

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

16TH MARCH 2025

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This weekend we prepare to celebrate our patron saint and national holiday, a typically Irish way of integrating the sacred and the secular, Church and state. As our politicians fly off to various parts of the globe to engage with our 'diaspora', Irish communities, we prepare for St. Patrick's Day celebrations, not just in every town in Ireland, but in every corner of the world. On a day when people everywhere like to lay claim to an Irish connection, it is also an opportunity for Irish diplomacy to exert its influence on the global stage, particularly important at a time of political uncertainty and tension. It never ceases to amaze how the national holiday of a small country on the western fringe of Europe can capture the imagination of people way beyond its borders. As well as an indication of successive generations of Irish who have emigrated, it is in no small part a tribute to the Irish missionaries who have brought the Good News to many countries and who have contributed over many decades to the development of those societies.

This year, our national holiday invites reflection on how Ireland can use its military neutrality to greater effect, amid increasing pressure to join a military alliance. At a deeper level, the celebration of St. Patrick invites us to reflect on what it means to be Irish today. What is unique about being Irish? What do we stand for? What are our values? How do we nurture them, so that we can encourage them in future generations? For many centuries, Ireland was identified with its Christian faith. What role does faith play in Irish life today? At a time when people seem to believe that they can live reasonably contentedly without God, how do we show that belief in God makes all the difference to who we are, how we live and how the future may unfold?

Fr Richard



LIVING LENT

Prayer & Reflection on the Sunday Readings for Lent

Join us on Monday's

24th March

31st March

7th April

14th April

7:00pm to 7:45pm

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Liturgical note:

During the 40 days of Lent, the Gloria at Mass is neither recited nor sung, and the Gospel Acclamation is *'Praise and honour to you, Lord, Jesus Christ'*

A reflective reading of one of the Sunday readings will take place each Monday during Lent from 7.00-7.30pm in the church, beginning on Monday 10th March. All are welcome

Trocaire is an agency of the Irish Bishops' Conference particularly concerned with justice and development overseas. **Trocaire Lenten campaign packs** (which include the Lenten donation box) will be available on tables around the church from this weekend. This year's campaign, entitled **Stronger Together**, focuses on communities affected by the effects of climate change in Guatemala and other parts of the world. The annual Lenten campaign is Trocaire's biggest fundraiser. Trocaire boxes can be left into the sacristy towards the end of Lent.








