

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

8 MARCH 2026

YEAR A



Novena of Grace

Friday 6th March: 10:00am and 7:30pm

What is faith? - Denis Robinson

Saturday 7th March: 10:00am and 6:00pm

Faith in young people - Fr. Cyril Odia

Sunday 8th March: 11:00am

God of Surprises - Sean Goan

Monday 9th March: 7:30pm

Faith and Migration - Ursula Mullen, Crosscare

Tuesday 10th March: 10:00am and 7:30pm

Faith and the Travelling Community - Geraldine McDonnell

Wednesday 11th March: 10:00am and 7:30pm

Care for Creation - Jane Mellett

Thursday 12th March: 10:00am and 7:30pm

Contemplation: our gift to the world - Fr. Jim Caffrey

Friday 13th March: 10:00am and 7:30pm

Faith and loss - Bryan Nolan

Saturday 14th March: 6:00pm

Faith and Addiction - Conor Hickey, Director Crosscare

Sunday 15th March: 11:00am

Outsiders - Alice Leahy, Trust

Our **Novena of Grace** began on Friday 6th March and continues through to Sunday 15th March.

As well as the regular Mass at 10.00am, there will be an extra weekday Mass (Mon-Fri) at 7.30pm, at which a guest speaker will lead a reflection. There will also be a speaker at the Saturday 6.00pm Mass and Sunday 11.00am Mass each weekend.

Please see below the full line up of speakers and themes to be addressed during our Novena. A Petitions Box has been placed at the foot of the altar, in which parishioners and visitors can leave their prayer intentions. A selection of these will be read out anonymously at Mass each day during the Novena. Please see the full programme below and encourage friends, neighbours and family members to participate in as much of the Novena as they can.

Fr. Richard

A Mass in preparation for the sacrament of **Confirmation** will take place this Saturday 7th March at 6.00pm and Sunday 8th March at 5.00pm.



A **Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi**, which includes 2 nights in Assisi and 3 nights in Rome from 14-19th September, is open to parishioners and friends from the parishes of Swords, 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 **Tuesday 31st March**. You are advised to first **contact the parish office to get the link** to book for the pilgrimage directly online.



ALL WELCOME **THIS SUNDAY**

COFFEE MORNING

AFTER 11:00 AM MASS

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



Many thanks to parishioners who have collected their **new envelope boxes** for the coming year and have also delivered them to some of their neighbours who are housebound. If you still require a new box, please talk to Paddy O'Byrne or call into the parish office any weekday morning.

During the weekdays of Lent the partnership of parishes are putting on an **extra Mass at 8.00am** in St. Colmcille's church. The Mass will be celebrated by different priests from the partnership of parishes each day.

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

Can you help us to reduce postage costs?

On 3rd of February the cost of a standard stamp increased to €1.85. This has led us to ask you if you can help us to reduce our postage overheads? The posting of the annual letters of thanks and acknowledgement for contributions received is a considerable expense for the parish. Do you have an email address? If so, you might consider giving us permission to send your annual acknowledgement letter by email rather than by post. You can do this by emailing brackentownparish@gmail.com. Please say that you are giving permission for your letter of acknowledgement to be sent by email and give your name, address, and email address.

Another possibility is to visit the parish website at brackentown-parish.com and then tick the box to receive your acknowledgement letter by email.

We are of course aware that not everyone uses email or perhaps just prefers to receive a letter by post. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributes to the running costs of the parish and to the support of our priests. Your generosity is very much appreciated.
The Parish Finance Committee

The Brackentown Bible study group is doing a study of **St. Matthew's Gospel**. **Matthew: The King and His Kingdom** shows how Jesus fulfils God's promises to Israel and establishes his kingdom on earth. The sessions continue in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre from 7.30 to 8.50pm on Monday nights.

