

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

18TH FEBRUARY 2024

YEAR B



**LOVING GOD, IN THIS SEASON OF LENT,  
YOU CALL US TO ACT JUSTLY,  
LOVE TENDERLY  
AND WALK HUMBLLY WITH EACH OTHER,  
SO THAT WE CAN BUILD  
YOUR KINGDOM OF JUSTICE AND PEACE,  
YOUR KINGDOM OF LOVE AND TRUTH,  
YOUR KINGDOM OF HOLINESS AND GRACE  
IN OUR WORLD TODAY. AMEN**

We have just entered the season of Lent. In keeping with the approach of Spring and the rebirth in nature, it is an opportunity for renewal and new growth for ourselves, particularly in our relationships with God, with self and with others. To assist us in our Lenten journey, the diocesan office for Mission and Ministry have put together an excellent resource, Just Lent. The resource explores a different theme each week related to justice. The theme for this first week of Lent, beginning this Sunday is based around water: Flood and Desert. It ties in with our Sunday readings and also with the theme of this year's Trócaire campaign, which focuses on the people of Malawi and their daily struggle to access clean water. The great thing about each of the weekly themes that Just Lent proposes is that there is something practical, however small, we can do about it.

The following prayer is carried forward for each of the weeks of Lent.

*Fr. Richard*

[A link to the Mission and Ministry website where you can access the full resource](#)

The **ANNUAL COLLECTION** for **ACCORD Dublin**, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses this weekend of **17 & 18 February 2024**.

A guest speaker from ACCORD will speak at the 9am & 11am Masses.

**ACCORD Dublin offers:**

- ⇒ Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups.
- ⇒ Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone
- ⇒ A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

## Ministers of the Word

For those who read at 11:00am Mass on Sundays, a meeting with some training will take place **after Mass next Sunday 25th February in Parish Centre**

*Other Mass times will be arranged over the coming weeks*



**Taizé  
Prayer  
Around the  
Cross**

16th February  
23rd February  
1st March  
8th March  
15th March  
22nd March  
29th March

On each Friday of Lent, we will celebrate Taizé Prayer Around the Cross in St. Cronan's Church at 7:30pm  
**ALL WELCOME**  
[www.brackenstown-parish.com](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

## I AM MARK

A Daring New Staging of the Gospel of Mark

Performed by Stefan Smart  
Directed by Lisa Gilmour

**FOR ONE  
NIGHT ONLY**

**At Church of  
St Cronan  
Brackenstown**

**WEDNESDAY  
28 FEBRUARY  
At 7:30pm**

**One Man  
One Chair  
One Incredible  
True Story**

"Sometimes it takes a living voice, like this one, to make you hear the Bible for the first time."  
*Archbishop Rowan Williams*

For more information go to  
[www.iam-mark.com](http://www.iam-mark.com)

Entry by **TICKET ONLY** available **ONLINE** and from the parish offices of Swords, River Valley, Donabate and Brackenstown parishes  
**Tickets free of charge**

A retiring collection will be taken up at the end of the evening

**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](http://www.brackenstown-parish.com)

Our **Confirmation preparation programme** for candidates and their parents, Confirmation Connect, resumes on **Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th February from 7.00-8.00pm in the church.**  
 A meeting of the parish Finance Committee takes place on **Monday 19th February at 9.00pm** in the parish centre.  
 A meeting for parent volunteers to plan the next **Grow in Love Mass** in preparation for First Réconciliation and First Communion takes place on **Wednesday 21st February at 7.30pm** in the parish centre.  
 A meeting for parent volunteers to prepare the next Mass in preparation for Confirmation takes place on **Wednesday 21st February at 8.30pm** in the parish centre.  
 A meeting for those who have volunteered to assist with cleaning in the church will take place in the parish centre on **Saturday 24th February at 12.30pm.**

## 2024 ENVELOPE BOXES

The new Family Offering Boxes and First & Second Collection Boxes will be available for collection from the back of the Church at all Masses next weekend and from the Parish Office every morning this coming week. You can donate to the Family Offering via envelope, standing order, annual contribution, online on the parish website or by using the tap & go machine to the right as you enter through the main door. These contributions are the lifeblood for the running of the parish, and we are truly grateful to all who by their contributions help us to pay the bills. The tap & go machine to the right as you enter through the main door can also be used to donate for shrine candles.

Perhaps you are not contributing to the Family Offering as you are new to the parish, or you did previously help but have since lapsed in contributing? Members of the parish finance committee will be present at all Masses next weekend and will be available to take your details if you would like to request a standing order or a box of envelopes. Please do consider supporting the Family Offering if you are not already doing so.

