

# ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

PARTNERSHIP OF BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE PARISHES

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

18TH MAY 2025

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I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply



Jeremiah 23:3

When I was a seminarian, the Sunday which followed Good Shepherd (Vocations) Sunday was known as Clonliffe Sunday. The second collection at every Mass in the diocese was for the support of the training of priests, and it was usually the first occasion on which we students were invited to preach at a public Mass. I was dispatched to the parish of Leixlip, and I remember the parish priest at the time receiving me very graciously but insisting on looking over my homily notes in advance to check for any heresy!

As a reflection of changing times, we know it today as **Lay Ministry Sunday**, an opportunity to celebrate the gift of Baptism, which is the foundational sacrament for

all ministry in the Church. We are fortunate to belong to a parish where there is a strong tradition of people volunteering to participate in ministry. It's not about 'helping Father' but parishioners taking ownership of their baptismal calling and using their gifts in the service of the Gospel and of the wider community. Of course, ongoing training and reflection is vital to effective and fulfilling ministry, and the diocesan office for Ministry and Mission has provided some excellent programmes in the past year or two to support the development of lay ministry. Seven of our parishioners have completed the new one year Certificate in Catechesis over the past two years, four members of our Funeral Ministry Team have completed training as Lay Funeral Leaders, and our Baptism team have recently participated in training in the new diocesan programme for Baptism and are already using it in our baptism preparation.

Lay ministry is not the preserve of the few; it is the call of every baptised person. Lay Ministry Sunday invites each of us to reflect on whether we might be willing to become a minister of the Word or of the Eucharist, a member of the Baptism or Funeral Ministry teams, choir or Family Mass group, or Vincent de Paul Society. Our instinctive reaction might be: 'I am not worthy to do that...' Well, join the club! None of us are worthy, but that doesn't stop the Holy Spirit calling us and asking us to place our gifts and our inadequacy at the service of God's kingdom. Please enquire at the parish office or have a word with Fr. Richard, Fr. Joseph, Deacon Declan, or a member of our parish pastoral council if you would be interested in taking on a more active role in the parish.

The diocese is hosting an information evening for both the one-year Catechists' course and the two-year Pathways programme, each of which offers excellent preparation for ministry in the parish and in the partnership on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in St. Paul's, Arran Quay. Well worth going along!

*Fr Richard*

## ASSEMBLY POINTS

Entrance to Glasmore Park (from Rathbeale Road)

Bottom of steps from Elmwood

Junction Brackenstown Road & St. Cronan's Avenue

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(top Rathbeale)

Please be at assemble point nearest you at 7:10pm



## ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION

THURSDAY 29TH MAY

Followed by Mass at 7:30pm

Celebrant Fr. Joseph Hao  
Co Parish Priest

We congratulate the pupils from Swords and Thornleigh Educate Together schools and from Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe who receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday 17th May!

We pray for the pupils from St. Cronan's JNS who will receive their **First Holy Communion** next Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am and 12 noon respectively.

This Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May, **Lay Ministry Sunday**, the annual *Lay Ministry Appeal* takes place at each Mass across the diocese. The appeal replaces the usual Share Collection and funds the excellent training the Office for Mission and Ministry provides for parish funeral and baptism teams and catechists and also parish pastoral workers. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Bible and the Church Fathers</b> course concludes this Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.</li> <li>• A meeting of the <b>Parish Finance Committee</b> will take place at 8.30pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May in the Parish Centre.</li> <li>• The <b>Graduation Mass for the 6th year students in Colaiste Choilm</b> will take place in the church on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.</li> <li>• The <b>Liturgy Group</b> will meet on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm.</li> <li>• A meeting of the <b>Partnership Pastoral Council</b> will take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May in the Parish Centre.</li> </ul>	<p><b>SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS</b></p> <p><b>Recently Deceased</b>          Vincent Convery          Michael Carpenter          Pauline O'Rourke          Enda McEvoy</p> <p><b>Anniversaries</b>          Anne Marie Marke (4A)          Dennis Ryan (7A)          Billy &amp; Betty Monks          Vincent McGuinn          Anne Curtis          Healing Intention</p>												
<p>The <b>Vocations Society of St. Joseph</b>, which supports the vocation of the priesthood through prayer, financial assistance and Christian witness, is holding its annual church gate collection after all Masses next weekend, 24/25<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you in anticipation for your generous support.</p>	<p><b>10 AM MASSES THIS WEEK</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Mon</b></td><td>Blessed Trinity Thanksgiving Mass</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Tues</b></td><td>Special Intention</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Wed</b></td><td>PK Kuriakose (27A)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Thur</b></td><td>Frances Corkery (RD)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Fri</b></td><td>Frances Corkery (RD)</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Sat</b></td><td>Vincent Convery (RD)</td></tr> </table>	<b>Mon</b>	Blessed Trinity Thanksgiving Mass	<b>Tues</b>	Special Intention	<b>Wed</b>	PK Kuriakose (27A)	<b>Thur</b>	Frances Corkery (RD)	<b>Fri</b>	Frances Corkery (RD)	<b>Sat</b>	Vincent Convery (RD)
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<p>The newly established <b>Dublin Diocesan Pastoral Council</b> will be formally commissioned at the 11.00am Mass at the Pro-Cathedral this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May. The members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council will serve a three year term and will offer advice to the Archbishop on areas of pastoral concern. We pray for them, as they prepare to take up this new responsibility, and also thank those who had the generosity to allow their names to go forward for consideration.</p>	<p>Many thanks to those parishioners and visitors who have returned <b>Easter Offerings</b>, which form part of the annual remuneration of the priests of the parish and of the diocese. The parish Easter card and Offering envelope can be found on tables around the church.</p>												
<p>Tara Winthrop Nursing Home is delighted to host a representative from Swords Heritage Group at 11am on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May. We look forward to a fascinating talk about historic Swords. Everyone is welcome to attend, so why not join us for what promises to be an interesting occasion, with tea/coffee available after.</p>	<p><b>Prayer Resources for the Jubilee Year</b> can be found at <a href="https://dublindiocese.ie/jubilee2025/">https://dublindiocese.ie/jubilee2025/</a>          The latest edition of <i>Mission &amp; Ministry Matters</i> is available by <a href="#">clicking here</a></p>												
<div data-bbox="76 943 256 1144" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>An Information meeting for those who might be interested in the diocesan two year <b>Pathways</b> programme or one year certificate in <b>Catechesis</b> will be held in St. Paul's, Arran Quay on 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. A number of our parishioners have participated in these programmes over the past few years and have found them very empowering for participating in parish ministry.</p>	<p><b>Bethany Bereavement Support Group</b>          offer a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who wish to avail of it  <b>Please phone Terri on 8403243, or Brid on 086 6006397</b>  <i>"I ask you Lord to be kind to them now, who were always kind to me here"</i></p>												
<p><b>Join us on a Journey through Carmelite Spirituality</b>          A series of talks exploring the teaching and example of the great Carmelite saints, brought to life by inspiring Carmelite speakers. Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of May – 7.30pm St. Titus Brandsma - Catholic Journalist, Courageous Witness to Truth. All Talks on in St. Sylvester's Parish Centre, Malahide.</p>	<p>Thanks also to parishioners who have returned their Trocaire Lenten boxes. Trocaire boxes can be returned to the sacristy or parish office up to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.</p>												
<p><b>PARTNERSHIP:</b>          As part of the Diocesan <b>Building Hope</b> initiative, representatives of the Parish Pastoral Councils will address the congregations at Mass in each of the parishes in our partnership on the three year programme of Building Hope (2025-2027), beginning on (Pentecost) Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June.          Parishioners from the parishes in our partnership are invited to participate in a '<b>Pockets of Hope</b>' Pilgrimage in Dublin city to mark the Jubilee year. The pilgrimage involves visiting four churches in the heart of the city (City Quay, Westland Row, Sean McDermott Street and the Pro-Cathedral) on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June, starting with Mass at 10.00am in St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row.</p>	<p><b>CO PARISH PRIEST</b>  <b>Fr. Richard Sheehy</b>  <b>087 2412459</b>  <b>richarddesheehy@gmail.com</b></p> <p><b>PARISH CHAPLAIN</b>  <b>Fr. Joseph Hao P.C.</b>  <b>01 8401188</b>  <b>brackenstownparish@gmail.com</b></p> <p><b>PERMANENT DEACON</b>  <b>Declan Colgan</b>  <b>01 8401188</b>  <b>brackenstownparish@gmail.com</b></p> <p><b>PARISH SECRETARY</b>  <b>Louise Donnelly</b>  <b>Mon to Fri. 9:30am – 1:00pm</b>  <b>01 8401188</b>  <b>brackenstownparish@gmail.com</b></p> <p><b>PARISH OFFICE HOURS</b>  <b>Monday - Friday</b>  <b>9:30am - 1:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Registered Charity Number</b>  <b>20016166</b></p>												
<p><b>Beginner's Yoga Class</b> takes place on Monday's from 9:30am—10:45am and on Wednesday's 7pm—8:15pm in St Cronan's Pastoral Centre.  <b>Chair Yoga Class</b> takes place on Monday's from 11:15am—12:15pm in St Cronan's Parish Centre (beside Church). 6 Week Course €75 or pay per class €14          Contact Caroline for more information on 087 6913028. All walk-ins welcome.</p>													
<p><b>Patrician Meeting: How do you honour the Blessed Mother?</b>          There will be insights on ways to honour Mary as Mother of the Church as well as the Lord's mother. Insights on potential of giving service as catalyst for developing a fitness for mission, synodal style. All are most welcome. <b>Thursday 22nd May at 7:30pm in Brackenstown Parish Pastoral Centre.</b> Refreshments will be offered during interval.</p> <p><b>Religious Goods- Suitable for the home</b>          Baptism, Confirmation and Communion gifts/items, Statues, ornaments, children's colouring books, bibles and lots more available at Repository on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.</p> <div data-bbox="922 2069 1018 2179" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><b>Legion of Mary</b></p>													