Next weekend **Mary's Meals** which is a school feeding programme charity will have a collection after all Masses. Mary's Meals feeds 3 million children every day in 16 of the world's poorest countries. For €22 a child can receive a meal each day for a year. Over 97% of all donations goes directly to the provision of food. Over the last 8 years our Dublin Volunteer Group has been supporting two schools in Africa: Gold Camp School in Liberia and Chitala School in Zambia. Last year we took on a third school - Namitalala School in Malawi. Your donation will feed these children, who may otherwise miss school to work, beg or scavenge for food, and miss out on gaining a precious education, which can be their ladder out of poverty. You make this life changing work possible, and we are so grateful for your support.

Hopfest, an evening of faith, community and hope for Young Adults (18-35) will take place in Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road from 6.00-9.00pm on Sunday 8th March.

An evening of **Taize Prayer** with Taize brother, Br. Jean Marie will take place in Christchurch Cathedral, Wood Quay, D.2 at 7.30pm on Monday 23rd March.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE on SATURDAY 25th APRIL 2026

Pickup 1: St Patrick's Church, Donabate at 7am; Pickup 2: St. Cronan's Catholic Church, Swords at 7:25am; Pickup 3: Fingal Co. Co. Offices, Swords Main Street 7:35am; Pickup 4: St. Finian's Church, River Valley, Swords 7:45am. Cost of Coach is €30.00 per person; Children under 16 Free. Please bring a Packed Lunch – Tea & Coffee available in St. John's Centre, Knock. Bus will stop for 15 minutes on the way down and back at Ballinalack Service Station. Please contact the Parish Office to book.

This year's Trocaire Lenten campaign focuses on a young mother in rural Rwanda supporting three generations, highlighting themes of resilience, climate injustice, and dignity. **Trocaire packs**, including the annual **Lenten box**, are available around the church.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly **Parent Support Evening** on **Wednesday 18th March** at 7.30pm in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Dublin, D17 Y924. The 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. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

St Colmcille's Parish 2026 – Lenten Discussions

Two discussion sessions on the the Diocesan resources for '*Baptised and Sent*' are held in the **Parochial House, Seatown Road: the first at 2pm and another at 7pm** Each session will be approximately 30-40 minutes duration. All materials will be provided.

Pray...Reflect...Share at Frank Duff Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, 10th March 8:00pm-9:00pm in Parish Pastoral Centre, St Cronan's Church. You'll be most welcome. Please invite a friend. The Rosary, reading & reflection on next Sunday's Gospel and a little background information about Frank Duff will be included.

RELIGIOUS GOODS—SUITABLE FOR FAMILIES

Confirmation & Communion Cards, Prayer Books, Beads, Medals and Rosettes. Also Baptism Cards and Candle, Motorist Prayers and Key Rings, Children's Books and lots more available at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.



Legion of Mary

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Dylan Brophy

Month's Mind

Brieger McGuinness

Anniversaries

Jim (2A) & Marie Galvin

Rosaleen Cox (4A)

Damien Byrne (12A)

Enda Rogers (22A)

Ben Galligan

Michael Emery

Tom McArdle

Alice Farrell

Grace Greene

Phillip McCauley

Anne McCorkell (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon Brieger McGuinness (RD & BR)
James Agnew (BR)

Tues Arthur McGinnis (RD)

Wed Liam McDonnell (2A)

Thur Margaret McEvoy (A)
Mary Fox (BR)
Joan & Agnes Buckley (A)
Special Intention

Fri Stephen O'Gorman (A)
Mary & Andrew Byrne (A)
Gerry, Nathan, Daniel & Mary
Sinead Maughan (R)

Sat Des Newman (RD)

BEGINNERS YOGA WITH CAROLINE

Mat Yoga: Tuesdays 9:30am-11am

Thursdays 7-8:15pm

Chair Yoga for

Arthritis and Mobility issues

Tuesdays 11:15am-12 noon

4 Week Block €50 or €14 per class

Contact Caroline 087 691 3028

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:30am - 1:00pm

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