

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16TH FEBRUARY 2025

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A Message from Our Parish Finance Committee

The new **Family Offering Parish Weekly Envelopes 2025** boxes will be available to be collected at the back of the Church after all Masses next weekend 22nd/23rd February. Your support for the Family Offering is greatly appreciated. The Parish depends on the voluntary contributions of parishioners for the running and development of the Parish.

The new envelope boxes for the **Sunday collections at Mass** will also be available for collection. If you don't already use these envelopes for your Sunday Mass donations, please consider doing so. By donating to the Mass collections using these envelopes rather than directly into the baskets, your donation could be worth up to 45% more to the parish, at no extra cost to you! For example, if you pay income tax and your total annual donation (to the Family Offering, First and Second collections and Christmas/Easter Offerings) is €250 or more per year, we can claim a refund from Revenue on the tax that you have already paid. This refund is available through the CHY Charitable Donation Scheme for approved charities. Last year the Parish received a CHY income tax refund of €44,960, which was of immense help to the parish finances. You can request a box of envelope or a standing order form for the Family Offering to support the running of the Parish by contacting Louise in the Parish office: Tel 840 1188, or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com

Thank you to all who support the Parish so generously.

Paddy O'Byrne, Finance Committee



This Sunday 16th February is **Accord Sunday**. Elaine Beaumont, a parishioner and volunteer with Accord, the diocesan agency for Marriage and the Family, will speak at the 11.00am Mass about Accord's services in support of marriage and family life.

A **special collection for Accord** will replace the usual second collection at all Masses. Accord offers marriage preparation courses, counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, and a relationship and sexuality programme for schools.



Bible Study Course on the Bible and the Church Fathers 2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. Nicaea clarified church teaching on the Trinity and the Incarnation, that God is three and yet

one and that Christ is fully God and fully man. The Council of Nicaea gave us language that we repeat every Sunday – that Jesus is “consubstantial” with the Father, true God from true God, begotten not made. St. Cronan's Parish will offer **The Bible and the Church Fathers** over 12 weeks in St. Cronan's Pastoral Centre each Monday from 7.30 to 8.30pm. There is no charge, and all are welcome. For more information or to register, please contact Louise in the Parish office tel. 01 8401188 or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com

ALL HANDS ON DECK! ANNUAL CLEAN UP

We invite all willing volunteers to join us in a thorough cleaning and tidying of the church and its environs
**Saturday
22nd February
at 12 noon**
Gloves and cleaning materials will be provided

St. Cronan's Church
Brackenstown Parish

Baptisms will take place next weekend, 22nd and 23rd February at 12 noon.

Please note that Baptisms do not take place at St. Cronan's during Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday 5th March. The next baptisms will be on Easter Sunday 20th April.

Many thanks to our volunteer church cleaning group for the wonderful clean they gave the church last weekend. The next **cleaning of the church** will take place **next Saturday 22nd February at 12 noon**. New volunteers always welcome, even if you can only come once in a while.



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

<p>A meeting of the parish Finance Committee will take place on Monday 17th February at 7.00pm in the parish centre.</p>		<p>SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS</p> <p>Recently Deceased Ronnie Prouse Mary O'Keeffe Patricia Lynch Marie O'Reilly Baby Canning</p> <p>Month's Mind John Crosbie Amanda Harford</p> <p>Anniversaries Rita Dempsey (1A) Larry Graves (1A) Susan Lennon Rose Connolly Ann Dinan</p>													
<p>As a number of the priests in the partnership of parishes are away at present, the Swords parishes are unable to maintain a weekday Mass in each parish. A Service of the Word with Holy Communion takes place on Friday mornings at 10.00am in St. Cronan's church with the assistance of Ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist. Those who wish to attend Mass on Fridays can attend at St. Colmcille's Swords or St. Finian's, River Valley.</p>															
<p>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!</p>															
<p>'Shout' March 5th & 6th in Fingal Community College at 7:15p.m each night In a world full of words, how can Dana be herself when she can't speak? Dana has selective mutism, but that doesn't stem her vivid imagination. Because it's not just the noise you make that makes you who you are. Alexis Zegerman's play Shout is a funny, moving drama about anxiety, celebrating difference, and finding your voice. It wonders what exactly it takes to overcome anxiety and cope with mental health issues when you're a teenager. https://www.gr8events.ie/sales/index.php?event=1897</p>		<p>10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK</p> <table><tr><td>Mon</td><td>John Hamill (RD) Michael O'Brien (A)</td></tr><tr><td>Tues</td><td>Birthday Intention Nan Lynch (30A)</td></tr><tr><td>Wed</td><td>Doreen McKittrick (2A) Amanda Harford (MM) Daniel, Nathan & Mary Sinead Maughan (A)</td></tr><tr><td>Thur</td><td>Healing Intention</td></tr><tr><td>Fri</td><td>Special Intention</td></tr><tr><td>Sat</td><td>Dollie Keane (11A) Bridie Caulfield (BR) Sean McKenna (4A) John & Margaret Murtagh (A)</td></tr></table>		Mon	John Hamill (RD) Michael O'Brien (A)	Tues	Birthday Intention Nan Lynch (30A)	Wed	Doreen McKittrick (2A) Amanda Harford (MM) Daniel, Nathan & Mary Sinead Maughan (A)	Thur	Healing Intention	Fri	Special Intention	Sat	Dollie Keane (11A) Bridie Caulfield (BR) Sean McKenna (4A) John & Margaret Murtagh (A)
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<p>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/9fGvLqilL7t</p>		<p>Prayer Resources for the Jubilee Year can be found at https://dublindiocese.ie/jubilee2025/</p>													
<p>Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 19th February at 7.30pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie</p>		<p>The January edition of <i>Mission & Ministry Matters</i> is available by clicking here</p> <p>Grief Support Group weekly meetings every Wednesday 7pm to 8pm. We hope to offer a listening ear to anyone who is dealing with or living with grief. Contact email: haveasipswords@gmail.com</p>													
<p>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.</p>	<p>Anam Cara Online Bereavement Information Evening Date: Tuesday 18th February 2025 Time: 7pm - 8:30pm Guest Speaker: Brid Carroll How to register? Just click on this like to register: Register here for Anam Cara Online BIE February 2025</p>														
<p>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.</p>															
<p>GROTTO ROSARY The Legion of Mary would like to thank all who recited the rosary for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the response from parishioners was great on such a cold day.</p>															
	<p>Legion of Mary</p> <p>Patrician Meeting—What's positive about fasting? There will be insights from both Old & New Testaments, present day practices and rewards of fasting. All are most welcome. Thursday 20th February at 7:30pm in Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Centre. Refreshments will be offered during interval.</p> <p>Alive Newspaper Could you help us distribute <i>Alive</i> newspaper in AbbeyVale area this year? If interested, please contact members of the Legion at Repository on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>CO PARISH PRIEST Fr. Richard Sheehy 087 2412459 richarddesheehy@gmail.com</p> <p>PARISH CHAPLAIN Fr. Joseph Hao P.C. 01 8401188 brackenstownparish@gmail.com</p> <p>PERMANENT DEACON Declan Colgan 01 8401188 brackenstownparish@gmail.com</p> <p>PARISH SECRETARY Louise Donnelly Mon to Fri. 9:30am – 1:00pm 01 8401188 brackenstownparish@gmail.com</p> <p>PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 9:30am - 1:00pm</p> <p>Registered Charity Number 20016166</p>													