We would also like to thank you all for your contributions to the first and second collections at Mass. The first collection is for the support of the priests and the second collection is usually for Share or on occasion it is for another particular purpose. Thanks as well to all those who use the white envelopes for the first and second collections. These envelopes allow the parish to include your contributions for the annual CHY tax reclaim. There are substantial potential benefits for the Parish if the donor using these envelopes is an income taxpayer. You can also contribute to the first and second collections online on the parish website or by using the tap & go machine to the left as you enter through the main door.

Thanks again to all who support the various collections, your contributions are greatly appreciated.

*The Parish Finance Committee*

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a **Parent Evening** for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 21st February at 7:15pm** 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 whether their death was recent or not.** Contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

## Partnership Working Together

**River Valley** plans a weekly prayer/reflection every Thursday during Lent from 7:30pm to 8pm..

The focus will change from week to week in keeping with the Liturgical season.

**Swords** St Colmcille's Parish Book Club for Lent will read "**Finding God in a Leaf**" by Fr Brian Grogan, with an introduction on **Tuesday 13th February @ 2.00pm.** It will take place over 5 weeks, on Tuesday afternoons in the Parochial House, Seatown Road. There will be an additional session on **Tuesday 12th March at 7.00pm** for anyone who would like to read and discuss the book but can't attend the afternoon sessions.

**Brackenstown** will hold a Taizé prayer service on each of the Fridays in Lent, beginning on Friday 16th February at 7.30pm.

**I am Mark**, is a Lenten initiative of the partnership of parishes and is a dramatic presentation of St. Mark's Gospel by Stefan Smart, will take place in our church on **Wednesday 28th February at 7:30pm.** Tickets can be booked online on our website <https://www.brackenstown-parish.com/iammark>



Legion of Mary

### How can you vote with your conscience?

The fourth **Patrician Meeting of 2023/2024** season will put a spotlight on our understanding of how we can form our conscience. There will be reflections on what the catechism of the Catholic Church has to say about conscience and on resources for voters in upcoming referendums. Also profound insights from Pope Francis on how you can examine your conscience. All are most welcome. **Thursday 22nd February** at earlier time of **7:30pm in Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Centre.** Light refreshments will be offered.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
will be celebrated on



**Friday 1st March 2024**



Theme: "**I Beg You...  
Bear with one  
another in Love**"  
The service is prepared by the Palestinian WDP Committee

Where?

ST. FINIAN'S CHURCH  
RIVER VALLEY

Time?

7.30 P.M.

*All are welcome!*

### Grotto Rosary

The Legion of Mary would like to thank all who recited the rosary for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes last Sunday 11th February. The numbers attending made it a great success.



**CO-ANON  
FAMILY GROUPS**

Co-Anon family groups are for friends and family members affected by the disease of addiction.

If you are experiencing the effects of a loved one who is using any mind-altering substance, then you are not alone.  
Come and join us, as we too live with or have lived with the problem of addiction and understand as perhaps few others do.

Find a meeting near you:

[www.co-anon.org.uk](http://www.co-anon.org.uk)

Contact us:

[info@co-anon.org.uk](mailto:info@co-anon.org.uk)

## SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

### Recently Deceased

Rita Dempsey  
Madeleine Harford  
Breda Boylan  
Lar O'Dwyer

### Month's Mind

Frank Walsh  
Jim Tobin  
Patricia Hayes

### Anniversaries

Monica Nugent (1A)  
Mary Ryan (10A)  
Martin Wright  
John McGuirk  
Lena Lowndes  
Susan Lennon  
Roseanne Connolly  
Ann Dynan  
Betty Fox  
Tony O'Donnell (BR)

## 10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon	Daniel (20A), Nathan & Mary Sinead Maughan Special Intention
Tues	Special Intention Lorraine Tallon (BR)
Wed	Mary, John & Mary Jnr O'Connor (A) John Mulligan (A)
Thur	Judith Hamill (A) Special Intention
Fri	Dolly Keane (10A) & Dcsd Family Members Mary Siney (3A)
Sat	Jack & Teresa Goulding & Dcsd Family Members Olive Brennan (RD) Sean McKenna (3A)

### Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it  
**Please phone Kay - 086 2209297**  
**Sunday 18th to Saturday 24th February**  
**Please phone from 6pm-8pm**  
*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"*

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9:30am - 1:00pm

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