

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

THE EARLY IRISH SAINTS PARTNERSHIP OF PARISHES
BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS + DRYNAM, RIVER VALLEY + DUBLIN AIRPORT & DONABATE, PORTRANE + BALHEARY

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12TH JULY 2026

YEAR A



2027 will mark the 50th Jubilee of St Cronan's Church. This special year offers our parish community an opportunity to celebrate our rich heritage, give thanks for the faith and dedication of those who have gone before us and renew our commitment to the Gospel for future generations. Throughout the Jubilee Year, we will gather in prayer, reflect on our shared history and participate in a range of events that bring our community together. It will be a time of gratitude, renewal of our call to mission, and hope as we honour the past, celebrate the present and look forward with confidence to the future of St Cronan's Parish as part of the Early Irish Saints Partnership of Parishes.

You have probably noticed that the statues of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette are no longer in situ. Both statues have been delivered to a Sligo specialist in religious statue restoration and painting. We extend grateful thanks to the parishioner who

volunteered to deliver the statues to Galway and to collect them again when the work has been completed. This has resulted in a very significant reduction in the cost of the statue restoration work, from the initial quote of €2,000 to €1,350.

With our Jubilee Year approaching, we hope, funding permitting, to undertake essential repairs and make further improvements to our parish facilities. The Grotto is now 38 years old, having been built in the Marian year of 1987/1988, and the passing of time has taken its toll. The high stone backing wall needs to be re-pointed as a matter of some urgency. There has been serious loss of masonry and potential loosening of the stones in several sections, especially on the higher parts of the wall.

We wish to thank the parish volunteers who maintain the Grotto area to such a high standard. Thanks also to all those who leave flowers to honour Our Lady. We are hoping to enhance the overall landscaping of the Grotto area further, but again this will be dependent on available funds.

Donation envelopes are now available on the tables at the back of the church and from the parish office. Any support that you can give will be greatly appreciated. Thank you! Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette pray for us!

Fr. Richard

We say farewell to **Ray Savage**, who has worked here as caretaker for the parish centre for the past two years. Ray has been a pleasure to work with. Everyone who has come in contact with him, particularly the various groups who use the parish centre on a regular basis, have commented on his work ethic and how well he looks after the pastoral centre, setting each room up beforehand the way the particular group wants it laid out. We are sorry to see Ray leave but wish him well in his new venture!

Hello....and goodbye!

We welcome Siobhan Gormley, who this week has just taken up a three year appointment as Parish Pastoral Worker in Brackenstown parish. Siobhan will introduce herself at all three Masses this Sunday 12th July. Siobhan will be a wonderful addition to our parish team and will also have a role developing an approach to youth ministry in our Fingal North Deanery.

We welcome those who are visiting the parish during these fine sunny days and especially if you are able to join our congregation at Sunday Mass. It is always uplifting to see new faces among the more familiar ones. We hope you enjoy your visit with family or friends in the Swords area. We also wish those of our regular parishioners who may be travelling in the coming days safe travels and an enjoyable holiday!

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

welcome to
**ST. CRONAN'S
CHURCH**

• WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR VISIT •

SUNDAY MASSES: 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

We are now registering children for the sacraments of **First Communion and Confirmation** next year. Parents of children who would like to receive either sacrament in 2027 are asked to register their child ASAP on our parish website, and to pay the registration contribution of €50.

Parents of children who attend a school other than a Catholic school, are invited to also register their child for the *Seeds of Faith* preparation classes which take place weekly from October to May over two years for both First Communion and Confirmation. Registration for these classes is also online.

We would like to thank our Hospitality Group, Adult Choir and Young Adult Choir who are all taking a well earned summer break.

30 people are now registered to travel on our **PARTNERSHIP PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI** from 14-19th September. This means there are up to five places left. If you are interested in taking part, contact the parish office as soon as possible to access the link that will allow you book online.

Envelopes for **Summer Offerings** are now available at the entrances to the church. Summer offerings form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese. Thank you for your continued generous support!

THE DIOCESAN OFFICE OF MISSION AND MINISTRY are taking applications for both the **Pathways** and **Catechesis** courses for the coming year. A significant number of our parishioners have participated in these programmes over the past few years and found them very helpful for engaging in parish ministry.

The **National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock** in celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, will take place on Sunday 26th July. A bus departs from St. Cronan's Church at 8.00am and from Swords County Council offices at 8.15am. Please contact Nora at 01/8404247 or 0863292329 for details.

Schedule of Masses/Prayers in Fingal Cemeteries 2026

Sunday 12th July	3:30 pm	Rolestown	Mass
Sunday 12th July	3:00 pm	Balgriffin	Prayers
Sunday 19th July	3:30 pm	Donabate	Mass

SUMMER ARRANGEMENTS

Due to priests across the partnership taking holidays at different times and being in need of cover for weekend Masses, the Saturday vigil Mass at 6.00pm is being suspended throughout July and August. Parishioners who wish can attend a Saturday Vigil Mass in any of our partnership parishes (see times listed below) Our three Sunday Masses at 9.00am, 11.00am and 5.00pm will continue as normal. The vigil Mass will resume at 6.00pm on Saturday 5th September. *Please note any Masses booked for the Saturday Vigil Masses during July and August will be included with the Sunday Mass Intentions.*

Many thanks to Kristina, Ray and Dave for doing a thorough cleaning of the parish centre last weekend.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY VIGIL MASS IN ST CRONAN'S CHURCH DURING JULY & AUGUST

ST CRONAN'S CHURCH
SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Sunday 9:00am; 11:00am & 5:00pm

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIMES
IN OUR PARTNERSHIP PARISHES

ST. FINIAN'S CHURCH, RIVER VALLEY
Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30pm

ST. COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, SWORDS
Saturday Vigil Mass at 6:30pm

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DONABATE
Saturday Vigil Mass at 6:30pm

FAITH 'N' FUN

3 WEEK PROJECT

FREE - to all aged 6 - 11 years

in St. Cronan's
Pastoral Centre
Brackenstown
Road, Swords

Thursdays
30th July
6th August
13th August
2pm - 4pm

with much, much,
more so come
along and find
out more...

Organised by Legion of Mary
Registration Forms available in
Main Porch of St. Cronan's Church
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SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

John Flynn
Ann Rocca
Pauline O'Mahoney

Month's Mind

Brian McNally
Tess Walsh

Anniversaries

Marie Elliott (1A)
Mary & James Hogan and deceased family members
Dolly, Jem & Gary Gregan
Teresa & Michelle Taylor
Chris McCann
Seán Dunne
Billy Carrick (92 BR)

10 AM Masses This Week

Mon Gerry, Daniel, Nathan & Mary
Sinead Maughan (R)
Healing Intention

Tues Hughie Donohue (A)
Special Healing Intention

Wed Patricia Russell (A)
Gerry Bates (A)
Dcsd Members of Russell & McKenna Families

Thur Special Intention

Fri John Nolan (RD)

Sat John Cantwell (BR)
Jimmy Lillis (MM)