ST. CRONAN'S CHURCH

THE EARLY IRISH SAINTS PARTNERSHIP OF PARISHES

BRACKENSTOWN, SWORDS, RIVER VALLEY & DONABATE

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15TH NOVEMBER 2026 YEAR A



As various European and other world leaders leave Dublin after the EU summit on Thursday and Friday, and hopefully without any major security incident, we pray that the talks which were held will help lay the groundwork for the end of conflict and lead to a greater solidarity in tackling some of the pressing global issues, such as poverty, inequality, artificial intelligence and climate change. Our political leaders carry enormous responsibilities. We may not always agree with their decisions, but we need to pray for them.

It is hard to believe that more Christians have been killed because of their faith in Christ in the last century than the previous 1,900 years of Christian history. 220 million Christians live in countries where they are directly exposed to persecution. **Aid to the Church in Need's Week of Witness** between 15-22 November this year encourages us to remember the present injustices that Christians are facing around the world. Red symbolises the blood of martyrs, and many churches around the world will be illuminated in the colour red this coming week. Here in St. Cronan's we have placed a cross draped in red to show solidarity with our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ. Please see the notice boards for further information. We will have a speaker from Aid to the Church in Need at Masses next weekend.

Fr Richard



A **Family Mass** will take place at 11.00am Sunday. At the beginning of the liturgy of the Word, two of our Family Mass team will bring children into the parish centre, where they will lead some activities related to the theme of the readings. The children will rejoin their families in time to participate at the Offertory of the Mass. Parents will be asked to sign consent forms in advance, so that their children may participate in this. These forms will be available on tables around the church. We hope to celebrate a Family Mass once a month.



Next Sunday 22nd November we will celebrate a **Sensory Friendly Mass** at 5.00pm. This is a gentle, calm Mass for those who may find the usual celebration overwhelming, particularly children with autism. Music will be softer, lighting lower, and movement permitted.



SUNDAY MASSES: (Sat Vigil) 6pm; 9am; 11am & 5pm WEEKDAY MASSES: MONDAY to SATURDAY 10:00am
CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 10:45am to11:30am in the Sacristy
ADORATION: MON, TUES, THURS & SAT:10:30AM—11:30AM WEDNESDAY: 6pm - 9pm (in St. Joseph's Room)
FRIDAY: 3pm—6pm
All our ceremonies are broadcast online at www.brackenstown-parish.com

The Parish Pastoral Council will present a progress report on our **Building Hope** short/medium/long term pastoral goals at all Masses this weekend.

Our Focus on Five campaign in November aims to invite those who regularly or occasionally attend the Sunday Mass at 5.00pm to help to enhance the quality of the celebration by volunteering as a minister of the Word or of Communion, altar server or to develop a music ministry. In the absence of altar servers, members of the congregation can also participate in carrying the processional cross and candles.

The second of three weekly ***Confirmation Connect*** meetings for candidates and their families in preparation for Confirmation will take place in the church and parish centre on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November from 7-8.00pm.

The **Parish Baptism team** will meet at 8.15pm on Tuesday 17th November in the parish centre.

The **Liturgy Committee** will meet at 7.00pm on Thursday 19th November in the room beside the sacristy to prepare for Advent.

Eucharistic adoration from 6.00-9.00pm has moved for the winter months from the church to St. Joseph's. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the church from 10.30-11.30am *(except when there is a funeral)* on Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday and from 3.00-6.00pm on Friday.

LEGION OF MARY:
Patrician Meeting: Advent Commercial or Spiritual Preparation on Thursday 19th November from 7:30pm – 9:30pm.
The Rosary: Praying for a special intention? Praying for peace? The 'Rosary Statue' was blessed for use in the homes of the parish at the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to pray the Rosary and have the statue in your home for a week, or get more information, please contact the Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass.
Religious Goods suitable for the home. Christmas cards, nativity sets and lots more. Also children's books & candles all available at Repository on Saturday evenings & Sunday mornings.

The Parish Pastoral Council will present a progress report on our **Building Hope** short/medium/long term pastoral goals at Mass next weekend of 14/15th November.

