ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS & DRYNAM, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 19 APRIL 2026 YEAR A

In response to a significant number of parishioners who expressed interest in volunteering in the parish, when the Parish Pastoral Council conducted a series of questionnaires over four Sundays as part of the Building Hope initiative last summer/autumn, the PPC has organised a **Parish Volunteer Fair** this Sunday 19th April. Parishioners who would like to get more information or volunteer for a particular ministry or activity can chat briefly with a representative from that group in the parish centre immediately after 11.00am Mass. Tea/coffee etc will be available.

Participating in a particular ministry or parish activity, whether it is hospitality, stewarding, cleaning the church, or assisting as a sacristan or minister of the Word or Eucharist is not an optional extra for those with time on their hands. It is an expression of what it means to belong to a living community of faith, and it is helping to create the parish of the future. Everyone is invited to 'come and see' where your gift might advance the mission of the parish.

As the weekday and Sunday Mass readings indicate, the time between Easter and Ascension/Pentecost, is a time of joyful anticipation of the sending of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Risen Christ, who dwells in us and empowers us to become the Body of Christ in the world. This is why both **Baptism** and **Confirmation** are essentially Easter sacraments. We celebrated Baptism for the first time since the beginning of Lent during Mass on Easter Sunday morning. The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated in the parish during the coming week: for the pupils of Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe at 11.00am on Thursday 23rd April; for the pupils from Scóil Chrónáin at 11.00am and 1.00pm on Friday 24th April; and for the pupils from Swords and Thornleigh Educate Together Schools at 11.00am on Saturday 25th April. At Confirmation, the candidates affirm the decision of their parents/guardians at Baptism and promise to take responsibility for their faith journey. As they prepare for the next stage of their journey, particularly in moving to secondary school, we pray that the Holy Spirit will help them through his gifts to make wise choices, so that the fruits of the Holy Spirit will become visible in their lives.

Fr Richard

CONFIRMATION 2026

We wish every blessing to the boys and girls who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next week

Thursday 23rd April: Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe
Friday 24th April 11:00am: St. Cronan's SNS
Friday 24th April 1:00pm: St. Cronan's SNS
Saturday 25th April 11:00am: Swords ETNS and Thornleigh ETNS

Please note the change in time for the morning Mass This will be at the earlier time of 9:30am for Thursday and Friday only. Saturday morning Mass will be at the usual time of 10:00am.

As part of the St. Finian's Community College student leadership programme, **Transition Year** students are offering to meet parishioners to assist them with getting the most out of their devices (mobile phone, tablet, iPad etc). The students will offer this assistance under the supervision of their teacher in the parish centre, beginning next **Friday 24th April immediately following the 9.30am Mass.** Please let the parish office know if you would be like to take part.

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

A meeting of the **Pastoral Centre Committee** will take place on Friday 24th April at 6.30pm on the parish centre.

The **Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock,** led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell, will take place **next Saturday 25th April.** A coach is being organised for the partnership of parishes. Please book through the parish office.

Many thanks to parishioners and visitors **who have returned Easter Offerings.** Easter offering envelopes are available on tables around the church.

Thanks, too, to parishioners who have handed in their **Trocaire Lenten box.** We ask that these be returned to the parish office or sacristy no later than Sunday 26th April! Many thanks for your generous contributions!

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There are still some places available for **our Partnership Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi,** which includes 2 nights in Assisi and 3 nights in Rome from 14-19th September. The pilgrimage is open to parishioners and friends from the parishes of Swords & Drynam, River Valley, Donabate and Brackenstown. The cost of €1,495 per person sharing includes return flights to Rome with Aer Lingus, half board accommodation in Rome and Assisi, air conditioned coach throughout the pilgrimage and assistance of a Marian Pilgrimages representative. For more details, look out for the posters and flyers. To reserve a place, parishioners are asked to book directly with Marian pilgrimages with a non-refundable deposit of €400 per person by **Friday 1st May. Contact the parish office to get the link** to book for the pilgrimage directly online.

The monthly *Grow in Love* Mass for children and their families preparing for **First Communion** will take place at 6.00pm this Saturday and 5.00pm on Sunday.

Our weekly exploration of St. Matthew's Gospel continues this Monday 20th April at 7.30pm in the parish centre. The study is centred around a video presentation, followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion. St. Matthew's Gospel is the one that we are reading at Sunday Mass this year.

About **100 Sick or Assisted Pilgrims** will form a very important section of our annual Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in September. Accueil Notre Dame, the special place of welcome for the Sick located in the Shrine opposite the Grotto, will house our Sick Pilgrims. A dedicated team of Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and several hundred Helpers of all ages will travel with us from Dublin to care for our Assisted Pilgrims from their arrival at Dublin Airport, during their time in the Lourdes and until they depart the airport on our return. **Enquiries about travelling as a Sick/Assisted Pilgrim should be made to the Pilgrimage Office, 51 Home Farm Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9. Deirdre Daly, Administrative Secretary deirdre.daly@dublindiocese.ie / 01 8087555 or to John Flaherty, john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie 01 8087557**

LEGION OF MARY:

Who was Sr Clare Crockett? Patrician Meeting Thursday, 23rd April 7:30pm-9:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre, St Cronan's Church. There will be insights on her interior life, what 'Alone with Christ Alone' means for the Christian today and how Christians could respond to ***"He died for me. He loves me! Why hasn't anyone ever told me this before?"*** All are most welcome.

Religious Goods- Suitable for families
Holy Communion cards, prayer books, beads, medals and rosettes. Also Baptism cards & candles, motorist prayers, key rings, children's books and lots more available at repository Saturday evenings & Sunday mornings.

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SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased
James Alexander
Alan O'Kelly
Muk Hee Chan
Brendan Rothwell

Anniversaries
Brendan Carton (5A)
Pat Walsh (6A)
Gemma Brosnan (27A)
Muriel Harford
Susan Lennon
Rose Ann Connolly
Ann Dinan
Frs Anselm & Oliver Kelleghan
James & Julia Kelleghan
Vincent, John & Nancy Kelleghan
Gerry & Betsy Nolan
Nancy Heron

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon Joe McLoughlin (RD)

Tues Pat McGonigle (RD)

Wed Brendan O'Keeffe (A)
Liam McDonald (BR)

Thur Intentions of all who supported the family of the late Pat McGonigle

Fri Jimmy Morris (RD)
Special 90th Birthday Intention

Sat Madeleine Blacklock (RD)