

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23RD AUGUST 2026

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Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSC

We were very saddened to learn of the death of Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA on Tuesday last. As a noted biblical scholar, Kieran has made an enormous contribution in making the Word of God accessible to parishioners and clergy across the diocese, and further afield, in innovative ways over several decades. Kieran loved to teach, and he had a gift for it. He was ready to come out to any parish and give a talk or a conduct an Advent or Lenten series on a variety of biblical subjects. His talks were always thoroughly researched, presented in an engaging and interactive way, and accompanied by very clear notes to take home. Kieran reached a much wider audience through his weekly Tarsus website, where he posted commentaries on the Sunday and weekday readings. Prior to that for a couple of years he collaborated with other colleagues on a *Word on Web* series, where people from different parishes could phone in their questions live on a particular theme which was being discussed. Other people again enjoyed the

privilege of participating in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land or to Turkey or Greece (in the footsteps of St. Paul) led by Fr. Kieran. I have a particular memory of preparing to accompany a parish group to Greece some years ago. The parishioner, who was to be our biblical guide, had to pull out at the last minute. Kieran somehow got wind of this and, without any prompting, generously emailed me his own notes for a similar pilgrimage, so that we would not be left in the lurch. It is a mark of the man! Kieran took ill in recent months, and when he signed off on his Tarsus website a couple of weeks back, there was a sense the end was approaching. Our sympathies go to his family, friends, colleagues and Augustinian family. If there is one legacy Kieran would want to have left us, it is to remind us that the Word of God in Scripture is always a fresh source of inspiration and encouragement for Christian life and faith.

May he enter into the fullness of eternal life!

Fr. Richard

TEA & TEARS

PARENTS OF JUNIOR INFANTS

are invited on

THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST

IN ST. CRONAN'S PARISH CENTRE FOR
A CUP OF TEA/COFFEE AND A CHAT!

DOORS OPEN FROM 9:00AM

TEA & TEARS



**ST CRONAN'S CHURCH
SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

**The Saturday Vigil Mass at
6.00pm will resume on
Saturday 5th September**

CARING AND SHARING ASSOCIATION ("CASA") CHARITY COLLECTION

CASA will hold charity collections at St. Cronan's Church on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd August 2026. CASA is a volunteer led organisation, established in 1981, whose goal is to develop friendships and provide social opportunities for people with disabilities through a variety of social events and activities. Your donations are invaluable in helping CASA continue its activities and make a difference in the lives of those who need its support. Without the generosity of people like you, it would be impossible for CASA to continue its work with individuals with disabilities. Thank you.

Schools reopen next Thursday 27th August. We are conscious of those who will begin their schooling for the first time as Junior Infants. As in previous years, we will be inviting their parents to come for refreshments in the parish centre from 9.00am in what is appropriately named **Tea and Tears!** All are welcome.

BAPTISM
WE WELCOME THE
FAMILIES OF THOSE
WHO WILL BE BAPTISED
THIS WEEKEND

ST CRONAN'S CHURCH
BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

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

Church Car Park: In order to prioritise the safety of school children and parishioners, 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 should significantly improve the situation in the car park, allowing parishioners attending Mass to find a parking space. However, it also means that parishioners will not be able to access the car park before 9.30am any weekday morning. Thank you for your understanding!

As parishioners will be aware, we have been painting the church porches during the week and have now begun repainting the parish centre. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by the works but hope that parishioners will appreciate the difference the fresh look will give them. We are also improving the lighting around the church grounds and will be putting up some new signage in the coming week.

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. [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 *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.](#)

A number of students from Colaiste Choilm have been selected to participate as volunteers in Lourdes in September. They will hold a Church Gate Collection after each Mass on the weekend of 29/30 August. The students will have a special role in looking after the needs of sick or infirm pilgrims. They will hold a Church Gate collection after each Mass this weekend, and your support will be greatly appreciated.

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.

There are **only two** places left on our partnership pilgrimage to **Rome and Assisi** from 14-19th September. If you are interested in taking part, contact the parish office as soon as possible!

Our thoughts are with students who have recently received their Leaving Cert results this week, and we pray that these will allow them to make wise choices for the next stage of their lives.

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!

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.

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 Noeleen Harford William Thomas Carlin	Mon Healing Intention
PARISH CHAPLAIN Fr. Joseph Hao P.C. 01 8401188 office@brackenstown-parish.com	Month's Mind Patrick McElroy Patrick Cummins Niamh Gorman	Tues Tracy Pentony, Fenton Howett & Margaret Jackson (A) James & Mary Alice Agnew (A)
PERMANENT DEACON Declan Colgan 01 8401188 office@brackenstown-parish.com	Anniversaries Veronica (Vera) Hesnan (1A) James & Maisie Hesnan Dcsd Members of McTiernan Family Margaret Martin Mary Tormey Patrick & Kathleen O'Reilly Dcsd Members of O'Reilly & Lee Families	Wed Willie Crosbie Snr (8A) Mark Brody (1A)
PARISH SECRETARY Louise Donnelly Mon to Fri. 9:30am – 1:00pm 01 8401188 office@brackenstown-parish.com		Thur Peg Flynn (A)
PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 9:30am - 1:00pm Registered Charity Number 20016166		Fri Thomas Reid (A) Dcsd members of Curry Family
		Sat Michael & Bridget Kelly and Dcsd family members Pat Byrne (A)

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