Once children have made their First Holy Communion, they are eligible to join our **Children's Choir** or to become an **Altar Server** at Mass. The Children's Choir sing once a month on Saturday/Sunday evening at the *Grow in Love* Mass in preparation for First Communion. They practise on the preceding Wednesday at 4.30pm in the Church. Altar Servers serve Mass at the Saturday vigil at 6.00pm, or on Sunday at 11.00am or 5.00pm, depending on their availability. They are not expected to be available every week. Before serving Mass a rehearsal will take place on Saturday at 5.15pm. Merry Zacharias coordinates the altar servers, and Andrea the servers. They are Garda vetted and have had child safeguarding training.

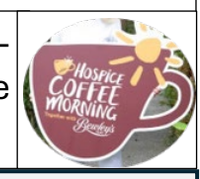
We also open to recruiting new members for our **Senior Choir** and **Young Adult Choir,** who sing on different Sundays at the 11.00am Mass. If interested in the Senior Choir, talk to Maria Lyle; if interested in the Young Adult Choir, talk to Orla Nic Reamoinn (organist) after Mass this Sunday.

More Christians have been killed because of their faith in Christ in the last century than the previous 1,900 years of Christian history. 220 million Christians live in countries where they are directly exposed to persecution. Aid to the Church in Need's Week of Witness celebrated this year between 15-22 November encourages us to remember the present injustices that Christians are facing around the world. Red symbolises the blood of the martyrs and many churches around the world will be illuminated in the colour red this coming week. Here in St. Cronan's we have placed a cross draped in red to show solidarity with our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ. Please see the notice boards for further information. We will have a speaker from ACN at the Masses next weekend.

The Dublin Diocesan Child Safeguarding & Protection Service is looking to recruit two new volunteer child & vulnerable adult safeguarding trainers. Volunteer trainers have been fundamental to the success of the level and indeed the standard of safeguarding training in our Diocese, going all the way back to 2007. We are specifically looking for volunteer trainers who would deliver training in the following areas: Tallaght & Blessington deaneries and Fingal Deaneries. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the role, please contact: Garry Kehoe, Training & Compliance Manager, Dublin Diocesan Child Safeguarding & Protection Service at garry.kehoe@dublindiocese.ie and Mob: 0860841734

Envelopes for the **Altar List of the Dead** are available on tables around the church. Parishioners are invited to write on the slips of paper provided the names of deceased loved ones. These will be prayed for at Mass each day in November and on the First Friday of every month for the coming year. A discretionary offering may be placed in the envelope.

Coffee Morning for St Francis Hospice - 19th November - 11.00 a.m. 20 Pine Grove Park Swords. All are welcome.



PARISH PRIEST
Fr. Richard Sheehy
087 2412459
richardesheehy@gmail.com
PARISH CHAPLAIN
Fr. Joseph Hao P.C.
01 8401188
brackenstownparish@gmail.com
PERMANENT DEACON
Declan Colgan
01 8401188
brackenstownparish@gmail.com
PARISH SECRETARY
Louise Donnelly
Mon to Fri. 9:30am – 1:00pm
01 8401188
brackenstownparish@gmail.com
PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
9:30am - 1:00pm
Registered Charity Number
20016166

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

RECENTLY DECEASED

Elizabeth Tierney
Patrick O'Connor
Virginia & Christopher Nwosu
Bridie Lawless
Kevin Howard

MONTH'S MIND

Mary Foster

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Nugent (2A)
Michael Cawley (17A)
Austin O'Malley
Margaret Dunne
Bill Barry
Michael Dunleavy
James Okoye
Elie & Augustine Marcos
Claude Marcos
Emmanuella Amoussa
Diana Ukuta
Henriette Aissi
Jayden Tipler (BR)
Paddy McManus (BR)
Special Intention

THIS WEEK 10 AM MASSES

Mon Pat Kearns (A)

Tues Maurice Quinlan (A)
Bridget Morrissey (RD)

Wed Maoliosa MacCourt (A)
Somi Abraham (MM)
Bridie Lawless (RD)

Thur Deceased Legionaries
Joe O'Reilly (BR)

Fri Rita MacCarthy (RD)
Bridie Lawless (RD)
James, Mary & Seamus Agnew (A)

Sat Seán O'Malley (RD)
Charlotte Christiansen (RD)