses.	Hospitality resumes next Wednesday 2nd September and also, on every second Sunday of the month. Drop by for a cuppa and a chat - all are welcome!
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The statues of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette will be returned to the Grotto within the next week or two. Many thanks to all who contributed.	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 support!
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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.	Calmness Within—Gentle Yoga with Caroline starts back on Thursdays in St Cronan's Parish Centre. Contact Caroline for more information and to register on 0876913028. Mat Yoga: 9:45am - 11:00am Chair Assisted Yoga: 11:15am— 12.15pm Mat Yoga: 7pm—8:15pm
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	LEGION OF MARY: RELIGIOUS GOODS SUITABLE FOR FAMILIES Baptism candles and gifts, statues, picture frames, children's colouring books, Bibles, keyrings, prayer cards and lots more available at repository Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.
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Separated, Divorced, Widowed: Beginning Experience is a peer support ministry dedicated to helping those who are navigating life alone following the loss of a life partner. Structured programmes are run by a team of trained facilitators, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced.

The Dublin Beginning Experience Team will run a three day 'Coping with Life Alone' programme over three Saturdays; Saturday 7th November, Saturday 14th November and Saturday 21st November 2026. **Venue:** Brackenstown Parish Centre, Swords, Co Dublin. For further information and to register: please email: bedublin@gmail.com or Phone 086 0877379 www.beginningexperience.ie

PARISH PRIEST	SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS	10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK
Fr. Richard Sheehy 087 2412459 richarddesheehy@gmail.com	Recently Deceased Laura Meighan	Mon Anthony Donnelly (9A) John Fitzpatrick (RD)
PARISH CHAPLAIN Fr. Joseph Hao P.C. 01 8401188 office@brackenstown-parish.com	Month's Mind Marie MacCourt	Tues John & Kathleen O'Connor (A)
PERMANENT DEACON Declan Colgan 01 8401188 office@brackenstown-parish.com	Anniversaries Monica Lowndes (1A) Larry O'Donohoe (4A) Christine Darcy (10A)	Wed Marian Movement for Priests
PARISH SECRETARY Louise Donnelly Mon to Fri. 9:30am – 1:00pm 01 8401188 office@brackenstown-parish.com	George & Mary Mulligan (11A) Jack Punch (33A) Eda & Zara Cafolla Eithna & Tony Byrne	Thur Teddy Berry (TD)
PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 9:30am - 1:00pm Registered Charity Number 20016166	Dcsd Members Coscoran Family Joan Kelly (BR)	Fri Francis Kirwin (A)
		Sat Ellen Slattery (A)

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