

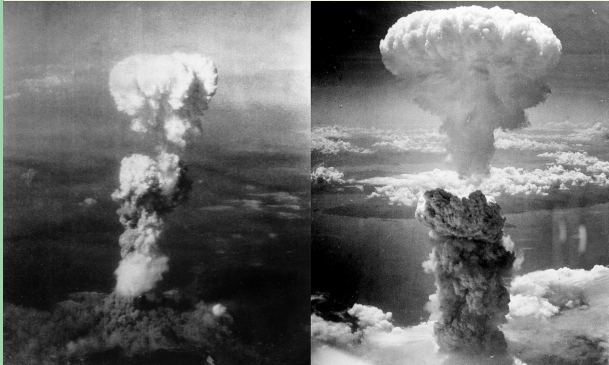
ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

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

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9TH AUGUST 2026

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This week marks the 81st anniversary of the dropping of atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on 6th and 9th August 1945 respectively with devastating consequences. If 40,000 civilians died in the immediate aftermath of the detonation of the bomb over Nagasaki, it is estimated that within five years a further 60,000 had perished, succumbing to burn injuries or radiation sickness, representing approximately a third of that city's population. Such was the horror unleashed by

these two devices that mercifully a nuclear weapon has not been used in warfare since. However, so long as any country possesses nuclear weapons, we live with the constant threat of a nuclear 'incident', or of conventional warfare escalating. Indeed it is noteworthy that every time a nuclear device is tested in any part of the world, the mayor of Hiroshima dispatches a letter of protest. It is therefore particularly appropriate that in these days, Pope Leo has chosen to visit the town of Assisi, home to St. Francis, in the 800th jubilee year of his death. It is 40 years exactly since Pope John Paul 2 convened the World Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi, bringing together leaders from the major world faiths to pray and fast for peace. With conflict still continuing in various parts of the world, including Ukraine, Russia, Iran, Lebanon, Gaza and Israel, and only the producers of weapons systems benefitting, the need for all of us to pray and work for peace, dialogue, respect for difference and reconciliation is all the more urgent.

May St. Francis, who recognised the presence of God in every person and in all of creation, be our inspiration: (Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi)

Fr. Richard

Saturday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption. A vigil Mass will take place in St Cronan's Church on Friday 14th August at 7.30pm, and Mass on Saturday 15th will take place at 10.00am. Mass will also be held on Saturday 15th in St. Colmcille's Church at 10am and St Finian's Church at 11am.

Work continues to upgrade the Grotto in the church grounds. A statue of Our Lady with the Infant Jesus, recently donated by a parishioner, has been installed on the side of the Grotto wall facing St. Cronan's Estate during the past week. Sincere thanks to all those who were involved in the work. The statues of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette are away being cleaned and painted and should be back within the coming weeks. Donations towards the Grotto project are still gratefully accepted. Envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the church or from the parish office. Any support that you can give will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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

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BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

We welcome those who are visiting the parish during these fine sunny days and especially if you are able to join our congregation at Sunday Mass. It is always uplifting to see new faces among the more familiar ones. We hope you enjoy your visit with family or friends in the Swords area. We also wish those of our regular parishioners who may be travelling in the coming days safe travels and an enjoyable holiday!

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: As parishioners who attend weekday Mass are all too aware, the situation in the car park has become increasingly problematic in the past couple of years. Although the entrance barrier is there to deter parents from driving into the church grounds to drop off or collect their child from school, many simply wait in a line behind the barrier until someone comes along who is able to raise the barrier remotely, then all the cars follow in behind. We are now putting a new system in place, so that the barrier remains in the lowered position between 8.30am and 9.30am each morning and between 1.00pm and 3.00pm each afternoon. Teachers in both schools have been informed that if they wish to park their car in the church grounds (on the far side of the walk way), they must do so before 8.30am each morning. 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 between 8.30 and 9.30am each weekday morning. The new arrangements are set to come into operation from Monday 17th August.

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. [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.](#)

SUMMER ARRANGEMENTS Due to priests across the partnership taking holidays at different times and being in need of cover for weekend Masses, the Saturday vigil Mass at 6.00pm is being suspended throughout July and August. Parishioners who wish can attend a Saturday Vigil Mass in any of our partnership parishes (see times listed below) Our three Sunday Masses at 9.00am, 11.00am and 5.00pm will continue as normal. The vigil Mass will resume at 6.00pm on Saturday 5th September. *Please note any Masses booked for the Saturday Vigil Masses during July and August will be included with the Sunday Mass Intentions.*

Final call! 34 people are now registered to travel on our partnership pilgrimage to **Rome and Assisi from 14th-19th September.** This means there are only two places left. If you are interested in taking part, contact the parish office as soon as possible to access the link that will allow you book online.



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.

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 continued generous support!



FAITH 'N' FUN

Bible Stories, Crafts & lots more fun things to do!

in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre

FREE - to all aged 6 - 11 years

Organised by Legion of Mary

Thursdays
13th August
2pm - 4pm

PARISH PRIEST	SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS	10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK
Fr. Richard Sheehy 087 2412459 richarddesheehy@gmail.com	Recently Deceased	
PARISH CHAPLAIN Fr. Joseph Hao P.C. 01 8401188 office@brackenstown-parish.com	Tara Lunney Marie MacCourt Jim Beatty	Mon Walter (Wally) & Paul Farquharson (A)
PERMANENT DEACON Declan Colgan 01 8401188 office@brackenstown-parish.com	Anniversaries	Tues Michael, Maisie & Pascal Hughes (A)
PARISH SECRETARY Louise Donnelly Mon to Fri. 9:30am – 1:00pm 01 8401188 office@brackenstown-parish.com	Thomas Maloney (10A) Noel Lowndes Brena Jennings (3A) Mary Smith (2A) Joe & Breda O'Donoghue Brian Lyons (30A) Nuala Collins (1A) Mary & John McLoughlin Frank Slockett (3A) Michael Shield (22A)	Wed Julie Connors (A) Nadiya Bokova (1A)
PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 9:30am - 1:00pm Registered Charity Number 20016166		Thur Gerry, Daniel, Nathan & Mary Sinead Maughan (R)
		Fri Genevieve Turley (RD)
		Sat Anne Collins (MM)