

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

EASTER SUNDAY 5 APRIL 2026 YEAR A



As you are aware, in response to the Building Hope Diocesan call to renewal through creativity, participation and shared responsibility, parishioners in Brackenstown, and in our partnership parishes, shared feedback across four Sundays last summer/autumn. The Parish Pastoral Council has used this feedback to prioritise short, medium and long-term pastoral goals to further the mission of our parish, which reminds us that "Encounter with the person of Jesus makes us who we are and shapes what we do."

These pastoral goals under the four Building Hope pillars: Faith, Servant Leadership, Welcome and Inclusion and Social Justice will be presented to our parishioners at Mass this weekend. Our partnership parishes of River Valley, Swords & Drynam, Donabate, Balheary & Portrane will be giving similar feedback to the questionnaires carried out in their parishes. As well as seeking to respond to the pastoral needs expressed by parishioners thus advancing the mission of the parish, participating in the Building Hope initiative in tandem with the other parishes helps us develop a real sense of partnership through working more collaboratively and sharing resources and programmes.

As part of the consultation which took place at Sunday Mass last summer/autumn, a significant number of parishioners expressed an interest in volunteering. Next Sunday, 19th April, is **Parish Volunteer Sunday**. Parishioners who would like to get more information or volunteer for a particular ministry or activity can chat briefly with a representative from that group in the parish centre immediately after 11.00am Mass. Tea/coffee etc will be available. We invite everyone to support **Building Hope** through prayer and active involvement, as we work together to shape the future of our parish and partnership.

Fr Richard

Taizé Prayer
Around the
Cross

On Thursday
16th April

7:30pm

St. Cronan's Church
Brackenstown Parish

Join us as we celebrate
Taizé Prayer Around the Cross

www.brackenstown-parish.com

Divine Mercy devotions will take place at 3.00pm this Sunday 12th April, including Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and concluding with the celebration of Mass at 5.00pm.

We congratulate the families of those who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this Saturday and Sunday!

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Would you
like to know
more about
volunteering
in one of our
parish
activities or
ministries?



Just drop in to the parish centre immediately after 11.00am Mass on Sunday 19th April and meet representatives from our various parish groups. Refreshments will be provided.

ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH, BRACKENSTOWN PARISH

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

The monthly Grow in Love Mass for children and their families preparing for First Communion will take place at 6.00pm next Saturday 18th and 5.00pm on Sunday 19th April.

Many thanks to parishioners and visitors who have returned Easter Offerings. The parish **Easter Card and Easter offering envelope** are available on tables around the church.

We congratulate parishioner, Mike Power, on the launch of his book, *Swords History and Mysteries: A Community Guide*, in the parish centre this Saturday at 2pm.

Thanks, too, to parishioners who have handed in their **Trocaire Lenten box**. These can be returned to the parish office or sacristy over the next week or two. Many thanks for your generous contributions!

As part of the St. Finian's Community College student leadership programme, Transition Year students are offering to meet parishioners after weekday Mass on Friday mornings in the weeks immediately following the Easter holidays to assist them with getting the most out of their devices (mobile phone, tablet, iPad etc). The students will offer this assistance under the supervision of their teacher in the parish centre. The first session will take place on Friday 24th April immediately following the 11.00am Mass. Please let the parish office know if you would be like to take part.

The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell, will take place on Saturday 25th April. A coach is being organised for the partnership of parishes. More details and booking through the parish office.

There are still some places available for our Partnership **Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi**, which includes 2 nights in Assisi and 3 nights in Rome from 14-19th September. The pilgrimage is open to parishioners and friends from the parishes of Swords & Drynam, 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 **Friday 1st May**. Contact the **parish office to get the link** to book for the pilgrimage directly online.

A meeting of the Parish {Pastoral Council will take place at 7.30pm this Monday 13th April in the parish centre.

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The Bible Study of Matthew's Gospel continues this Monday 13th April at 7.30pm in the parish centre.

Anam Cara's next **Bereavement Information Evening for bereaved parents** will take place online on [Tuesday 14 April at 7pm](#). Our professional speaker this month is Bryan Nolan. Bryan has an M.A. in Healthcare Chaplaincy from DCU and is a Certified Healthcare Chaplain with specialisations in end-of-life, grief, and loss care. He has worked with the Irish Hospice Foundation for over 13 years. For many parents, it can feel strange or even scary to access supports, especially outside their known community. Bereavement Information Evenings are often the first point of contact for bereaved parents accessing supports like this, as there is no expectation to speak or even to have the camera on. All are very welcome to just listen and be assured in the knowledge that they are not alone. All Anam Cara events are free and open to parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement. Bereaved parents are warmly invited to register here: [Register here for Anam Cara Online Bereavement Information Evening](#)

About **100 Sick or Assisted Pilgrims** will form a very important section of our annual Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in September. **Accueil Notre Dame**, the special place of welcome for the Sick located in the Shrine opposite the Grotto, will house our Sick Pilgrims. A dedicated team of Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and several hundred Helpers of all ages will travel with us from Dublin to care for our Assisted Pilgrims from their arrival at Dublin Airport, during their time in the Lourdes and until they depart the airport on our return. **Enquiries about travelling as a Sick/Assisted Pilgrim should be made to the Pilgrimage Office, 51 Home Farm Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9. Deirdre Daly, Administrative Secretary deirdre.daly@dublindiocese.ie / 01 8087555 or to John Flaherty, john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie 01 8087557**

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:30am - 1:00pm

Registered Charity Number 20016166

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased

Stephen Curran

Month's Mind

Dylan Brophy (MM)

Anniversaries

Brian O'Toole (1A)

Seamus Greene (3A)

James Keely (4A)

Paddy Lalor (4A)

Ned Monaghan (4A)

Dcsd Members of Deeley & Carr Families

Margaret Fahey

Vincent, Charlotte & Fintan Delamere
Sheila & Jimmy Holmes

Briegen
McGuinness

Vincent Harford

Enda Rogers (BR)

10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK

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| Mon | Gerry, Daniel, Nathan & Mary Sinead Maughan (R) |
| Tues | Mai Gargan (RD) Tom Freeney (A) Jack, Mary Ellen & Pat Delamere (A) Lily Joyce (A) Pat Stones (RD) |
| Wed | Briegen McGuinness (RD) John & Kathleen O'Connor (R) |
| Thur | Martina Harley (BR) Brian O'Toole (1A) |
| Fri | Briegen McGuinness (RD) Brian O'Toole (1A) |
| Sat | Sandy Hehir Mullagh (RD) Marie O'Flynn (RD) Brian O'Toole (1A) |