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

<div>Caring and Sharing Association (CASA) Church Gate Collection 22 & 23 March 2025</div> <div>CASA is a registered charity that organises social events and meet ups to help people with disabilities to develop friendships and social networks. CASA creates opportunities for connection. Additionally CASA offers an annual pilgrimage to Lourdes with one to one volunteer support. Our inclusive community welcomes individuals of all ages and backgrounds, including those with physical, sensory and intellectual disabilities. We appreciate your support on this weekend at our church gate collection.</div>		<div><div>Caring & Sharing Association Supporting People with Disabilities</div></div> <div>SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS</div> <div>Recently Deceased Vinnny Grant</div> <div>Anniversaries Patrick, Carmel & Albert Bissett Toni Cole Joe Kavanagh Ann Dempsey Hugh & Patrick O'Reilly Frank Fitzgerald (4A) Carmel O'Keeffe Harry & Margaret Donnelly</div>												
<div>CHY Tax Rebate: We ask those who have received a CHY Tax Reclaim form recently to return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Many thanks you to all who have already returned their completed forms. The CHY Tax Rebate scheme allows the Parish reclaim tax for all qualifying recorded contributions of €250 and over. St. Cronan's parish received €44,960 from the scheme last year. If you are not a PAYE or Self-Assessed donor, unfortunately we cannot claim tax back on your donations but please let us know in order to avoid receiving future CHY documentation from us. Sincere thanks to all those who support the running of the Parish through your financial offerings.</div> <div>Parish Finance Committee</div>		<div>10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK</div> <table><tr><td>Mon</td><td>Teresa Harton (RD)</td></tr><tr><td>Tues</td><td>Dcsd Members of McTernan Family</td></tr><tr><td>Wed</td><td>Jimmy Kirwan (A) Eileen Clancy (A) Doreen McKittrick (2A)</td></tr><tr><td>Thur</td><td>Brendan O'Byrne (MM)</td></tr><tr><td>Fri</td><td>Patricia Byrne (RD)</td></tr><tr><td>Sat</td><td>John Heaslip (A)</td></tr></table>	Mon	Teresa Harton (RD)	Tues	Dcsd Members of McTernan Family	Wed	Jimmy Kirwan (A) Eileen Clancy (A) Doreen McKittrick (2A)	Thur	Brendan O'Byrne (MM)	Fri	Patricia Byrne (RD)	Sat	John Heaslip (A)
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<div>St. Cronan's Parish is offering The Bible and the Church Fathers over 12 weeks in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre each Monday from 7.30 to 8.30pm. (Please note that the course will not take place on Monday 17th March)</div>		<div>Swords Memory Cafe – for people living with dementia, their carers, family members and those interested in fostering a dementia inclusive community in Swords – hold a free Cafe on the third Thursday of each month in Fingallian's GAA club between 10.30am and 12.30pm.</div>												
<div>Many thanks to the church volunteer cleaning group which cleaned the church in preparation for this weekend's Masses. The group welcomes new members.</div>	<div>A meeting of the parish Baptism Team will take place on Wednesday 19th March at 7.30pm</div>	<div>A preparation Mass for Confirmation will take place next Saturday 22nd March at 6.00pm and Sunday 23rd March at 5.00pm</div>												
<div>The monthly Taize Prayer, which was postponed, will now take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 20th March. Please note that from now on the monthly Taize Prayer has switched from Friday to Thursday evening.</div>		<div>Traveller Outreach Addiction Service: This is a free and confidential drug and alcohol treatment service providing addiction support to the Traveller Community and their families in North Dublin. Opening hours: 9.00am-5.00pm. To speak to a member of the team, contact: 01/6991077. For more information contact: travellersupport@coolminetc.ie.</div>												
<div>Niall Quillinan, a representative from Trocaire, will speak at all Masses next weekend, 22nd/23rd March about this year's Trocaire Lenten campaign.</div>		<div>Prayer Resources for the Jubilee Year can be found at https://dublindiocese.ie/jubilee2025/ The January edition of <i>Mission & Ministry Matters</i> is available by clicking here</div>												
<div>On Sunday 23rd March BASE are holding a 'SPRING SALE' from 9am to 4:30pm With Cakes, Bric-a-Brac, Crafts and Coffee. Raffle in aid of BASE, Brackenstown Road. To book a table call 01 890 2593</div>		<div>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>"I ask you Lord to be kind to them now, who were always kind to me here"</i></div>												
<div>The annual diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 26th April (Easter Saturday). It is hoped once again to organise a bus from the partnership of parishes to travel to Knock. Note the date, and watch this space for more details!</div>		<div><div>Community Connect Ireland's Baby Bank</div></div>												
<div>Community Connect, a registered charity dedicated to providing practical support to pregnant mothers and vulnerable families with small babies, is organising a National Donation Day event called Drive & Drop which takes place next Sunday, 23rd March between 9.30am-11.30 pm in the carpark of St. Finian's Parish Church, Swords. We are kindly asking people to support mothers and babies in need, by adding a few extra items to their shopping baskets, such as: nappies, baby wipes, shampoos, Babygro's and vests, baby hooded towels, blankets and bottles. Financial donations also accepted.</div>		<div>CO PARISH PRIEST Fr. Richard Sheehy 087 2412459 richardsheehy@gmail.com</div> <div>PARISH CHAPLAIN Fr. Joseph Hao P.C. 01 8401188 brackenstownparish@gmail.com</div>												
<div>Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage: We are delighted to announce our plans to have a group representing the Diocese at the Jubilee of Youth gathering in Rome during the summer. If you can't make it, there's also an option for a 'Rome @ Home'! Fill in your details to express interest in being part of the group or mark your option for 'Rome @ Home'. Email: natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie Register Interest: https://forms.office.com/e/9fGvLqil7t</div>		<div>PERMANENT DEACON Declan Colgan 01 8401188 brackenstownparish@gmail.com</div>												
<div>6 week Beginner's Yoga Class starting on Monday 27th January from 9:30am—10:45am And starting on Wednesday 29th January from 7pm—8:15pm 6 week Chair Yoga Class starting on Monday 27th January from 11:15am—12:15pm in St Cronan's Parish Centre (beside Church). 6 Week Course €75 or pay per class €14 Contact Caroline for more information on 087 6913028. All walk-ins welcome.</div>		<div>PARISH SECRETARY Louise Donnelly Mon to Fri. 9:30am – 1:00pm 01 8401188 brackenstownparish@gmail.com</div>												
<div>Come and See Meetings! Legion of Mary hold meetings on Tuesday 10:30-11:45am in St Joseph's Room and Wednesdays 7:30-9:00pm in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre. Junior Legion: Fri 5:00-6:00pm. All welcome to attend any meeting at your convenience.</div> <div>Religious Goods- Suitable for the home. Confirmation and Communion gifts/items, Statues, ornaments, children's colouring books, bibles and lots more available at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.</div>		<div><div>Legion of Mary</div></div>												
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