

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17TH AUGUST 2025

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This week Archbishop Dermot Farrell addressed a letter to clergy, parish pastoral workers, parish pastoral council chairs and parishioners across the diocese. Below, we have reproduced the main points. Copies of the full text are available at the back of the church or on the diocesan website [HERE](#):

The recent shocking attacks on members of the Indian community in Dublin have generated understandable fear and alarm. Sadly, racial abuse is not confined to members of that community but is part of the lived experience of far too many who have been singled out solely because of their skin colour.

This affront to the human dignity of our neighbours and fellow citizens is completely unacceptable and diminishes us all as a people. While violent attacks are rare, casual abuse and mistreatment can have a corrosive effect.

Such behaviour is even more reprehensible given the great contribution which so many from the Indian community and other minority communities are making to our country. For example, we are all familiar with the vital presence of Indian professionals in our healthcare system, without whom many healthcare needs simply could not be met.

Apart from their working lives, many Indian families and families from other racial minorities are playing an increasingly important role in the parishes and school communities of our Archdiocese.

It is time to stand up for justice and equality. It is time to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters. It is time to stand up to those who seek to divide our community through rumour and malice. It is time to call out those who peddle racial hatred.

It is clear to me from my visitation of the parishes of our Archdiocese that they and our school communities have already given a warm welcome to Indian families and others who have made their homes here. I am writing today to urge you to strengthen that spirit of solidarity and welcome.

It is right that we should give thanks to God for the gift of the service and witness of so many who enrich our community of faith through their presence. We may fittingly express our gratitude through the ministry of welcome, hospitality and solidarity to which every Christian is called.

*With kind regards, yours sincerely,
+ Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin*



**BLESSING OF
SCHOOL BAGS!**

**SATURDAY
6TH SEPTEMBER
AT 6PM**



This weekend, members of our **Parish Pastoral Council** will give a brief presentation on the **second Building Hope pillar:**
Building a Community of Faith.

We will celebrate a special Family Mass with Blessing of Schoolbags on Saturday 6th Sept at 6.00pm. All school children and their families are welcome, especially those beginning school for the first time.

We will be delighted to welcome new members to the children's choir and new parent volunteers. Refreshments will take place after Mass in the parish centre

Archbishops Eamon Martin and Dermot Farrell have called for next Sunday 24th August to be a Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza and for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

We are currently recruiting new members for our **Children's Choir**. Rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday 3rd September** and will continue each Wednesday from 4.00-5.00pm.



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.brackentown-parish.com

A meeting of the **Partnership of Parishes Pastoral Council** will take place on Tuesday 19th August at 7.30pm in Donabate Parish.



Families who wish their child to celebrate the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation in 2026 are invited to register their child through the parish website at the earliest opportunity. Either click on this link <https://www.brackenstown-parish.com/sacrament-registration> or on the front page of the website, click on the box **'Registration is Now Open for**

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2026', then fill out and submit the drop down form. The registration payment of €50 needs to be made separately by clicking on the **'Donate'** icon, also on the front page of the website.

Parents who would like their child to celebrate the sacraments of **First Communion or Confirmation in 2027** and whose child attends a non-Catholic school, are invited to register their child for after school religion classes which begin this September using this link: <https://platform.payzone.ie/customer/10007/product-list>, and choosing the **'Religious Education Classes'** section.

The diocese is still accepting applications to travel with our Assisted Pilgrim Section on the Dublin diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 4th -9th September. Please request an Assisted Pilgrim Application Form and/or further information from the Parish Office or contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office on 018087555 or info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie. To travel as a hotel pilgrim please contact Joe Walsh Tours at 012410800 for further information.

The annual Knock novena takes place from **August 13 to August 21**. The theme this year is "Pilgrims of Hope" as we continue to celebrate this Jubilee year. You can attend **in-person or online** at www.knockshrine.ie. There is a great variety of speakers at two masses each day which take place at 3pm and 8pm.

Speakers include Former RTE newsreader Eileen Dunne; Bishop Kevin Doran; Prison chaplain Ita Lohan; and Claire Kilroy, CEO of Association of Patrons and Trustees of Catholic Schools. For more information email info@knockshrine.ie

A Charity Ceilí, with Fíor Ceilí, Set Dancing & Social Dancing in aid of Derrybeg Church, Gweedore which burnt to the ground on 21st April this year, will be held in **St Colmcille's GAA**, Swords on **Friday 5th September** from 8:30pm to late. Music by Raymond Loney and admission is €10. Contact Grace on 087 9549066 for further information.

Calmness Within Yoga & Meditation for Beginners in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre:

Starting: Tuesday 9th September from 9:30am to 10:45am & Thursday 11th September from 7pm—8:15pm.

Calmness Within Gentle Chair Yoga in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre:

Starting: Tuesday 9th September from 11:15am to 12:15pm.

4 Week Class €50 or pay as you go €14. Contact Caroline for more information on 087 6913028.

St Cronan's Bridge Club in Swords Senior Citizens Day Centre, Every Thursday at 7.30pm from September. €5.00 for the night (Tea, Coffee and Biscuits provided). Float available if you have no partner. All levels welcome. €25 for membership for the year. Great for any age to have a friendly night out and make friends!

Youth Conference for Young Adults Saturday 30th August 2025

"On Mission with Mary". De Montfort House, Morning Star Avenue, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7. 9:30am -5:30pm. Legion of Mary will sponsor 1 young adult.

Full details from member of Legion of Mary at weekend Masses.

Pre-Booking www.eventbrite.ie (search "On mission with Mary") Tickets: €20.

Religious Goods - Suitable for the home

Baptism gifts/items, Statues, ornaments, children's colouring books, bibles and lots more available at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.



Legion of Mary

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS Recently Deceased

Wayne Riley

Anniversaries

Owen Quinn (1A)

Evelyn O'Malley (25A)

Noeleen Bentley (40A)

Mary Tormey

Catherine Bond

Dcsd Members of

McTernan Family

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

Mon Pat Kelly (RD)

Tues Maisie (6A) & Peter (Sonny) Blanche

Wed Anthony Donnelly (8A/BR) Frank Reynolds (24A)

Thur John & Kathleen O'Connor (A)

Fri Joe O'Reilly (RD)

Sat Patrick & Kathleen O'Reilly & Dcsd Family Members

Summer Offerings envelopes will be available at the back of the church. Summer Offerings form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it

Please phone Terri

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"I ask you Lord to be kind to them now, who were always kind to me here"

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